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Patton Family Collection

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Collection Information

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Brief History

A Virginia native, **Sarah Hannah Daugherty Patton** (1854-1950) moved to Illinois with her birth family including father Edmund T. Daugherty and mother Mary Jane Taflinger Daugherty, in the 1860s. Her siblings included Virginia-born John W., Nancy C. “Nannie”, Harrison L., and Charles C. plus Illinois-born Joseph H., Lucy M., Cora Dorcas (a/k/a/ “Seba”), Mary E., David F. and at least one brother who died very young.

In January 1876, Sarah wed **Dennis Patton** (1850-1917), the hard-working son of Henry and Anna Kensinger Patton who had farmed in McLean County since about 1855. Sarah bore two children: Edmund Turley who died in 1880 before age four months and Frank Joseph (1881-1956). The couple also adopted, perhaps informally, Icey Edna (Icey Edna Kohler 1896-1984). They raised their children in the Mennonite Church.

The many letters to Sarah in this collection suggest she was a fun-loving soul with a strong and lively personality.

Sarah and Dennis’ son **Frank J. Patton** (1881-1956) wed **Celia Kohler** (1879-1963) in October 1907. The couple honeymooned in a 1907 Cadillac, heading to Champaign and Rantoul for a week before putting the car up for the winter. Before marriage, Celia had taught herself sewing and worked as a dressmaker and designer at Roland’s Department Store. Sometimes she lived in people’s homes while sewing entire wardrobes for them. The couple farmed on the Patton family homestead, where Frank built a new farmhouse in 1937. Later in life, Celia was a seamstress at Bromenn Hospital. She was the daughter of Phillip and Elizabeth Ummel Kohler.

Celia and Frank raised two sons: **Philip F. Patton** (1910-1976) and **Harold E. Patton** (1918-1991). Philip farmed many years, married Lucy C. Mailer of Arkansas, and helped rear daughter Phylis Patton Brown Ver Steegh and son Robert F. Patton. In later years Philip worked as a state weigh station inspector. Harold Patton became a musician and piano technician at Miller Music Co in Bloomington and later at Illinois State University. He was also an oboist who performed in the Bloomington Municipal Band and directed a saxophone quartet for decades. He also worked in the American Passion Play and other local productions.

Brief info on selected Daugherty/Patton correspondents:

Edmund Theodore Daugherty (1828-1900)

Father of Sarah H. Daugherty Patton

Born in Rockingham Co, VA, he wed Mary Jane Taplinger (1834-1908) there in Jan 1853. By 1860, the farm couple was living in Barbour County, Va with children Sarah, John, Nancy, and Harrison. They moved to Illinois about 1863 and were farming in Hudson Township in Jun 1870. By then the family also included children Charles, Joseph, Lucy and Cora (nicknamed “Seba”). In the 1880 census, they farmed near Lexington. Additional children included Mary Ellen and David Frank Daugherty. Mary bore a total of eleven children, including one boy

who died as an infant or toddler. By the 1900 census, the couple were still farming in Lexington Twp and son David “Frank” Daugherty lived with them.

At least one census reports mother Mary as illiterate, which would explain why father E T Daugherty penned his wife’s comments in letters to daughter Sarah.

Nancy C. “Nannie” Daugherty Young (1857-1927)

Younger sister of Sarah H. Daugherty Patton

Nannie (sometimes spelled “Nanie”) moved from Old East Virginia in a covered wagon aged 9 months; at age 6 she moved with family to McLean County. In 1876, the 19-year-old wed Ohio-born William T. Young. They farmed near Hudson and relocated to Nebraska in 1885 where they continued farming. He died in 1909. The couple had 4 daughters & 2 sons including one who died in infancy.

Mary Alice Daugherty (later Mrs. John A. Larson & Mrs. James A. Carter) (1862-1920)

First cousin of Sarah H. Daugherty Patton

Dau. of John A. Daugherty & niece of John’s brother Edmund T. Daugherty

Born in Rockingham Co, VA, Nov 1862, the eldest child of John A. Daugherty & Margaret Baker. By some time in the 1860s, the family was farming in Hudson, IL. As a teen in 1876, she moved with her parents and sister Ida to a farm five miles north of Muscatine, IA, where additional siblings were born. She wed John A. Larson in 1886 & bore two children before he died in 1888. She married James A Carter in 1892 and had seven more children.

Note that Mary’s mother **Margaret Baker Daugherty (1836-1894)** usually signs her letters as “Margret.”

Lizzie Hupp

First cousin of Sarah Daugherty Patton

Dau. of Rebecca Taflinger Hupp who was sister of Sarah Daugherty Patton’s mother Mary Jane Taplinger

Born in Illinois, Lizzie was living with her family in Funks Grove in 1860. In the 1870 census, the family is farming in Ludlow, IL and includes older brother Thomas and younger siblings Douglas, Lucy & Virginia “Jennie.” She married Charles Lewin in Champaign in 1884. By 1900, they were farming in Vermilion, IL, and had 3 children. In 1910, they were farming in Porter, IN.

Emma Frances Hupp Humphrey (1863-1931)

First cousin of Sarah Daugherty Patton

Dau. of Rebecca Taflinger Hupp who was sister of Sarah Daugherty Patton’s mother Mary Jane Taplinger

Born in Rantoul, she was a younger sibling of Elizabeth (Lizzie) and Thomas Hupp. The family farmed in Funks Grove in 1860 and in Ludlow in 1870. In 1880 she wed John T. Humphrey in Urbana and they set up housekeeping in Champaign County. Children included Arthur 1881; Ethel May 1885; Harry and Lena. By 1900 they were living in Hoopeston where John was a day laborer and Arthur a machinist. After John died in 1905, Emma Frances lived in Peoria with four of her children & several roomers. She died in Peoria in 1931.

Thomas J. Hupp (1856-1929)

First cousin of Sarah Daugherty Patton

Son of Rebecca Taflinger Hupp who was sister of Sarah Daugherty Patton's mother Mary Jane Taplinger

Born near Heyworth, Thomas lived with his birth family in Funks Grove in 1860 and in Ludlow, IL, in 1870. He wed Libbie Whitmer in 1877 and continued to farm in Ludlow and rear their children.

Libbie Hupp (1857-1923)

Formally Mary Elizabeth *Whitmer* Hupp

Wife of Thomas J. Hupp, first cousin to Sarah Daugherty Patton

A Pennsylvania native, she moved to Campaign County, IL, in 1871 with her parents. In 1877, she married Thomas Hupp of Ludlow and bore two children, St. Clair and Ella.

Emma "Emily" Janette Taflinger Patton Powell (1854?-1943)

First cousin of Sarah Daugherty Patton & sister-in-law of Dennis Patton

Dau. of Samuel Taflinger who was brother of Sarah Daugherty Patton's mother Mary Jane Taplinger

Wife of Thaddeus Patton who was brother of Dennis Patton

The daughter of native Virginians Samuel & Louisa Taflinger, Emily lived with her farming family near Danvers in 1860 & 1870. She married Thaddus Patton in 1877 and the couple farmed in White Oak Township near Sarah & Dennis Patton. By 1910, they lived in Bloomington where Thaddeus worked at odd jobs and eventually house carpentry and caretaker of the Park ME Church. They raised son Henry Alford who died in 1902 and daughter Anna. Thaddeus died in 1925 and Emma remarried to John S. Powell who died in 1930.

Margaret Ann "Maggie" Young Buzard (1858-1945)

Sarah Daugherty Patton's younger sister Nannie Daugherty married William Young. Maggie was William's younger sister.

Ohio born Maggie Young came to McLean County with her family as a child. They were farming in Hudson in 1860 & 1870 censuses. She wed Ohio-born Samuel R. Buzard in Oct 1877 and the couple moved to Kansas with three other families in Feb 1878. They farmed in multiple Kansas locations and reared children Daisy and Oscar.

Luellen L. McWilliams Denman (1851-1916)

The daughter of Andrew J. McWilliams & Jane Drennen, Luellen was born in Ohio and married Thomas Smith Denman in Carlock in Jan 1874. The couple farmed near Sarah & Dennis Patton near Hudson and son Walter was born there in 1879. In 1880, they moved to Vermilion County (between Pellsville & Rankin). During their time in Vermilion County, they had children Jay (1882) and Maud (1887) but were farming in Benton, IN, by 1900.

“Cousin” John F. Marshall (1854-1932)

Eldest of three sons of Joseph and Mary Ellen Taflinger Marshall, he was born at McLean where his father was school master. He wed Jessie F. Campbell of PA in 1880 at Lexington, IL, and reared five children. He farmed at various locations, including McLean County and Plattsmouth, NB.

“Cousin” William H. Marshall (1856-1937)

The second of three sons of Joseph and Mary Ellen Taflinger Marshall, he was born in McLean County. He married Louisa A. Hull in 1882 and farmed in Wapella. The couple had five children including one lost in infancy. About 1900, they moved to Normal to better educate the children. William worked there variously as a teamster, nursery salesman, etc., before moving to Clinton about 1910.

By 1860, both these brothers and younger brother Charles were living with their mother in the John T. Taflinger household in Hudson. It appears that their mother later married William Scoggins and was living in Wapella with her husband, son Charles and four other children. Charlie died in Nov 1874, a matter also revealed in the letters. Given Mary Ellen Taflinger’s age, native state, and having lived with Taflingers in Hudson, she may well have been a sister to Mary Jane Taflinger Daugherty, the mother of Sarah H. Patton.

Olive Florence Taflinger Wash Mountan (1863-1945)

First cousin of Sarah H. Daugherty Patton

Dau. of William H. Taflinger, who was brother of Sarah’s mother Mary Jane Taflinger

Born in Heyworth, IL, Olive lived with her family (including siblings Eldora/ Ida, Mary E, & Ella) in Funk’s Grove in 1870 where her parents farmed. Thirteen-year-old Wm Marshall also lived with them & worked on the farm.

Olive eloped in IN with Kentucky native James M. Wash in May 1878.

In 1880, Olive & James & their 1-yr-old dau. Nora were living with Olive’s birth family in Randolph Twp. The family farmed and included young Cora & Nellie. Little sister Lidia [Alidia?] died early in 1880 about age 8, and the details of her death are reported in one of Olive’s letters to Sarah Patton. In 1880, the entire family moved to IA, but moved again about years later to southwest MO. In 1900, Olive & James were farming in Howard Twp, IN, with six children in the household. In 1910, the couple lived in Carthage, MO, with three children, but listed no employment.

In 1940, she lived with her second husband Sidney Mountan in PA where they had also lived in 1935. She died in 1945 in Tennessee, presumably living near her youngest child Leonard Wash.

John H. Beery (1850-unknown)

First cousin of Sarah H. Daugherty Patton

Son of Sarah Dorcas Daugherty Beery (1830-1891) who was younger sister to Sarah H D Patton’s father Edmund T Daugherty.

John’s tombstone appears at Chicago’s Oak Grove Cemetery, where both his parents are buried. But the death date is obscured.

John lived in McLean and worked for John Burkholter in 1879; by 1880 he had moved to Chicago and lived with his mother and siblings. He worked in a car barn at that time but in 1887 his brother William mentions that John is working for Ed in the coal business.

Catharine E. Patton Christman (1851 – 1919)

Sister of Dennis Patton
Dau. of Henry & Anna Patton

Born in PA, she moved with parents to Illinois at age 3. She wed Peter Welgley in 1870 & he died in 1874. Two daughters: Ida Sigler & Carrie Raber. Then in 1875 she married German immigrant Jacob Christman (1842-1926) who farmed near Elkhart, IL, until 1888 when they moved to a farm just west of Bloomington. Children included sons Charles & Edward Christman and daughter Mattie Schmidt.

Scope

The collection includes over 200 personal letters, mostly sent to Sarah H. Daugherty/ Sarah Patton from relatives and friends between 1863 and 1937. Also included are reminiscences by the donor, Phylis Patton VerSteegh, and other miscellaneous documents.

