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Mancelona, Mar 16, 1890  
Miss Lizzie golden  
Dennison  
Mich

My Dear Friend: I thought I would write a letter to let you I am alive and well and hope you are the same. I have worked a week now. I began last Monday morning. It seems like an age since I saw anyone that I know but I have got acquainted with several boys now. I like it here quite well but think I had rather be in Coopesville or Dennison just this particular minute.

I am at Antrim. It is about a mile from Mancelona. The Antrim Iron Co's furnace is just across the road from the Hotel where I work. The store where **Lauty** works is about an eighth of mile from here. He boards here. We have about thirty regular boarders. I have to keep their accounts and make out their bills. Yesterday was their payday, so I was quite busy.

I went to a party a week ago last night down to Sam Arner's (a young fellow just married this winter). He is quite a chum of Lauty's. There was four young Ladies and two boys besides ourselves. We played Pedro until about one o'clock. But I didn't enjoy it half as much as our candy pull. Well Lizzie how do you busy yourself since you left school. Well I don't think of any more to write so I will say Good Be hoping to hear from you soon. Give **Ella** and Mary my regards when you see them and also you big sisters G.B.

Yours Affectionately,  
Lester W. Mills

Direct to Mancelona  
Antrim Co.  
Mich

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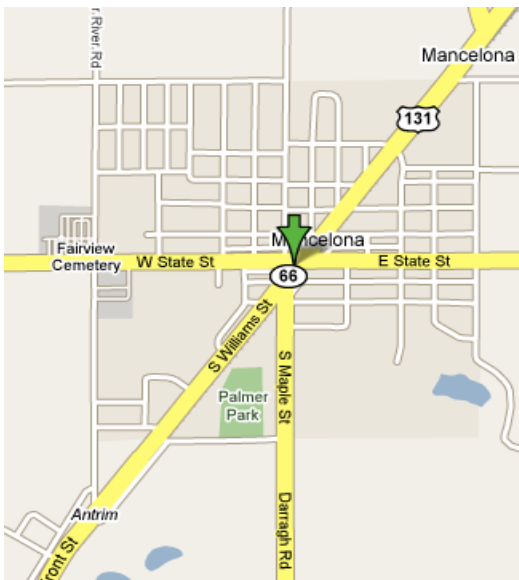
**"Lauty"**: Lauty was Lester Mills' brother

**"Ella"**: Ella M. Cooney was a friend of Lizzie's.

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The green arrow points to Mancelona, Michigan Antrim County



This map shows the towns of Mancelona and Antrim

The Antrim Iron Company Records provide a limited view, via real estate and financial records, of the business, founded in 1886. The bulk of the material dates from 1914 though 1945. Located in Mancellona, Antrim County, Michigan, the firm harvested lumber products, extracted natural resources such as gas and oil, and converted hardwood into charcoal to manufacture iron. In 1945 due to depletion of natural resources, the company.s active operations ceased, though it remained a legal entity for another three decades, primarily as an owner of real estate. Founding members of the company lived in Grand Rapids.