
Letter: one sheet front and back

Paper: Lined paper 8-7/8" wide by 7-1/8" high

The top left and right corners of the paper are cut off at a 45 degree angle

The cut is not straight but rather looks like a cut made with a pinking shears.

Envelope: the front is postmarked Coopersville, Mich June 27, 1891

The back has no postmark

It is stamped with a 2-cent stamp and addressed to Miss. Lizzie Golden

Coopersville, Michigan

The envelope is 4-3/4" wide and 3-7/8" high

Coopersville June 27, 91

Miss Lizzie Golden,

Dennison

Mich

My Dear Lizzie: I thought I would write a little to let you know I am still alive but I presume you will be up this afternoon and I shall see you I suppose your school is out now and you are glad of it. I have been on a big burn this week I went to Grand Rapids Monday morning and stayed there till Wednesday morning and went to Muskegon on Early train on the XR & I Railroad I had lots of fun while I was gone Tuesday afternoon and Evening I was to Reeds Lake to a picnic and Wednesday afternoon I went to the races at Muskegon I went over to Grand Haven Thursday Evening on the Boat and got home at nine o'clock there was quite a little excitement in town yesterday. Thursday evening while the nine o'clock train stood here the conductors cash box was stolen and after awhile the fellow that stole it came into Tom Malones Saloon and Tom went out and found the Marshall and he arrested him yesterday they had his trial and Earnst told him he should have to go to jail then he wanted to know what jail he was going to and Earnst told G.Haven. he said there is no use of sending me there they know me down there and they would send me back to Ionia. Then he went on and told that he was an escaped convict from Ionia he was in on a fifteen year sentence for robbery he got out of there about two months ago and came out here and hired out to J Fitchpatrick he has worked there a month now you didn't know you had such a man so near home did you. Well Lizzie my paper is full so I will say Good By till I see you

Yours **Lex**

Lex : Lester Mills

THE FOLLOWING WAS IN THE COOPERSVILLE OBSERVER (29 June 1891)

Some person stole the conductor's ticket box from the 9 o'clock train last night. A man by the name of Joe Fitzsimmons, who works on the farm of James Fitzpatrick, was arrested on suspicion of being the thief and is now in jail. The box cannot be found. It is has evidently been secreted in the neighborhood. It contained tickets, stubs and way-bills, of no value to anyone except the railroad company. Later: the box was found by G.D. Taylor in the yard of Mrs. Waldron, just south of the track.