Folder Inventory

A General & Miscellaneous

Folder A1 General

- A1.1 Reminiscences by Phylis VerSteegh, 2024-2025. 2 pages
- A1.2 Gift agreement, Aug 2025.

Folder A2 Personalized Miscellaneous

- A2.1 Wedding invitation for Frank Patton & Celia Kohler at Danvers, 1907 Oct 23. *See object collection for Celia's handmade wedding gown, undergarment, and shoes.*
- A2.2 Report card for Philip Patton, Grade 1, 1916-1917.
- A2.3 Sarah Patton's receipt for annual membership from Dry Grove Branch of Bloomington American National Red Cross, 1917 Dec 25.
- A2.4 Paper flag for Red Cross Members with instructions and explanation, 1919.
- A2.5 Invitation to Stanford Community High School commencement, 1922 May 24. Sent by Frances L. Mishler (her card enclosed) to Amanda Kohler and her parents.
- A2.6 Doves at Window quilt pattern from 1930 *Pantagraph* with cutout forms and one stitched square. Possibly from Celia Patton.
- A2.7 Program for *Glamour Preferred* by Community Players, 1952 October. Cast member Harold Patton had his copy autographed by many other cast members.

Folder A3 Other Miscellaneous

- A3.1 Leaflet: Burke-Wadsworth Bill Section of the National Training and Service Act applying to Conscientious Objectors, nd.
- A3.2 *Little Learner's Paper*; Vol 17 No 8 July 12, 1896. Children's religious training material.
- A3.3 Four playscripts from T.S. Denison & Company of Chicago: *The Irish Linen Peddler*, 1907; *Mrs. Stubbins' Book Agent*, 1909; *The Tramp and The Actress*, 1909; & *That Rascal Pat*, nd.

B Correspondence

Abbreviations:

SD = Sarah Daugherty

SP = Sarah Patton (variously addressed on envelope as Sarah, Mrs. Sarah, Miss Sarah, or Mrs. Dennis Patton)

Folder	Date	From	To	Highlights	Notes
B1	1863 Nov 8	J. A. Daugherty, Barbour Cty WV	Brother E. T. Daugherty	Glad he & family got out safely, read last letter at Beede's shucking, Beede's corn & buckwheat production, pigs disrupting wheat, ETD's payment for liquor from D---, payments for labor, finding person to care for ETD's farm, if ETD likes new locale JAD will sell farm & move or else ETD returns to WV, Harrisons' work.	Insert: How to send letters to get thru the (military) lines, nd.
B1	1867 Feb 18	Elizzie Hupp, (Heyworth postmark)	Cousin SD	Wants SD & Aunt Mary to visit; has gift awaiting; mother is coming after freeze.	
B1	1867 Apr 2	Lizzie Hupp	Cousin ?	Enclosing piece of fabric from her dress (not present)	Tucked into same envelope as above
B1	1869 Feb 20	Lizzie Hupp At Pera? IL	Cousin SD	SD's writing is improving, crops doing well, Emmy & Douglas attending school in summer; she & Thos attend in winter; no photograph to send SD but wants SD's; asks SD & Nancy to visit this summer.	Two letters on same sheet
B1	1869 Feb 20	Emma Hupp	Cousin SD	Attending school.	Two letters on same sheet
B1	1869 ? 4	Florence Barron at Philippi WV	Friend	Five deaths within last two wks (names specified); saw Sarah recently; has no beau, is hard to please; saw SD's cousin Jake who may be coming out to Illinois next fall;	Faint; was tucked into envelope of

				answers SD's query about recent marriages thereabouts; will need to get photo take for SD; Mr. Charles was "taken bad" last night.	187? Dec 5 Idora Taflinger letter
B1	1869 Sep 27	W.H. Daugherty at Philippi WV	E. T. Daugherty	Anna is poorly; young John small but very helpful on farm; crops sowed; working in town as well; claim against ETD's land for \$100; wants him to come back soon; Scot David Fridley claims he has paid all he owed.	Includes note from WHD to son Jacob
B1	1869 Dec 19	William H. Daugherty at Barbour Cty WV	Son F. E. Daugherty	14 inch snowfall; their big load of hay broke a wheel that required welding in town; more corn to shuck; killed hogs Friday; we think of you when eating the sausages; cries at missing son when he's alone; wants all family to get religion as he has himself & living a better life; regrets overexposing himself to weather over years; John & Lewis help; sow has 6 piglets; a lot done this winter with good team of horses; wonders if he & son will meet again on earth; Uncle Ed & John will help you when needed.	Tucked inside 1873 Aug 18 letter from John W Daughter at Philippi to sister Sarah.
B1	1870 May 8	? of WV	Uncle John	Trip to Webster cost \$24. Different handwriting on verso includes shopping list.	Two letters on same sheet
B1	1870 May 8	W. H.Daugherty of WV	E. T. Daugherty	Jacob home safely; hopes ET & family will move back & buy Golden farm; not much done on ET's farm; crop production & prices; etc. Shopping list on back.	Two letters on same sheet
B1	1870? Jun 1	Lizzie Hupp at Ludlow, IL	Cousin SD	Attending school with good teacher at Ludlow; mentions study levels & asks SD for hers; raising 40 turkeys & 36 chickens at present; garden & corn are planted; Thomas is farming & "selling plows"; stayed with uncle Pickrays for a week; father selling & distributing potatoes to plant but Lizzie thinks it's too dry to grow herself.	
B1	1871 Jan 2	Lizzie Hupp at Ludlow, IL	Cousin SD	Christmas and New Years dinners, mother hasn't yet taken the baby out more than once, visit from Aunt Lucy & Uncle Vickrey, which children attending school tho too difficult in winter, plans to send bits of dress fabric for SD's quilts.	
B1	1871 Jan 23	Isabel F. Stutzman at Danvers	SD	Got the blues; SD sleigh riding with young men; discusses hopes of marriage for SD and herself.	

B1	1871 Jan 22	Sarah D. Beery at Rockland Mills? WV	Edmund T. Daugherty & family	Considering moving back to ETD's land soon, family member status, community deaths, grain prices, sickly 14 mo old baby, mother getting feeble, more.	Small caricature of "berth?"
B1	1871 Aug 14	Lizzie Beth Sarah Hupp at Ludlow IL	SD	Mother's bad illness, asking her & Nancy to visit this fall to dispel her loneliness, made new white dress, new baby named Rebecca Florence, building new school, Emma & she thrashed 3 days.	
B1	1871 Sep 20	Emma Taflinger	Friend SD	Mother has young son John Morgan; Emma currently at Mr. Hodge's; wants SD & Joe to come visit some Sunday; Robert has gone to OH & writer thought she could not give him up but had to do so.	
B2	1872 Feb 7	? at Philippi WV	Cousin SD	Rec'd picture; sorry John was ill; want uncle AG to move back; remembers grandparents tho may never see them again alive; attending school; asks after John's health; Sarah Jan is poorly & sat the night with her; to "Georg D"; visited John Sunday & he is better; tell James his mom's little baby tell off porch & injured; grandma not well for some time; grandma wants to know about James; news on community members, etc.	
B2	1872 Sep 23	Emma Taflinger	Friend SD	Washing today; ironing tomorrow; wants to see her; father to make cane molasses; tell Nannie to write; SD & gentleman Den look so loving.	
B2	1872 Oct 27	Emma Taflinger at Danvers	Friend SD	Sorry to learn SD's mother, sister & brother are ill; Why didn't Nannie write about those illnesses(?); wants SD to visit this fall as Emma has no way to get to SD; turned 18 yr old Oct 22; man got arm caught in thrasher; much illness in Danvers & country.	
B2	1872 Oct 30	T. F. Beery [Beery] At Philippi WV	Cousin SD with notes to Oliver/Ollie, Joe & John	No horse named Tom in their team; maybe visit next spring & see if he likes the locale; Geo T Baker to wed; How is Oliver/Olley?; news on locals; sold his violin; working at Folberts running the stage.	
B2	1872 Nov 24	T.F. Beery at Phillippi WV	Cousin SD	Have a gay & handsome beau for SD named John Hulderman who has seen her photo & is interested; hurt badly driving the stage; SD made fun of his photo so he will send another.	

B2	1872? Dec 13	Thomas F. Beery at Philippi WV	Cousin SD	Father & mother have got religion; Visit Uncle Jacob where John has measles; lone [Salone] Andrick severely ill with measles; tell Peter to avoid dances and girls; Uncle did well to follow you to the dance; will have photos taken with fiddle soon; have John write.	No envelope; tucked into envelope with next letter
B2	1872 Dec 18	Emma Taflinger at Danvers	Friend SD	Little Johnnie died; father hurt his foot & cannot walk; miss SD's departed little brother.	
B2	1873 Jan 18	Lizzie Hupp at Ludlow	Cousin SD	Not heard from SD recently; cold winter but Douglas attends & Thomas to start school but not Lizzie nor Sam; Christmas gatherings and gifts; Aunt Lucy's breast cancer remains despite 2 doctors; much illness & death this year; hoping to have photo taken soon; father bought lot & built house in Gibson to occupy in spring; he is quitting his Ludlow business to sell implements in Gibson	
B2	1873?? Feb 16	Lizzie Hupp at Ludlow	Cousin SD	Replies that she has 4 quilts & piecing another; learning to "Chrosha" [crochet]; asks name of new baby of Aunt Clarcy & Uncle Will; lonesome since father died & little Becca talks of him often; not attend Sunday School much this winter but often regular services; mother struggling with husband's loss and his business; Lucy is over her fainting spells but is a meddler even tho William is very nice; William & Lucy going to Texas this fall tho old Lucy contends she won't live that long; asks if SD has a fellow tho Lizzie does not; many deaths & marriages hereabouts.	Father St. Clair Hupp died some time in 1873.
B2	1873 Mar 3	Geo. J. Baker at Elk City, WV	SD	Saw exhibition at Union school; Harrison & Thomas Beery played fiddle then; are living on opposite side of river than previously; operating a shook shop & lists employees; bad year for measles; may visit this summer; wants to kiss SD; etc.	
B2	1873 Mar 9	John Stubblefield at Shirley	SD	Visited SD's uncle Taflinger; at aunt's recommendation, offering SD live-in house girl job, at \$2.50 weekly plus room & board.	
B2	1873 Apr?? 18	Hiram Pissell at Normal	Friend SD	Rec'd your picture; plans to visit her house in 2 weeks.	
B2	1873 Jun 14	Hiram Pisell at	Friend SD	Have rec'd no reply to last letter; did SD get George's	

