
Letter: Two pages. Front and back of page 1. Front of page 2
Paper: lined paper 8" wide by 9" high.
Envelope: postmarked on the front Midland, Mich. July 15, 1897
Post marked on the back Dennison Mich.
The envelope is stamped with a 2-cent stamp. The address is
Miss Lizzie Golden, Dennison, Mich.
The envelope is 4-5/8" wide by 3-3/4" wide.
The envelope is light green in color
Even though the signature on this letter appears to be "Marie", the handwriting on this
letter is the same as the handwriting on the letter written by Mary Malone on May 12,
1898.

Midland Mich.
July 14, 97

Dear Cousin Lizzie –

It has been some time since I received your last letter but I hope you will pardon me for not answering it before but during the intense heat of the last few weeks I could hardly do anything. Well; how is good old Dennison and what few people who are left therein. It was too bad about my Auntie's death. She died very suddenly didn't she? We felt real bad that we could not attend the funeral but **Father Malone** had a funeral here and I was not feeling very well at that time. I am very well at present. **Aunt Marcella** was the last one of the family. May their souls rest in peace. It does not seem possible to me that she is laid away.

I can only think of her as I used to see her always so very sociable, ready to talk and always sure to inquire about your health. I think Auntie has been looking bad lately anyway, she has been so poor. I heard from **Maggie** that a great many of the Berlin old people are sick and also Nell Hughes is very low. I hope those old people in Dennison will take good care of themselves **especially my mother and your father** for the Cholera Morbus is an old disease of theirs, but may God protect them from it.

Well, I was out in the country Sunday. A Miss O'Donnell came after me and brought me back Monday evening. I had a very nice time. The people here are very kind to me.

Say: when are you coming up here? I presume you can come now anytime can't you? I think perhaps it will not be so warm now. It was 104 degrees in the shade last Saturday here. Now I would like to have you come if you can and we will try to make it pleasant for you. If you can and make up your mind to come let me know. You need not be afraid of not finding the place for if you come by Reed City you can not miss it.

Well as I did not intend this for a letter I will close and next time I will tell you all the news but if you come up I can save postage. I expect to go home in the fall some time for I am anxious to see ma and the rest of the people. Maggie said she is going home to stay for a couple of weeks and wishes I was there. You said you never think of going up to our house anymore. Now do not do that for if we would only think of it such a short time to live and never visit each other. I know they have been lonesome since I left, for **Tom** said something about it in nearly every letter. So now I hope you people will go there the same as ever this summer. **Jim** did not finish his visit here but we expect him when he is going back for 2 or 3 weeks.

Well it is bedtime and I am in my room all ready for bed so I will close hoping to receive an early reply

A am your Loving Cousin
Marie

Please remember me to the rest of the family and also to **Will F.** Try and come if you can. I will not make you work so very hard all the time.

Patrick Malone and Catherine Golden had eight children. Their names were Maggie, Patrick, Michael, Thomas, James, Dennis, Mary and William. Mary Malone was born about 1872. That would have made her just one year older than Lizzie Golden. This letter is from Midland Michigan. If you take a look at the letter Nora Golden wrote to Lizzie on August 16, 1897 you will see that Nora ends her letter with the following sentence: "P.S. We all send our love and best respects to Father M and Mary. We also want you to stay until you get your visit out." Nora's letter was sent to Midland, Mich.

If we assume this letter was written by Mary Malone then we can make the following comments:

"Dear Cousin Lizzie": Lizzie and Mary Malone would be first cousins. Lizzie's father and Mary's mother were brother and sister.

"Father Malone": Two of Mary's brothers were priests. James Malone and Dennis Malone.

"Aunt Marcella": As it turns out Marcella Malone (wife of James Glynn) died June 30, 1897. Marcella Malone and Mary Malone's father (Patrick Malone) were sister and brother. That would make Marcella an Aunt to Mary Malone.

"Maggie": Maggie Malone was Mary Malone's older sister.

"especially my mother and your father": Mary Malone's mother and Lizzie's father were sister and brother.

"Tom": Tom Malone was Mary Malone's older brother.

"Jim": Jim Malone is Mary Malone's older brother. Jim Malone was a priest. Jim could be the Father Malone mentioned in this letter.

"Will F.": This must be William Fitzpatrick
