
Letter: one page front and back

Paper: Lined paper 8-1/2" wide by 6-7/8" high

Envelope: the front is postmarked Coopersville, Mich., Nov 4, 1891

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

Berlin, Michigan % Fxxxxx Bxxxxxx

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

The handwriting in this letter matches four other letters

One written May 29, 1883, It was signed "From Mary" - - postmarked Stanton Michigan

One written Jan 11, 1885, that was unsigned -- no postmark

One written Jan 10, No Year. It was signed "From Mary" - - postmarked Stanton Mich.

One written May 25, 1884, It was signed "From Mary" - - no envelope

Coopersville Nov 4, 1891

give my love to Mary

Dear Lizzie,

I Received your Postal last night was Some what Surprised to hear from you so Soon. Well Liz, I suppose you are anxious to hear how I spent Sunday eve. well I never had Such a fit of home Sickness in my life. when I went up Stairs that time I thought my heart would break. I did not start the fire. I stay there as long as I could and **went over to Griffins** and found the Door Locked and Oh Dear you can imagine how I felt what to do I did not know but to go back to the **Darn??** Room it was now dark and my head ached hard so i went in and this time I started the fire to get warm and See if I would feel better but no. I only felt worse and then to think you was not going to come in that night as before. I Stayed one hour and the house began to get cold and oh Dear nothing but the clock for company I thought I would start for **Griffins** when I heard the foot step I so often heard walking inside and rap on the Stair Room it started me at first for I did not want to meet any body for my Eyes was Swelled almost shut **it was Lester** come to See if you was going to Stay to berlin all week he would spend the evening with me if I was going to stay there I told him I was ever So mutch obliged so he went home **to visit with Lauty** if i had room I would tell you more. I walked as far as his house with him and I proceeded on my journey to Griffins. It was then six o'clock. they was all at home this time Xxxx Xxxxxxx and Flora Jones **come after Cassa** to go to church Griffins was to be x.x Lillies all Day and at 8 o'clock I was in bed crying myself to sleep Oh Dear I cant hardly write

Well about going to the city I **expected** ma up today and She did not come She wont come untill thursday or I would have written this morning if you can wait untill Sat morning let me

know I know you will be lonesome but not any more than I if you want me I will go to berlin on the xxxx train Friday eve Drop a Postal I can go any time and meet me

Look out for a letter after tuesday **from the heights** I was coming from Griffins in the morning when the train was going. he looked lonesome. be sure and send me word what train to come on this time. From Mary

“give my love to Mary”: Lizzie had a sister Mary.

“went over to Griffins”: Griffin is a family last name,

“it was Lester”: Lister W. Mills was Lizzie’s boyfriend.

“to visit with Lauty”: Lauty also shows up in a letter written by Lester Mills dated April 27, 1891. According to the 1880 Census Lester Mills had a brother named Lawson.

“come after Cassa”: Cassa L. Griffin was Lizzie’s friend.

“from the heights”: I think “the heights” is Muskegon Heights.