		Bloomington		picture?; heard SD & eldest brother have left home; where is she now and why not stay at Firman's house?	
B2	1873 Jun 18	Elisabeth Kinsinger	Cousin Dennis Patton	Working at Moses Yoder's for 7 weeks now; good weather; strawberries & cherries are ripe.	
B2	1873 Aug 18	John W. Daugherty at Philippi WV	Sister SD	Arrived safely; all well; thinking of settling down here where the girls all chew tobacco & thus not seeing Sarah again.	
B2	1873 Aug 19	Jacob E. Daugherty at Philippi WV	Uncle E.T. Daugherty	Going to Texas after Oct 1; on uncle's land, he finished clearing work, sodding; Jacob overpaid tax.	Two in same envelope
B2	1873 Aug 20	Goff? Daugherty at Philippi	Cousin	He landed safely & all are well; send his cordian [accordion?] for John.	Two in same envelope
B2	1873 Sep 21	Jacob E. Daugherty at Philippi WV	Uncle E.T. Daugherty	Leaving for Texas; sale in early October; only got one crop instead of two; overpayment of taxes. And . . . Jacob Sargent offers to rent ET Daugherty's farm for 2 years & clear interior land and pay taxes, finish house & chimney, restore grass.	Both on same sheet
B3	1874 Jan 12	J.W. Daugherty at Hudson	Sister SD	United brethren had big meeting for 14 nights with 11 religious conversions, tho he's unsure if all will "hold out" –lists names of some converts; turkeys died with sour throat.	Both on same sheet; is this correct envelope?
B3	1874 Jan 12	Nancy C. Daugherty	Sister SD	All struggling with bad colds; father wrote he would start for home on 15 th ; visited with "your Elli"; Sady/Sally has 3 wk old baby girl; Mother is piecing a quilt.	Both on same sheet
B3	1874 Jan 20	Salone J. Andrick Barbour Co, WV	SD	Plenty of apples this year	Very faint & hard to read
B3	1874 Feb 16	George W. Scott at Wapella, IL	Mr. E.F. Daugherty	Again declining to sell at this time of year as he has no chance of getting another place for spring.	
B3	1874 Mar 27	Charles Marshall	Cousin SD "Sally"	Won't tell the old man what SD said; would have fun if she were here; had grand sermon at meeting; will fetch the old man from Clinton but had a nice time while he was	

				gone; interested in a girl.	
B3	1874 April 17	Nancy C. Daugherty at Hudson	Sister SD at Shirley	Birthday of Nancy and of John; SD's letter had reported having a sleigh ride on Easter Sunday; Nancy away Sunday-Tuesday; George Daughtery's older boy died as did Daniel Kaufman's 3 wk old baby; recalls own deceased little brother; expecting SD in a week or so and plans to quilt with her this summer; quilted one of Nancy's already and mother's is next; Johnny & Nancy visited Patton's Sunday & Den wants to see SD; little sister Petty & Duck are bothering the writer; expect lettuce from garden soon; Nancy advises SD to come home & had previously told SD her not to go be "a slave" employee; Nancy has Den's picture.	Enclosure: "Closing Ode"
B3	1874 Apr 26	Hiram Pissell At Normal	Friend SD c/o John Stubblfield in Shirley	George sick with chills; hope to visit SD soon; working various jobs; recalls long buggy ride with SD.	
B3	1874 May 10	E T Daughtery at Hudson	Daughter SD at Shirley	Nancy probably has bad case of measles & rest of family may get them, too; "Mary Nany & Giny got our quilt out Thursday & want to put in another"; got home from Bloomington after leaving SD.	Both on same sheet
B3	1874 May 10	Nancy C. Daugherty at Hudson	Sister SD at Shirley	Unable to help mother; "old grandmaw Hospelhorn" buried today; Den has 10 acres of corn planted.	Both on same sheet
B3	1874 Aug 13	W.H. Marshall at Wapella	Cousin SD at Hudson	Visited grandpa; returning for a picnic; next Saturday Frank Charlie & old Bill & writer are going to SD's house & want something good to eat; had a watermelon recently; idle for two weeks; is blackening his moustache with ink.	
B3	1874 Aug 12	Emma Taflinger at Bloomington	SD at Hudson	Did not go home this weekend but will next; tell your fellow to let his work go & bring SD up; they can attend fair & then writer come to visit SD before going to McLean & Waynesville visiting & Mrs. Derryman is allowing writer to go; rumor of SD soon to marry & writer wants to stand up for the wedding; who is young man Nannie is seeing?	Includes 2 small scraps of cotton fabric & short note from Emma Both letters on same sheet

B3	1874 Aug 12	Emma Taflinger at Bloomington	Nannie at Hudson	Asking Nannie to write and send a photo; Daniel had Nannie's photo but didn't want to surrender it; come stay a night from the fair as Mrs. Derryman approves.	Both letters on same sheet
B3	1874 Aug 31	J. Emmie Taflinger at Bloomington	SD	Pleased with photo she had taken; teases Nannie about running away with Mr. Thomas; asks Emma & Nanie to come to fair booth & may go home with them; had buggy ride with preacher & his lady; tell Mr. Patton to have his croquet set ready when Emma comes.	
B3	1874 Sep 4	Emma Taflinger at Danvers	Friend SD	Asking SD's opinion of Robert who came home on cars with writer; she had photo taken with Frank; asks about SD's journey home; wants SD to visit or maybe Frank will take writer to visit; asks after SD's fellow and about Nannie's, too. Second note: Robert came home with writer from meeting Sunday evening; ironed all day; writer's 18th birthday is 22 nd of next month	
B3	1874 Sep 27	William Marshall at Wapella	Cousin SD	Recently attended big show; played baseball yesterday & sore today; went home with Lizzie Hupp & "never saw such a lively set of people"; Charley & he will each visit SD; wants to return to Ludlow this fall; the old man says Nan is a better girl than SD.	
B3	1874 Dec 6	W.H. Marshall at Wapella	Cousin SD	Will stay with the old man this winter & want SD to visit soon; replies that Charlie died "very easy" & couldn't speak in last 24 hr; if writer can sell their horse, will go to Aunt Becas & hopes "you girls" can go along & perhaps Ardella; Frank & Mart(sic) Patrick visited yesterday.	
B3	1874 Dec 13	Emma J. Taflinger	Cousins SD & Nannie	Writer has bad cold; Frankie badly ill with chills & lung fever and uncertain prognosis; rec'd SD's letter about Charley's death and Den & Jenny's illnesses; Frank's letter says he's coming up sleighing at first chance, was with Charley in last days, and Charley's mom declares having no further reason to live; asks after SD's fellow and wonders if SD will soon be married to Den or another man; recalls Camp meeting with SD; working for Mrs. Wheeler in Danvers as left Mrs. Derryman Nov 11.	Both letters on same sheet

B3	1874 Dec 13	Emma J. Taflinger	Nannie	Miss Hodge, whom they saw at the fair, wants to correspond with Nannie; recalls the peaches they stole & got paid well for; asks Nannie & girls to come visit.	Both letters on same sheet
B4	1875 Jan 12	Lizzie Hupp at Ludlow	Cousin SD	Sick with fever in her back making walking & writing difficult; glad uncle came & wish SD had come with him; hope SD isn't married yet; very cold weather; details of Vickroy's move & plans.	
B4	1875 Feb 7	Thomas Hupp at Ludlow	Cousin SD	Got home safely; Lizzie here last night; Emma going to church meetings for 2 weeks; Please send watch chain and picture; he will attend meeting tonight; "Kiss Din for me & I will kiss Soffie for you and myself"	
B4	1875 Mar 22	J.F. Marshall	Cousin SD	Snow is setting the farmers back; no response from letter to Nan; took Em sleight riding & asks if SP went sleigh riding; knows Dennis took her to meeting ever night; in Danvers Wed-Sat last; children have scarlet fever. [Faint handwriting.]	Enclosed: cardboard diamond (quilt pattern?) and sketch of eyelet edging. Unrelated to letter.
B4	1875 May 5	J.F. Marshall	Cousin SD	Raining hard; got wet while out plowing this morning; "going for" a sweet girl – Molly Gossard; wants SD & Nannie to join him going to Hupp's with Molly on July 4; wants SD to write Molly. SD said she & Denis were "plaid out"; Dan Cramm is returning next fall to help shell corn; he took Molly to Sunday School and meeting & had a good horse back ride; come down soon.	
B4	1875 May 21	Theodosia Hargrove at McLean	Cousin SD	All had chicken pox, scarlet rash, whooping cough but well now; have 3 cows to milk now & Aunt Clary has one; most of corn is planted; Uncle Sam here helping; to shell corn next week; preaching held at Fremont; Frank has two sheep & 2 little lambs.	
B4	1875 July 13	E. J. Taflinger	Friend Dennis Patton at Hudson	Glad they can write one another & share God's bond; sending a few flowers in the letter; asks if he will attend Camp meetings this fall and recalls that being the first time they met; ask SD & Nan to write; living with a Mrs.	

				Hodge in Danvers for twelve weeks and hopes longer as its pleasant; asks if Dennis is living at home this summer.	
B4	1875 Aug 3	Emma J. Taflinger at Danvers	Mr D. Patton at Hudson	Much rain; all well; no transport to Camp meeting; did Dennis attend P T Barnum's Show; asks him & sisters to visit; will he attend fair this fall?; Please don't let anybody see this letter.	
B4	1875 Aug [late]	E. J. Taflinger at Danvers	Cousin SD	Sorry to learn of [death of boy?]; wants SD to have her sweetheart Dennis bring her for a visit; and have Nannie do likewise with hers; splendid buggy ride last Sabbath evening; will tend fair this fall & wants to meet SD there; muses on brevity of life.	Two letters in one envelope
B4	1875 Aug [late]	E. J. Taflinger	Nanie	Writer admonishes for rec'g no reply to her last letter; recalls happy hours with her; asks her to visit.	Two letters in one envelope
B4	1875 Sep 22	E. J. Taflinger at Danvers	Mr Deniss (sic) Patton at Hudson	Didn't go to McLean last Sabbath; asks him to visit her next Sabbath afternoon at home before she must prepare dinner for folks at Mrs H's; asks if he's had ice cream since she visited last; don't show letter to anyone.	
B4	1875 Oct 12	W. H. Beery at Philippi WV	Cousin SD	Sorry to hear the boys haven't built Jonases fence yet; WHB has been "chewing the girls manes a bout right since i have come back"; working at John Baker's making shakes again tho business is slow and area is doing poorly; Samey & John & Joseph wrote of cutting corn, sent mother \$20 from Funks Grove; asks how SD is getting on with "Dennis Patent"; ask Nanie if William has taken any more night trips with his wagoner.	
B4	1875? Oct 24	Florence A. Barron at Philippi WV	SD	Busy – they have about 150 yards of cloth to weave & 50-100 of carpet; all well except uncle; wishes Jake had said goodbye before he left; [hard to read] 2 nd letter: SD's father brought FAB her photo; saw SD's cousin Sarah; tell SD's father that the little girl with the enormously swollen shoulder is dead.	Faint.
B4	1875 Dec 26	Jacob A. Daugherty at Philippi WV	Brother Edmon T Daugherty at Hudson	Brother Harrison may live only a short time longer & wants much to see ETD again; Mother also wants to see ETD.	On same sheet as next letter

B4	1875 Dec 26	For W. H. Daugherty at Philippi WV	Brother Edmon T. Daughtery & family	Writer's health is poor but others are well; boys done shucking corn; come quickly if wish to see Harrison alive.	On same sheet as prior letter
B4	1875 Dec 27	W. H. Beery at Philippi WV	Uncle Edmon T. Daugherty at Hudson	Just rec'd ETD's letter; mailing letters for Uncle Harrison to ETD & Jacob; ETD said Matt Denman wants to hire Beery and Beery now asks \$250 a year plus laundry and a horse to ride.	
B4	1875 Dec 26	Idora Taflinger at McLean	Cousin SD	Frank went to Aunt Becky's house & Emmy will return home with him.	Writer's name based on handwriting match & location
B5	1876 Apr 4	T.L. Hupp at Ludlow	Cousin SP	Got home safely; big snow; no toffee; visited Uncle Sam & kids still had whopping cough; went there to see a good looking girl but didn't see her; had good time at Grandpaws; been partly laid up recently; Lizzie as sweet & lovely as ever; will have photo taken to swap with SP as soon as roads improve; had Denis got his feed shelled yet?	
B5	1876 Apr 18	Jennie Fair at Elk Lick, PA	Cousin Denis Patton	Sorry to hear SP's mother & Robert are ill; muddy spring; much sugar-making as honey is scarce; father & bros William & John have been working in the coal for 4-5 years but currently not much work; wishes Dennis & wife would summer with them; writer is still single.	Faint handwriting
B5	1876 Apr 25	Mary A. Daugherty at Muscatine	Cousin SP	Major rainfall & flooding over 4 days; moved in a day before rain began & house isn't finished; farmers late getting grain out this spring; pop is sowing wheat now; family regrets moving to IA; no name for new baby sibling yet. Mary writes on behalf of mother: no garden planted yet; 2 dozen chickens bought but all likely to die; if not happier by next fall will move; John bought a good team for \$160?; asks SD what improvements made on farm that Uncle Ed purchased; asks that Dennis not work too hard this summer.	
B5	1876 May 15	Thomas Hupp	Cousin SP	Heavy rain last Saturday; mother hasn't made garden yet;	

		at Ludlow		mother busy with work while Lizzie & Emma not “at hand”; will get photo for her when weather improves; just finished sowing oats but won’t start corn furrows for a week or more; extols his sweetheart’s virtues.	
B5	1876 Jun 26	Mary A. Daugherty at Muscatine	Cousin SP	Mother has bad cold; garden is weedy & frost killed cucumber & watermelon vines & corn; wheat is okay but most locals have rust; much lettuce & cabbage but poor radish crop; many cherries locally but writer’s family has none; mother hates living here; Petty is growing well; has 1 goose hatched from an egg but other one died; milks two cows & they have calves; frost killed morning glories & others aren’t in bloom. Mother Margret writes: Boiling soap today; suffering from bad cold; has 21 hens and a hundred chicks; dissatisfied “John broke himself up by coming up hear” as it’s no place for poor people. Asks SP for update on Johny’s farming and more	
B5	1876 Aug 14	Nannie [Nancy C. Young] at Lexington	Sister SP	Harrison & Nannie are sick but Nannie must work anyway; Petty & Ducky also have colds; Sister, tell mother to be good to little Lucy and Franky; had nice time with Willy on his visit; hasn’t got new dress made because of that visit; requests dried apples from SP; Uncle Harrison died Jul 26.	
B5	1876 Aug 15	Mary A. Daugherty at Muscatine	Cousin SP	Sorry to hear that rats took all SP’s little ducks & chickens; raised no fowl this year; fruit bearing heavily this year: cherries, blackberries, apples; specifies low prices of apples, butter & eggs locally; wheat so poor that not worth cutting 6 of the 7 acres they planted; oats very light; some corn looks good; spent July 4th in town (except mother & the baby) but didn’t enjoy because has no friends here; haven’t named Petty yet. Mother Margret writes: has 120 small chickens; asks if Geo Bandrige found his little girl.	
B5	1876 Oct 31	Mary A. Daugherty	Cousin SP	Busy plastering the house with 1 room left; kitchen needs weather boarding and plastering but not this fall; will live in ½ of house for now; thrashed last week in high winds	Brown fabric swatch enclosed.

				producing net 200 bushels of oats from 15 acres; 17 acres of wheat; ten bushels of potatoes in an acre but most are rotten; didn't attend fair for lack of companion but heard it wasn't impressive; only half done with plowing so far due to work on house; don't know when corn will be shucked; sending piece of her "ugly" dress. Mother Margret writes: wishes to see SP but too poor to travel; wrote SP's dad a month ago about "that Hoselton money" sorely needed to pay for wagon they bought but rec'd no response rec'd; coal is \$5 a ton.	
B5	1876 Dec 10	Mary A. Daugherty	Cousin SP	Just finished shucking corn – immediately before cold set in; lonesome today; cows give little milk; will start to school soon but doesn't wish to go because she doesn't like anyone; Becky & Eddie started school when corn was finished; attended a couple evening meetings but not fun; requests photo from SP; not enough snow for sleighing. Mother Margret writes: killed 4 of her turkeys yesterday; still no reply to letter she sent SP's dad a couple months ago.	
B6	1877 Jan 20	Mary A. Daugherty at Muscatine	Cousin SP	Coldest winter she's experienced; invites SP & Dennis to oyster supper but will only have if they come – dance, too; team ran off & killed a local woman; another woman fell off wagon on way to town & broke her leg; first time enough snow to sleigh; wishes to visit SP but times are tough; got new black dress costing \$12; for Christmas, attended a fun turkey roast & ate too many apples; did Mark(?) return to stay; hogs tore up Mary's goose. Mother Margret writes: sorry to hear "fany" suicided & wants to write her family; Petty is well & can almost walk; reports local untimely deaths.	
B6	1877 Mar 11	Mary A. Daugherty at Muscatine	Cousin SP	Old blue had a calf this morning; other cow will be freshened soon; Petty can now walk even tho less than 1 yr old; ink froze so writing is pale; quotes butter & egg prices but have no butter and few eggs to sell; wants SP & Dennis to visit; encloses piece of her black dress fabric; comments on women's fashion & bustles there; had three	Black fabric scrap enclosed

				beaus last night. Mother Margret writes: getting fat; attended oyster supper; Tom B? wrote that he'd come but hasn't yet.	
B6	1877 Mar 11	E.T.D. [Edmond T. Daugherty] at Lexington	Daughter SP	Little David Franklin Daugherty had bad cold but now improving; ETD has bad rheumatism spells; visited Nanie & Bills 2 days; lost 2 good pigs when other pigs laid on them & ate them in the cold snap; may lose Old Red; will visit 11 April; forgives her "past partys" which she regrets; sorry she doesn't like her new home but believes she will acclimate. A few lines to Dennis: Hope pleased with his new home now that he's done moving; recent cold hard on livestock; will run short of feed corn & need to buy hay	
B6	1877 Mar 29	Maggie Young at Hudson	SP	Mary & writer took out quilt – "Marys monkey rench"; Barbe Troyer is a little better; Will & Nan visited Troyer overnight but Barbe was bad; having "high old time" at Methodist Church which Will has joined & he shook their home with his shouting one night; Nanie has "been going up to the Mourner's bench for over a weak . . but hasent got religion yet"; father & mother have joined the church; writer & Mary & John just laugh at attempts to get them to the Mourner's bench; visit from Will & Nanie but no fun because they were all so sober; weary of Hudson and wishes Sarah were here to have some fun; Harrison & Charley came after load of corn yesterday & fear SP's father has consumption; regards to Den & wishes she could smoke with him; mother misses SP.	Monkey wrench is a classic quilt pattern.
B6	1877 Apr 2	E.T.D. [Edmond T. Daugherty] at Lexington	Daughter SP	Bedfast for a week with lung ailment he's had since visiting Nanie; still hopes possibly to visit SP on 11th; Old Red died; lost 10-15 chickens with cholera & Nanie lost 9; boys had muddy trip going to Bill's to get corn last week; William got religion & Nanie was a mourner; old M/M Young joined church; Johney goes to meeting every night. David F Daughtery to SP: helping Pa care for himself; wants to see SP & tells her to have candy ready.	

				ETD to son-in-law Dennis: Hopes Dennis is better satisfied with his farm; snow was up to 4 ft deep in drifts; nothing done on farm but his hay is running short Mother Mary J Daugherty to SP: a quilt in progress but wishes SP were here to work it with her; completed dresses for self & children & finished my other quilt & made 30 squares like Maggie Young's; no turkey eggs yet; no garden making yet until ground dries; "we" will be down to visit in June L M Daugherty: "I have the prettiest pig in the world" CBD Daugherty: "I have 63 quilt pieces maid" Petty Daugherty: "I want some candy please have it ready" <i>All written in same hand – father ET Daugherty's.</i>	
B6	1877 Mar 7	Mrs. C. [Catherine] E Christmann at Elkhart, IL	Dennis Patton	Will be their last year "down here"; Jacob laid up with a boil instead of sowing his oats & now it's too wet; her little baby boy is a plump 15 lbs; Martha enjoyed her visit including sleigh ride; writer has edema in feet & hands but made soap last week; cabbage up in the garden if frost doesn't get it; wishes she could have visited SP last fall.	
B6	1877 Apr 20	Mary A. Daugherty at Muscatine	Cousin SP	Has toothache; has planted her flowers; just finished sowing what and started oats before heavy rain began; no chicks yet; 8 laying hens; no turkeys are currently laying; lists butter & egg prices; Petty is sweet and mischievous and still hasn't been named; dress fabric was 15¢ per yard; who are Mary & Maggie's beaus – they don't say. Mother Margret writes: Si Miller visited; tell your dad that John rec'd the money; asks after individuals they knew in McLean County.	
B6	1877 Apr 29	Nannie C. Young	Sister SP	Sorry to hear SP lost all the chicken & duck eggs but we always have bad luck; Harson [Harrison] was here getting load of corn & brough letter from home; turkey has laid 3 eggs; 7 sitting hens – 4 one chicken & 3 on duck eggs &	

				2-3 more “wants to set” if she had eggs for them; asks SP to ship some eggs; whitewashed the house & made the garden; Willy finished plowing & Johnny has 8 acres yet to plow.	
B6	1877 May 10	Maggie at Hudson	Friend SP & Dennis & “lovely Thaddeus”	Has 24 little chickens & 5 setting hens with one hatching today; glad to give SP a setting of eggs after her bad luck; one hen set on 15 eggs & 14 hatched – but that’s exceptional; SP’s mom visited Will a few days & took Franky to Nannie but he cried & cried; distressed by changes in world over last 3 years; misses dear Thaddeus; at Sam’s house last wk when Mary was ill & now Sam is ill but better with doctor’s help; hasn’t seen Willie & Nannie for 4 wks; Jimmy is naughty & drives hens off their nests; Mary & father started planting corn today; planted much of garden but it’s cold & wet in a low spot; Willie McGowen had photo taken for Susie & she wonders if he will marry soon; horses ate hay from under a setting hen in hay mow & destroyed the hen; despairs of life.	
B6	1877 May 19	Mrs. C.[Catherine] E. Christman at Elkhart, IL	Sister SP	Jacob has plowed & planted about 45 [acres?]; early corn & potatoes are up & had lettuce for supper; has 65 little chickens & 8 goslings but the geese eggs don’t hatch; 80 cabbages in garden (more than she wanted; recalls buggy ride Johnny gave them both at Sunday School; little Charley thriving.	
B6	1877 May 28	Nannie at Hudson	Sister Sadie SP	Back pain & leg issues trouble her; has 38 chicks & 19 ducks but plagued by rats; rats eating corn from ground; Johnny & Willy planting today; garden doing well except for dryness; flowers look healthy & rosebush that came from SP’s house; little Franky visited for 2 wks & was good & Nannie misses him; had Franky’s photo taken; mother lost gobbler & one hen; old sow had ten pigs & 9 survived; teaching Sunday School.	
B6	1877 Jun 5	Mrs. C.E. Christmann at Williamsville,	Sister & Brother SP	Sorry SP had ague; big rain Friday & big hail Saturday; even without mud, Jacob unable to finish plowing & planting as 1 horse had sore shoulder & another strained	

		IL		leg; garden looking good with 300 cabbage plants & 50 sweet potato plants; 77 little chickens & 84 little ducks; didn't receive Thaddeus' letter or would have replied; hopes to visit home in fall; Mother & Martha visiting on July 4; wishes SP would come see baby Charlie & Ida & Carrie.	
B6	1877 Jun 9	Nannie	Sister Sadie SP	Shares SP's bad luck but must persevere; rats took 5 of her 40 chicks & 2 of her 19 ducklings; one hen is setting now; hens are setting & laying little this summer; turkey hen laid 32 eggs & is setting; will have a sitting of duck eggs for SP when she comes; Willy & Johnny plowed the corn 2 nd time but this morning "seting on thre ass"; did Paw & Mother & Petty & Frankie come to visit you after rain stopped?; at Bloomington, bought some inexpensive store boxes for little ducks & chickens at night & suggests SP do the same; garden doing well after hard work – 121 cabbage plants; Aunt Mag's father died; grandfather Mclough died; ask Den to save Nannie one of his pigs .	
B6	1877 Jun 2	Maggie [Young]	"Sister" SP	Sorry SP has the chills; very much would like to be with her but "every body would say that I just went to see Thaddeus"; stayed with Alice Hibbard 1 wk and will return getting paid \$2.50 weekly tho she doesn't like the hard-of-hearing father there; Mary gets \$1.50 weekly living & working at the preachers; airing all her quilts outdoors but hasn't made any since they moved to Hudson; her cow has twin calves & gives a pail of milk besides what the calves consume; lists prices of butter, eggs, potatoes; Nanie & Willie visited last Saturday evening; reports names of two local marriages and "I will haft to herry up or they will make me dance in the hog trough"; misses sister Sarah and friends; garden better than expected with many flowers tho chicken are destroying them; Preacher Addricks wife died – old Mrs Jewels last daughter; Maggie unhappy in Hudson & doesn't go out but would if brother Willie still lived at home.	

B7	1877 Jul 3	Mary A. Daugherty at Muscatine, IA	Cousin SP	Recent storm destroyed their promising wheat & oat crops & 14 acres of corn; replanted 26 acres of corn but probably too late; garden destroyed, too; have 200 little chickens & 30 little turkeys; lists chicken, egg, & butter prices; have 8 pigs from their 4 sows; her parents downhearted about the crops; “uncle rub” left for Colorado. Mother Margret writes: enjoyed some of SP’s beans for dinner; seeking help getting Charley Lamberson of IL to pay money owed them.	
B7	1877 Jul 7	E. T. Daugherty at Lexington	Dau SP	Just ret’d exhausted from John Crombak’s rye field; strong wind, rains, lightning storms; David McCue & Mr. Hiser each lost a horse to lightning; finished 3 plowings of corn Saturday; corn looks good except low spots; oats look good; Old Flower is not better & suffers from worms?; Spot has 3 wk old calf & gives 2 buckets of milk at night and 1 more in morning; old sow had 11 piglets & 9 survived nicely. Mother Mary says [ETC wrote]: big rains killed off all the turkeys; hens dying of cholera; made 2 kettles of soap; & 2 dresses; garden good esp potatoes; had splendid time at Chenoa on Jul 4th; advise when coming to visit soon.	
B7	1877 Jul 13	Maggie Young at Hudson	SP	Lost 2 chicks and one old fat hen; canned six ½ gallons of cherries totaling 10 cans of cherries & 9 of gooseberries & 5 of currants & only one can yet to fill; travelling home from SP’s house had to stop for rain & arrived late & had to holler & holler to get in; John Hughes wanted to take Jane Hochstedler for a buggy ride Sunday & “the old woman” wouldn’t allow it; calls SP “my sister” because of how SP always treated her; depressed at times living in Hudson; making ice cream next Tuesday & hopes SP & Den come up; wants Den to see their 9 stands of bees.	
B7	1877 Jul 22	E. T. Daugherty at Lexington	Dau. SP	Corn looks good aside from low wet spots; oats pretty good; good cucumbers & potatoes crops; negotiated to sell Old Flower yesterday for 2¢/lb assuming buyer comes tomorrow; 25 nice pigs more sows pregnant; all horses	

				very poor & have no corn; Old & Coly her colt can barely get up when down; “will give all of my newes & mother together; only 3 young turkeys left & 1 old hen; many young chickens tho many die; good butter, onions, cabbages; finished Granmas quilt yesterday; sorry to learn of SP’s bad luck with pigs, chickens, turkey & duck; When will you & Petty come?; have cut 16 acres of rye for neighbor; have some of his & own oats to cut yet; have made 6 tons of good timothy & clover hay.	
B7	1877 Aug 5	T.J. Hupp at Ludlow	Cousin SP	Wants SP to come visit & mother will return with them; when is Bloomington Fair?; one of his teams died before he got his corn plowed; lost 2 horses, 1 colt & 1 cow since last winter; his horse is currently ill & fate uncertain; many horses nearby died this summer; almost ready to give up farming; Are you staying on your farm more than 1 year & how are Dennis’ crops?; corn looks satisfactory but needs rain soon (none for 1 month); small grain looks first rate; oats very poor; will visit near Uncle John soon & may move there this winter; now is good time for SP to visit; Aunt Lucy died; both the girls are working out & he does too when he can; inquires of Frank who doesn’t write back; ask Nannie to write; my girl is fine & would like you to start corresponding; Charles is better than ever; his girl is working away from home until Nov 1 & then maybe they will “try our luck together” despite her father’s dislike.	
B7	1877 Aug 29	E.T. Daugherty at Lexington	Dau SP	Will go to Nannie’s house on Wednesday & be at SP’s house Thursday to attend fair Friday; has been hauling dung, cutting burrs, sowing seed, and soon to start thrashing & cleaning out ditch; some fence made; big wind last night blew over most of stacks; 28 little pigs living & 30 dead & the big old sow soon to give birth.	
B7	1877 Sep 9	T.J. Hupp at Ludlow	Cousin SP	Mother may be visiting soon; sorry SP & Dennis cannot come visit so maybe he will visit them again; asks his last letter be kept in strict confidence; won’t be visiting Uncle John any time soon; has one-month job here now; “feeling	

				as happy as a Big Sunflower for a week”; purchased another horse & will have a good team; glad to hear SP wasn’t staying on that farm another year; knows of farm 12 miles west that suits him & family; going to see his girl this evening; don’t say anything to his mother even if mother doesn’t know yet.	
B7	1877 Sep 7	Maggie Young at Hudson	“Sister” SP	She & Mary dug potatoes; then ate freshly picked watermelon & muskmelon; finished her quilt; didn’t get to fair this year tho it’s her favorite crowd event; will work 6 wks for Mrs. Rabern at the Normal for \$2.50 weekly; wants SP to come see her quilt that needed 3 ½ spools of thread; reports that Nannie is sore at Maggie because she talked to Thaddeus “a little.”	3 scraps of ivory fabric enclosed.
B7	1877 Sep 25	E. T. Daugherty at Lexington	Dau SP	Monday, went to Bloomington with Charley C. for \$50 & went to Nannie’s in evening; fell ill later that night & hasn’t eaten since. Sep 28: Charley sick 8 days but getting a little better. Joseph sick, then Lucy, then Harrison, then Petty; Ducky & Franky well; mother half sick When arrived home, found 2 big hogs dead, incl all small ones & most middle sized. Remaining 14 hogs are all right now. Rock the horse was ill as boys fed him too much corn; ETD bled the horse & fed castor oil; sold little steer at \$20; thrashed oats – 350 bushels; mother washed & refilled bed ticks; ETD hasn’t touched alcohol since he promised himself; thinking of heaven.	
B7	1877 Oct 7	Maggie Young at Hudson	“Sister” SP	Went to town with Mary yesterday & their horse Old Dollie got spooked by a mule and nearly wrecked the buggy; on way home visited brother Will’s & begged cookies but didn’t get any roasted pears; glad SP got good crop of beans; living on cabbage & potatoes; made half barrel of kraut with which Jimmie McGown helped; has 13 black pullets; gathered 4 linen sacks of hazelnuts; father got 4 bushels of walnuts; will visit next month if SP doesn’t come.	
B7	1877 Oct 12	[presumably	Sister SP	Didn’t have little Charley’s photo taken because he fell &	

		Mrs. Christman] at Elkhart City, IL		skinned his nose; got only 15 bushels of potatoes as many didn't do well; Jacob about to start husking corn next week; had 1 st hard frost & weather is very cold; wants SP & Den to come next Sunday & have sweet potatoes, fried chicken & fried kraut; 4 wk old colt died unexpectedly; Jacob has rented farm near lawndail [Lawndale] with farmhouse & orchard for 2/5 of corn & 1/3 of small grain.	
B7	1877 Oct 21	E. T. Daugherty at Lexington	Dau SP	Feeling a little better after 4-5 days of outright illness & his only physician was the Lord; Johnny visited; Oct 22: He & Frankie feeling better; killed a hog last Saturday; boys started cribbing corn today – 3 loads & 1 for John Mculy; will need to build 2 more cribs but need to sell his corn to buy lumber for cribs; Mother says if your fowl keep dying you should sell them immediately.	
B7	1877 Nov 20	Mrs. C.E. Christmann at Elkhart City, IL	Sister SP	Wet weather delaying husking; Jacob has 900 bushels thus far but not all is good; much sickness in the area; asks photo of SP & will send one of Charley once it's taken; please have Dennis pay the money he owes writer.	
B7	1877 Dec 1	Libbie Hupp at Ludlow	Cousin SP	Would be glad to receive a hanging basket that SP makes; esteems SP as friend; thinks SP's dresses are pretty; Lizzie & Emma visited & had fun & are still single; invites SP for Christmas dinner. From T. Hupp: Is Frank married or did his girl give him the slip?; heard Frank asked him mom to come keep house for him next summer; ask Dennis if a farm is available to rent there; wants to buy a couple of barrels of apples if reasonably priced; boy's name is St. Clair.	Two letters on same sheet.
B7	1877 Dec 2	E. T. Daugherty at Lexington	Dau SP	All well; still shucking corn; will visit on 27 th & hopes she serves a fat goose then; visit from Manasas Troyer. From brother HSD: HSD & Charlie joined singing school; Mr. McCoy has 48 scholars & charges 100 for boys & 50 for girls; will visit on 27 th & then go to Bloomington to meet his landmen.	Two letters on same sheet
B8	1878 Mar 7	Libbie Hupp at Ludlow	Cousin SP	Moved to their own house at edge of Ludlow that's plastered & well painted; visited Granpa; very muddy;	Two letters on same sheet.

				Tom & Libbie attended temperance lecture & joined blue ribbon society; has good new stove; the folks thought Libbie's quilt was "real nice." Tom (Thomas J.) Hupp: Will return as soon as muddy roads allow.	
B8	1878 Apr 18	Mary A. Daugherty at Muscatine	Cousin SP	Crops & flowers look good; sorry to learn that Mart was dead; recalls night when SD & Mart were "sparking in the dark"; have 100 little chickens after some died; hasn't heard reply from Mag Young & asks after her; milks 3 cows; Becky attends school this summer but not yet Edy; plowing done but no corn planted yet; Petty is into everything; asks SP to come visit as she has "plenty of money"; asks after Thaddeus & his wife & Bill Megown & Will & Nannie; knows that SP is "boss of [her] old man"; Iowa has many big, fat women; Mary has lost some of her weight; sends her calling card (not enclosed); Has Frank Marshall married yet?. Margret Daugherty writes: asks about Sarah Baker's eyesight/blindness; glad SP will be getting a home of her own.	Enclosed scrap of dark brown fabric. Two letters on same sheet.
B8	1878 May 5	E. T. Daugherty at Lexington	Dau SP	Sorry to hear you're so home sick & invites SP & Dennis to visit; details George's activities and departure; Gin had colt which died at 4 days & had George shoot Gin; Mother's sow lost her pigs & his sows have none yet; planted 3 acres corn so far & bought new planter for \$45. May 8 brother HSD: Mother got eggs home safely; lists quantities for each boy; yet have 7-8 acres to plow; ask Martha to send her photo. Mother: (written by ETD): Flowers growing well; 43 little chickens 3 turkey & duck eggs haven't hatched yet; will have fresh cow in a few days; Franky "has a big time with Dick & Dock his horses"; Fanny Kilpatrick is still poorly.	Two letters on same sheet.
B8	1878 May 18	Libbie Hupp at Ludlow	Cousin SP	Lonesome; Tommie not home because he's plowing down on his mother's farm; in a few days, will move 2 miles away where they will pay no rent for house & have much fruit to can & to sell; will pay 1/3 of grain and 1/2 of early	

				apples; keeping 2 chickens in the house & they are troublesome; 16 young chickens & 3 hens setting out of 5 hens & 1 rooster; will need to put out a new garden after the move; Jim Wash & Ollie abruptly eloped in IN after Jim dated another girl 5 years; asks after Will & Nannie & their baby; replies that her stove cost \$25.	
B8	1878 Jun 23	Mary A. Daugherty at Muscatine, IA	Cousin SP	Cousin Tom has been here over a month & is now playing the fiddle; crops good other than wheat having rust; flowers starting to bloom; lost a calf; milks 4 cows; many hogs; requests photos of SP & Nannie; recd calling cards from Martha & Jennie; requests same from Joe Patton. Margret H Daugherty writes: Has over 300 chickens & nearly 100 hogs & rats are destroying them; 70 turkeys hatched & 20 survive; 4 of 20 ducks survived the hogs.	Two letters on same sheet.
B8	1878 Aug 25	Mary Alice Daugherty at Muscatine, IA	Cousin SP	Warm summer; asks lyrics of poor old Mart's favorite song; wheat is doing well & oats better; sorry to hear George is so gravely ill; poor old Joe married the preacher's daughter; attended English camp meetings. Margret Daugherty writes: attended funeral of 5-month-old baby.	
B8	1878 Sep 15	Libbie Hupp at Ludlow	Cousin SP	Lonesome; asks SP & Dennis to visit; rats took most of chicks as they hatched; Canned 17 qts of fruit; dried a bushel of apples & some cherries plus boiled apple butter twice; will thrash this week; put up barrel of cucumbers; asks if Emma is less proud now; Tommie's mother lost her best sow who got loose & ate too much corn. Monday morning: Lonesome; Tommie went to Paxton; rumor Ollie may be about to bear a child; encloses piece of dress fabric (absent).	Paper scrap from Nancy Catherine to SP listing tableware.
B8	1878 Nov 15	E. T. Daugherty at Lexington	Dau SP	Has sharp pain in right side; Aunt Becca Hupp invited ETD & wife to Christmas dinner serving a big turkey but expects to go another time instead; Becca's land is sold but doesn't know where she's going; Lucy Ducky & Petty have been attending school this fall & winter; Petty is learning fast but Ducky is a little slow; Joseph & Charley haven't started yet but maybe this week; no butchering	Two letters on same sheet.

				done yet; please send sausage; at least a dozen chickens stolen; will need to pay \$28 interest later this month & hasn't the funds. Brother Harrison Samuel Daugherty: starting school soon; Franky has pet chicken & wants SP to bring some hazelnuts; sends greetings to various individuals.	
B8	1878 Nov 17	Libbie Hupp at Ludlow	Cousin SP	Has a week-old 8 lb black-eyed boy; tells SP it's time she & Den had children; Tommy is at his mother's husking; Jennie Hupp is staying with Libbie now; would like to see Ollie's baby and Em's baby, too.	
B8	1878 Nov 26	Mary A. Daugherty at Muscatine, IA	Cousin SP	Finished corn husking generating over 2000 bushels but feed so much to hogs; Becky began school this morning; Eddie starts tomorrow; mother took some chickens & turkeys to town today; Tom is paid 75¢ /day for husking for a neighbor; thinks of SP & Mart when she sings "that song"; quotes local produce prices; many babies born here recently. Aunt Margret A Daugherty writes: asks SP & Den to visit this winter; 2 fresh cows.	Two letters on same sheet.
B9	1879 Jan 30	John W. Daugherty & E T Daugherty at Lexington	Nanie C. Young or Sarah H. Patton at Hudson	Bro. John: All family members have had measles except mother; John was in bed 10 days & in house 13 days so far; many cases in town; doesn't know where they contracted them unless at the greenback meeting. ETD to N C & Wm Young: Lucy & Ducky still in bed with measles. ETD to SP & Dennis: guesses the boys contracted the measles at school; many cases nearby now.	
B9	1879 Feb 17	Hannah M. Beery at Philippi WV	John H Beery	Recd note from Lottie Davis of IA saying Thomas & one of her bros were captured & killed in Indian territory; that enclosed a note from Thomas' person written in case of death; Mother desperately wants John to come & take care of her anywhere he wishes; wants John to validate that Thomas is dead.	On same sheet as following letter
B9	1879 Feb 17	Hannah M. Beery at Philippi	SP	Please write if know anything more on Thomas; Hannah is writing for mother; Mother's health is poor & she greatly wants SP to visit.	On same sheet as above letter

B9	1879 Feb 18	Harrison Samuel Daugherty at Lexington	Dennis Patton & SP	To Dennis: “your sweet Jessie Walker is sick with sour eyes” and would like to see you but she doesn’t attend school now. To Sarah: Attending school; breaks stalks in AM but they’ve only done 14-15 acres so far; didn’t have any railroad iron to break with; did Charley Collins have \$6000 when he came home? Wants to see Martha & Jenny & SP & Dennis; hopes SP & Dennis will visit when they move.	Two separate sheets in one envelope
B9	1879 Feb 18	E. T. Daugherty at Lexington	SP & Dennis	All recovered from measles & mother never had them; Hasn’t heard from Charley since he left & worries about him getting into trouble. From mother: Washed hard today & in bed at 8pm; sending a piece of her new dress; girls started to school again; wants SP to visit while roads are still good.	Two separate sheets in one envelope
B9	1879 Apr 9	Hannah M. Beery at Philippi WV	John H Beery	Urges John to come home & “see your mother” while yet can as her health is weakening; has Uncle John Daugherty moved from IA or not?; grandmother is poorly & wants to see John; updates on other kin & neighbors’ marriages, work, etc. Update: Grandmother is drawing a pension - details provided.	
B9	1879 Apr 26	John H. Beery at McLean, IL	SP	Working at John Burkholder’s; unable to visit SP or her father this winter partly d/t illness; letter from home reported John captured & killed by Indians & asks SP to validate that news.	
B9	1879 Apr 25	Mary A. Daugherty at Muscatine, IA	Cousin SP	So dry that cannot plow or plant; have 2 colts; Tom is working a mile away; MAD has attended a dance nearly every week; garden is up; Are Nan & Will still on Docroyes farm?; played croca [croquet] on Easter; doesn’t have a fellow yet; cows will be freshened soon. Margret A Daugherty writes: 60 chickens, so not as good as last year; Where is SP living & where have SP’s grandpa & Uncle Will moved?; has 1 old drake.	
B9	1879 Aug 3	Mary A. Daugherty at	Cousin SP	Dry summer; one of best cows died leaving nice calf; milk 6 other cows; sold 2 of the calves; cinch bugs destroyed	Letter bears tiny sketch of bird

		Muscatine, IA		wheat crop & hurt oats; 40 little turkeys; chickens doing poorly; hogs ate 1 of three little geese; 7 little ducks & little guineas; 300# hog died leaving 7 piglets; ask Belle Troyer to write; send a watermelon when ripe; many cherries & few apples this year. Margret A Daugherty writes: asks SP & Den to visit; lots of big tomatoes; where is Tom Denman going; who will Frank Marshall marry?	
B9	1879 Oct 6	J.F. Frank Marshall at McLean	Cousin SP	Attended fair on different day so didn't see her; poor fair; wants to join SP when she visits her dad & John Beery to come, too.	
B9	1879 Oct 21	Libbie Hupp at Ludlow	Cousin SP	Been out helping Tom pull beans this afternoon; baby is walking and talking a little; will send photo of baby; has a quilt in the frame now; Emma may marry before long; Emma has been canning fruit & quilting; will send SP the requested hair quilt incl hair from her folks & Toms plus Libbie & Toms – she identified which is where; longs to visit SP again; sending pieces of her new dresses; asks that wreath be framed in box & will send it express.	3 fabric scraps enclosed.
B9	1879 Dec 7	John H. Beery	Cousin SP	Have 35 acres of corn to husk; Burkholder will have about 5000 bushels this yr; Lucy Story died & funeral w/be at Freemont Methodist; Frank Marshall not married yet; [Job?] rec'd letter from Wm Marshall last wk asking Frank to send money.	
B9	1879 Dec 20	Ida at Randolph Station	Cousin SP	For Christmas, Pa got writer & Ollie a small knife for 50¢; Ollie got a new dress & 3 aprons; got grandma a new dress; writer got Etta a veil & handkerchief with a verse; for mom, 2 sets of knives & forks; will stay here another year; if SP & Dennis (& maybe Nannie) come, she'll roast a goose; Lucy Store? died after long illness; doctors blistered both sides of Lucy's face; Lucy was first burial at her church; Lucy was engaged to a school teacher named Robert McKnight?; Pa took 10 bushels of apples to town to sell yesterday; Liddie attends school this winter; folks bought \$7 of candy for Christmas; Nellie can walk; Pa sold a horse for \$200; will save spools for SP; Uncle	Piece of brown fabric enclosed.

				Hargrove married; sending SP a piece of her dress & trimming.	
B9	1879 Dec 31	Noah Beery at Clayton, OH	John Beery c/o John Burkholder at McLean Station	Wet & warm; good time to strip tobacco & have about 8 days of that work left; hopes to pay John the money he owes about Apr 1 when tobacco sells; John can come on train if wishes (directions provided); times are hard & money scarce; visited MO & KN in November	
B10	1880 Jan 1	Mary A. Daugherty at Muscatine, IA	Cousin SP	Too cold to go out on Christmas day; not much snow so far; finished corn husking Nov 14; requests current photo of SP; starts school Monday; Tom left for Illinois and then Chicago & she and other young folks miss him; butchered two days ago; boys here are homely; milks 4 cows incl 1 recently freshened; lists produce & poultry prices; sending SP two pieces of her ugly dresses. Aunt Margret Daugherty writes: cutting carpet rags & want 25 yards; are SP's folks okay – haven't heard for 4 months.	
B10	1880 Jan 1	Becca Daugherty	Cousin SP	Attending school in Muscatine; finished husking corn; butchered Tuesday & they(?) threw lard at one another.	Tucked into same envelope as above
B10	1880 Feb 26	Olive Wash at Randolph, IL	Cousin SP	Little Liddie died & buried – started with a sore throat then purple spots & in a few days died despite doctor's aid for capillary bronchitis; she was 2 nd person buried in graveyard; luckily Frank was present on her final day; Pa plans going to Iowa to live next fall.	
B10	1880 Mar 8	John W. Beery at Chicago	Cousin SP	Have Dennis tell Jeb Patton that Beery will work for him at customary wage even tho Peter wants John to stay in Chgo this summer; Thomas F. Beery is peddling milk for John Leffler; thinks city life encourages Thomas to spend every penny he earns; asks Dennis to meet him at Blm train station Mar 13.	
B10	1880 Mar 28	L [Luellen] Denman at Pellsville, IL	Friend Sally (SP)	They like their new home; Tom hasn't sowed yet – he's helping Dell shell corn; have good close-by neighbors; can see Pellsville & Rankin from different sides of her house; Presbyterian church has full house for evening service;	

				many stylish folks here but friendly, too; invited to turkey roast this week; finished interior painting and papering, curtain, etc. with details described; need to white wash the cellar; describes breakage of household goods in transit; details baby Walter's escapades & gifts from friends & relatives.	
B10	1880 Apr 9	Emma Humphrey at Harwood Champaign	Cousin SP	They moved Mar 18; likes keeping house instead of working out because she's her own boss; new house had to be cleaned & they papered walls & ceilings; Mother lives 2 mi away & has one boarder; Doug works for sheller at \$1/day & board; Lizzie works in Penfield & likes it better Mr. Ludlows' where Emma worked before marrying; Mother likes her new house with 3 rms & summer kitchen & fruit & garden; Mother was here a full day; John hasn't planted oats yet & Burt is plowing for his oats; John still mischievous & often speaks of the fun they had with Sarah & Din [Dennis]; asks status of Din's corn & oats; asks how late Din got home after taking them to Blm; inquires after other relatives; asks Din & Sarah to visit this fall.	In same envelope as succeeding letter
B10	1880 [no mo or day]	J. T. Humphrey at Champaign Co.	Cousin Din & Sarah [Patton]	Has oats in & flat ground ready to sow; planted some potatoes long ago & made a garden; Emma has a hen sitting but no turkeys yet; traded horses for first time & had better luck than Din.	In same envelope as prior letter
B10	1880 May 21	Libbie [Hupp] at Ludlow	Cousin SP	This spring moved into dirty house which is now clean & 2 rms papered; instead of farming, Thomas is working for a young man whom they are boarding; good garden but only 4 chickens & 3 turkeys; old chickens succumbed to cholera; pleased with her hanging basket & made one for sister Susie; Emma & husband visited; young son is speaking a few words & constantly outdoors; will wait for Emma to have child before having another herself; reminds Sarah that her five year plan to have a child is about up.	Brown print fabric scrap
B10	1880 Aug 7	John H. Beery at Chicago	Cousin SP & Dennis	Not working today due to cold & cough; may come down early Sept; Thomas is as fat as a hog; Peter broke his leg 3	

				months ago & unable to work in the ice business & [sold out?]; back home Hannah said Joseph had lost use of legs but some improvement; some time ago Frank Marshall wrote he'd come up if Beery got him a job but found nothing appropriate,	
B10	1880 Oct 4?	John H. Barry at Chicago	SP	Hope to be down in Dec; still works in car barn; Mr. Burkholder to collect money for him so let Burkholder have the notes if he asks; further particulars on who owes him. Note payable from Dennis Patton to Catharine E. Chrisman for \$75 + interest with payment record on verso.	
B10	1880 Oct 13	John H. Barry at Chicago	SP	If anyone calls for his notes, let them have them.	Postcard
B10	1880 Dec 4	Olive F. Wash at Centerville Dennis IA	Cousin SP	Sorry to hear of little Eddie's death; very busy butchering, etc; writes with baby on lap; Grandpa & Grandma want descendants to bring dinner for big Christmas family reunion; recalls fun she had with SP; SP is the only one who has replied to letters she's written since she moved; Olive writes for grandparents, too; Asks if Aunt Becca is married; some one is trying to split up cousins Tommy & Lizzie; has named her baby Mary Nan.	
B10	1880 Dec 25	John H. Beery at Chicago	SP & Dennis Patton	Condolences on loss of baby; writer told Thomas to see SP & get the notes & put money & notes into Blm bank for collection until he comes down perhaps Jan 20.	
B11	1881 Jan 7	Charley F. Daugherty at Muscatine, IA	Sister SP & Brother	Arrived & all well; Uncle is going to VA; may stay a while as plenty of girls hereabout; much scarlet fever in town but not in country now.	Enclosed news clipping of Tennyson's new poem.
B11	1881 Jan 10	Olive F. Wash at Dennis, IA	SP & Dennis Patton	Rec'd letter from Uncle & Aunt Mary; Jim's brother Will is very sick; "Joe" is lonely without her brother Jim; much scarlet fever in Randolph Twp, IL; one of Uncle Scroggins daughters lost 2 kids with scarlet fever.	
B11	1881 Feb 18	E. T. Daugherty at Lexington	SP & Dennis	Home again after 50 days away in WV; wants to talk with her soon. Feb 19: John Beery is coming down; Beery & ETD &	

				Mary will come to Blm on train & SP can home & take all three home to visit.	
B11	1881 Mar 23	E. T. Daugherty at Lexington	Daughter SP	Got home safely from Blm whereupon Mother [his wife] hid her hat; old Cate lost 2 colts - \$20 gone; big snow storm Saturday; neighbor Miss Smith had baby girl & Mary washed it; trimming his apple trees; ducks are now laying eggs; Obe McCullough building a barn. March 28: Rain & snow; went to town today thru the mud with 4 horses & wagon to get coal; Lucy working out at neighbors; lists prices obtained for eggs, butter, & onion sets he sold; bought Mother a new dress to wear with that hat!; she's piecing quilts with the 3 girls; Mary will make soap if Nanie brings up ashes & grease.	Three sheets in one envelope
B11	1881 Mar 23	CB "Seba" Daugherty at Lexington	Sister SP	Has pieced her quilt; roads too muddy to visit SP; Mother has 26 quilt squares done like SP's; Fanny is well; Mother wants to know how SP's jersey cow is; To Dennis – the small pox is down here; come visit.	Three sheets in one envelope
B11	1881 Mar 23	Joseph Henry Daugherty at Lexington	Sister SP	Father trimming apple trees; Mother churning; girls washing dishes; like the new neighbors a little; was asked to fetch doctor for them but unable to get any of four.	Three sheets in one envelope
B11	1881 Mar 27	Olive F. Wash at Dennis, IA	Cousin Den & Sarah [SP]	Iday [Ida] working in town for \$1.50/wk as domestic this spring/summer; snow this winter drifted up to 8-9 feet; still continuously snow on ground since Dec 15; Shardon [Chariton] River too high to cross; 4 calves & 2-3 more expected; 1 colt; cholera killing chickens; one hen sitting; enclosing locks of hair from Mary & Nora.	Enclosed 2 locks of hair
B11	1881 May 15	Olive F. Wash at Dennis, IA	Cousin Den & Sarah [SP]	Has not the requested photo of Mary & Nora; Granpaw Frisby said measles were bad in town & avoid bringing children into town; potatoes, oats and some corn planted & fruit looks promising; milk 6 cows & soon 2 more so will sell butter; granpaw feels better since taking hopsbitters; still no response from writing Nanie.	
B11	1881 June 17	John H. Beery at Chicago	Cousin SP	Still working in car barns; didn't visit Sarah while in Bloomington d/t bad weather; [balance hard to decipher]	

				June 21: mother has rented a house; apologize to Nannie for not visiting d/t weather; interested in Smith girl near SP.	
B11	1881 Aug 8	Olive F. Wash at Centerville, IA	Cousins SP & Dennis	Etta & Ella have chills; have been working for Uncle Tommy's wife thru harvest; Pa finished harvesting & will trash oats; dry weather permitted fast harvest; tried to get photos but baby was too frightened; got Nora's photo; baby Mary a year old tomorrow; abundance to melons, turnips, parsnips, cabbage, potatoes, pumpkins, squash, tomatoes, corn; baby cross with teething & boils; grandmaw hasn't left home since they moved here tho grandpaw goes to meeting weekly; got fabric for a new dress.	
B11	1881 Aug 22	Olive F. Wash at Dennis, IA	Cousin SP	Grandpaw is seriously ill with intermittent fever and may not recover; please share this news with Uncle Ed & Aunt & with Nannie.	
B11	1881 Sep 16	Olive F. Wash at Centerville, IA	Cousin SP & Den	Pa has chills; Grandpaw still sick in bed; Jim went back to IL Sep 12 & may return at month end; Jim may get a place for them to live but didn't want to tell other relatives; don't share this info; Olive doesn't want to go so far from home; has been desperately lonely this last year; enclosing fabric from new dress; working out this summer in harvest funded her new dress; Idad has 8 quilts to do this winter; paw will go back at the end of month when Jim returns; how will Aunt Ellen cope with Cousin Andrew Scroggins dead; Did Frank marry the PA woman; Frank only sent money from wages 2-3 times & thus hasn't paid off the loan.	Brown fabric swatch enclosed; black interface probably attached with rabbit skin glue (the shiny side)
B12	1882 Jan 29	Harrison S. Daugherty at Chicago	Sister SP	Oliver is very sick and Hannah is improving; working for street car stable for 2 weeks in evenings & overnight but uncertain how long that will last; currently earning enough to pay board; John & he considering trying to sell butter & eggs; HSD shovels snow for income; wants to see little Frankie; ask Den to visit Anny Troyer for HSD; he is staying with Aunt and Hannah along with others.	
B12	1882 Feb 12	CEBA / Seba	Sister SP	Amba & Ollie left & pa with them; Seba is lonesome; is	3 letters in same

		Daugherty at Lexington		Frank still ill?’ attended school 2 weeks but that’s all; Lucy attending school; Seba & Lucy attended church meetings 7 nights & Pet 2; John attended 1 with much coaxing; he fell for a married woman & winked at her so much his eye was sore; asks how Willy’s vaccinated arm is; Harrison Marshall’s didn’t do any good & we can’t attend school for lack of vaccinations; mother sold 2 dozen ducks & 85 chickens for \$2.25/dozen.	envelope
B12	1882 Feb 12	Lucy M. Daugherty at Lexington	Sister SP	Mother is to put a quilt in this week & wants SP to come help quilt while writer tends baby & cooks; she & boys go to church meeting nightly this month; McCulloughs has moved to Chenoa; had much fun while parents were in Chicago; Seba came home from church with Alonzo Baughman & was proud of herself; enjoyed Christmas & New Years at Boyds & Buzards.	3 letters in same envelope
B12	1882 Feb 12	Mary “Petty” Daugherty at Lexington	Sister SP	Inquires after growth & health of SP’s baby; Frankey has new set of clothes & “Feels as big as a Judge”; mother glad that Amba is gone; wants to visit her nephew this summer; hasn’t attended school for 3 wks; mother’s hand is bleeding from cat scratching it while cleaning hen’s nest.	3 letters in same envelope
B12	1882 Mar 4	J.H. Daugherty at Lexington	Sister SP	She submitted for a book; now she & John & Harrison & Father have read it; 9 weddings nearby recently; mother has 10 sitting hens; 4 new neighbors & like them all; sold 8 chicken, 23 ducks; John sold his [male?] for \$150; Charley working for RM Baker; have just hung their meat.	
B12	1882 Mar 31	Seba Daugherty at Lexington	Sister SP	Paw returned after 3 weeks with Amba & Ollie; Cousin John is coming to visit; Uncle Sam Beery is coming to visit at Easter; asks SP & baby & Nanie & Petty & Lucy to visit; mother has quilt out now; How is Matie?	
B12	1882 Apr 13	[Caroline] Lina Troyer [Columbus, KN]	Friend SP	School had exhibition with songs, dialogues, poem & writer participated in some; going barefoot even tho a little cool yet; teacher Ella Comley has 50 scholars; house painted white; gardened spaded & paths made; early garden produce promising; 29 chickens & some hens sitting; 1 goose & 1 chicken sitting on goose eggs;	

				describes rooms of house; 2 fresh cows so mom made 3 rolls of butter today; details fruit trees; 211 grape plants; ma requests photo of SP's Franky; colored Easter eggs yellow with fall wheat; family's Easter activities detailed. To Dennis Patton: Oats are sowed & 10 acres of corn up; wheat is knee high; from home can see Baxter, Spring River Valley & Neosha Valley; ma can knit 2 types of lace.	
B12	1882 Apr 25	John H. Beery at Chicago	Cousin SP	Visited Bloomington last weekend but muddy weather prevented a visit to SP; Mother may visit VA; Harrison coming out May 1; invite SP to visit.	
B12	1882 May 1	"C.C." [Seba Daugherty?] at Muscatine, IA	Sister SP	3 weeks in Bakers; having much more fun than in IL; tell Harrison lots of girls here; requests photo of baby.	
B12	1882 Jun 25	Charley Daugherty at Muscatine?	Sister SP	Rainy & stormy recently; still working at [uncle B's?] but plans to quit & return home in 2 months; may marry a nice-looking girl he knows.	
B12	1882 Aug 27	Lizzie Hupp at Ludlow	Cousin SP	At [Toms?] this last week sewing; Clare is big mischievous boy; Emma keeps boarders & works very hard; attended show at the convention but didn't like it; Can you meet mother in Bloomington next week for a visit with SP & Aunt Mary & Aunt Ellen?; Mother worked hard this summer & needs a rest. From Libbie Hupp to Friend Sarah (on same sheet): Her boy is big & can run errands for her now.	Enclosed 2 flyers for Burdock Blood Bitters and 1 for Dr. Thomas Eclectric Oil
B12	1882 Oct 24	J.F. Marshall at Bloomington	Cousin Dennis Patton	Asks if Dennis has secured a place yet; JFM has rented one; baby girl born Oct 21; 80 bushels of potatoes; 1/2 barrel of kraut; 6 gal. apple butter, 2 gal. tomato pickle, 1 ½ gal. of piccalilli; 3 bushels of onions; abundant tomatoes; invites Dennis to visit; Mother was here with Jessie for 4 wks.	
B12	No date	[Caroline "Lina" Troyer] & Ma	---	Ma & PA went to MO; Han Kinsinger's(?) wife & 2 children died; Phoebe Kinsinger(?) kept house for him & came home to visit Troyers; young folk party every week here but don't dance.	Tucked in envelope of Marshal letter above – not related.

B12	1882 Oct 31	[Caroline "Lina" Troyer] at Columbus, KN	Friend SP	Rec'd Frankie's picture; school started with married male teacher Mr. Porter; canned 227 qts of fruit, 24 glasses of jelly, 10 gal of preserves, 70 bushels winter apples, 20 gal. of peach butter, 20 gal of plum butter; Ma & Pa & hired hand Dan Mishler went to party at Bell's tonight; parent bought her 2 pr new shoes & 6 salt cups & chain & locket; parents bought lounge & fabric to cover; visited Belle who got distracted & burned cake in the oven while playing her organ; [Fannie?] visited a week during peach harvest & stayed up to 11-12 each night cutting peaches; dried 1 bushel apples, ½ bushel free stone peaches & 2 bushels of peaches with seed; asks SP & Dennis to visit this winter & cut apples; describes their good 2-room cold cellar; will finish corn husking next week; coxcombs are taller than Ma; tomatoes as tall as the fence.	Writer name based on location and handwriting match.
B13	1883 Feb 9	C.B.D.[Seba] Daugherty at Lexington	Sister SP	Seba has fun while with Frankie & views his photo daily; 3 men recently wanting her to work for them & trying to arrange her workload. Father E T Daugherty to SP on same sheet: ask Dennis to save him 5 bushels of seed corn if possible as his own is poor; have you moved into your house?	Two sheets in same envelope
B13	1883 Feb 9	Mary J. Daugherty at Lexington	Sister SP	Grandpaw died Jan 1; paw got a letter from Uncle William Smith on that & Ida married Jan 25; Has aunt left yet?; Ma says she is coming down when you move to Charley Taylor's place; reports school marks; Paw caught 13 rabbits, 2 quail, etc. in past few days; Joe skins them & Mary picked the quails.	Two sheets in same envelope
B13	1883 Mar 20	SP at Lexington	"Companion" [Husband] Dennis Patton	Unable to meet Dennis in Normal as planned; Frankey sick with remitting fever, per Dr. Graham; come next Friday or sooner in buggy with many blankets & quilts; let Johnny do the work so you can come sooner.	
B13	1883 Apr 3	Lina & Ma Troyer at Columbus, KN	Friend SP	Lettuce, radishes, peas, onions are up; 41 little chickens, 3 hens hatching & 9 sitting; 2 geese sitting; have papered the kitchen & painted the floor dark & will clean & paper the rest of the house & paint the cupboards; 7 lambs; some fall wheat fields look well; 25 acres of oats sowed & early	

				potatoes planted; plowing for corn; fruit trees budding nicely; colored 75 easter eggs; Billy Magoun has a boy; our baby is one ma accepted to raise when its mom died at 6 wks & it looks like one of ma's girls; please send us that melancholy song; who moved into Troyer's former house?; Belle is cleaning side walk from house to road; sidewalk is graveled with slate from coal shaft; wishes SP would move out here & jolly up things.	
B13	1883 Oct 21	Jennie Norman at Lanark	SP	Boys picked apples yesterday; tell mother & father we are fine; baby climbs stairs & begins talking; did Guss die quickly?; skims 16-18 pans of milk each morning; will clean house this week; has large cook stove with reservoir; requests baby photo.	
B13	1884 Jan 24	Olive F. Wash at Centerville, IA	Cousin SP	Perhaps they will live near Frank in NB; named her baby after Pa & Ma named hers Charles Wesley; Do you live on Main St in Hudson?; Olive hasn't sold nearly enough butter & eggs to pay her way to visit back home tho she wishes to visit IL but not live there again; she'd rather go west & encourages SP & Dennis to do that also; Ida would like some of Sarah's cards; Olive will send family photos soon; enclosing scrap of her brown dress & Ida's black dress fabrics & details prices; Ida is married 1 year.	Brown & black fabric scraps enclosed
B13	1884 Jan 25	Unnamed male at Plattsmouth, NB	Sister SP or N.C. Young & the rest of the clan nearby	Arrived safely from Hudson; Frank & Jessie's brother arrived next night; Frank got another team so they fetched 2 loads & the livestock; had to wait to get into the house; fetched rest on Monday; then Frank went to Plattsmouth for Jessie; likes what he sees; learned last yr was 1 st grain crop failure in decades; can get 70 acres across the road from Frank; corn & hay scarce but Frank has 100 bu. from prior yr.	Writer is likely John W. Daugherty, SP's brother.
B13	1884 Feb 5	[S.H.D.?] at Lexington	Sister SP	Mother cannot come because Lucy is working out again; Father not home yet; parents will come after he returns; constable has stopped folks who were loaded to go to NB because they had debts here; sending cards for Harrison to take to Charley [in IA?]; attending school.	
B13	1884 Feb 24	Charley	Sister SP	Bad roads prevent travel to town; current rent is [2/5?];	

		Daugherty at Muscatine		farm across road available for 1/3 rent but thinks he'll stay put in nice place with much fruit; lives 3 mi. from Uncle's; sometimes lonesome but had 9 for dinner (5 girls & 4 boys) & had fun; interested in an IL girl who works nearby & contemplating marriage.	
B13	1884 Feb 28	Jerry A. Miller at Meyersdale PA	Dennis Patton	Coal mining nearly all stopped; wages low; sugar making has commenced; Aunt Charlotte still single; Jane's husband had to run away here for fighting; mentions of John & William & Uncle Will; house plants survived the severe winter; chicken are laying about 20 eggs daily; a fresh cow now; tell SP to feed the bird well so Jerry can see it when he visits.	
B13	1884 Mar 17	Olive F. Wash at Lamar, MO	Cousins SP & Dennis	Have completed move to SW MO instead of NB because unable to rent a satisfactory place in NB despite 7 wks of Pa & Jim trying; 3 families moved together & rented when they arrived; more like Illinois with fruit, level prairies, better roads, and a variety of buggies; frost here is over & spring farming begun; fall wheat looks good; Pa lives 4 mi away; Ida's man may work in town; attended first church meeting with Pa & Henry & Ida; won't get family photos to send until fall.	
B13	1884 Apr 27	E. T. Daugherty at Lexington	Dau SP	ETD's "lump" causing him worry; hog lot harrowed & plowed & soon to be planted in corn; bought 100 posts for \$12 at Lexington yesterday for repairs; has 3 colts in Widow Berryman's pasture for \$1 /mo/colt & 5 calves in Ralston's pasture at 75¢ /mo/calf; 3 piglets & 2 colts & another expected soon; 5 kittens; 4 ducklings & 11 chicks; mother's garden is complete; likes Dennis' stove hook & asks him to buy good oil cloth in Blm; Charley writes he is well; Lucy has job eff. Jul 1.	
B13	1884 Jul 11	J. Frank Marshall at Plattsmouth, NB	Cousin John W. Daugherty at Hudson	John's kindness permitted them to go west to live in a nice place with good farm land & no mud nor cockleburs; farms 46 acres in corn & 18 in oats to soon be cut; expect hearty 50 bu. corn per acre & 40 bu /acre of oats; Ben Bruner has 90 acres good corn with the help of the preacher's boy; Bruner wants John to come help him	

				gather corn & Frank will employ John on farm, too; corn w/be cheap this fall (15-20¢/bu); good hog country; wished John had stayed here to farm; saved 17 pigs & lost 22; specifies weights of growing pigs which will reach 200# by state farm time; sold 2 males & 2 sows for \$55 total; neighbor say Frank's pigs are best; hope to birth 30 more piglets next mo; horse team is 5 yr old & good; will be rich in a few years if stays healthy here; wants John & Den & Will to move out here as it's so much better; Frank will speak with local banker for them; Bruner wants to buy ½ interest in Frank's sows but Frank isn't interested; Bruner got new roof on his house; asks if Harris got his money from "that thief." From Jessie [Jessie Campbell Marshall, Frank's wife] to Sarah: Glad Nannie is well & wants to see her daughter; proud of her two daughters- baby and older dau. "Hellen" & details their development; may name baby "Grace Ethel"; genuinely likes this area & encourages them to move here, too	
B13	1884 Jul 7	Joseph H. Daugherty at Lexington	Sister SP	Does Dennis have a new mowing machine as he's mowing grass for Geo. Maclure; Aunt [Dorcas?] didn't come but Harrison came to help with harvest; 30 ton hay in the stack & only half cut; oats nearing cutting; rain inhibiting their work; John Bughman has a new steam thrasher for \$1,765 & will start thrashing soon; Frank Lindsay came home from NB & reports good looking corn & wheat there; possibility of mother coming to visit SP; Is Harrison still working at Wm Young's?; Harrison Beery has been seeing the widow Gantz; Pa's lump is growing constantly.	
B13	1884 Aug 24	F. Marshall at Plattsmouth, NB	Cousin John W. Daugherty c/o Dennis Patton at Hudson	Sorry Nannie's baby girl is ill; Bruner will pay John 3¢/bu. to shuck corn & likely to make \$1.80/day with 90 acres; Frank has 48 acres of "boss" corn, 17 acres oats, 100 bu. potatoes, etc; lists his several pig sales with premium prices; taking 10-12 pigs to state fair with free transit next week to sell; lists grain prices; has a fine colt	

				& good team; NB beats IL for corn growing; farms available here for 1/8; tell Willy Young to come out next month to find a farm he likes; advises John to come early and will help him look for a farm.	
B14	1885 Jan 4	Harrison S. Daugherty at Mt. Sterling, Montgomery Co, KY	Sister SP	Arrived safely & visiting with Mollie [Mollie McKinney] and her kin; married Mollie; the couple plans to return to Blm Tuesday & asks SP & Dennis to meet them.	
B14	1885 Feb 11	Lina Troyer at Columbus, KN	Friend SP	About Belle: her baby now walks, house is nice & mopped every morning, plays organ well, has new cloak trimmed in fir & new black cassimere dress she doesn't like. Shares prices of oats, wheat, corn, stack coal eggs, butter, etc; they sell all their milk to a creamery for 20¢/[gague?]; lists social visits; 4 fresh cows; 3 calves but one died of broken leg; get 2-3 eggs /day with hen laying on porch in a keg; good sleighing a while this winter tho mostly cold weather; Ma attends parties; attended taffy pull.	
B14	---	---	---	Dennis Patton personal property tax bill, 1885 Jan 30. Dennis Patton receipt for subscription to Weekly Pantagraph, 1886? March. Dennis Patton IOU for \$8 for stud service of Crocket by Cox & Aldrich, 1884 May 30.	In above envelope tho not related.
B14	1885 May 22	Lina Troyer at Columbus, KN	Friend SP	Sending baby's photo; SP & Dennis can see a photo of Lina's farm by visiting Uncle Manassas [Troyer]; plans to swap baby photos with Nanie; hens are sitting; nice garden. To Dennis: wheat is heading nicely; oats very nice; plowing corn daily (75 acres); 20 acres to break & 10 acres broken.	
B14	1886 Jan 13	Postmarked NB to Carlock IL	SP	No letter – only a leaflet from California Vinegar Bitters sold by M.D. Holcomb & Co., Hudson, IL. One page is “Dead River Grand Trunk Railway” a parody on drunkenness; other editorials on tobacco use, etc.	

B14	1887 Jul 11	Lester – at Bloomington?	Cousin Franky [SP's son]	School ended last Saturday; too hot & roads too dusty for school now anyway; Pa & his hand are helping Uncle Ed make hay; writer's hay is already made; Aunt Jennie & Uncle Joe have a baby boy; will send cards they forgot when visiting.	
B14	1887 Oct 9	Joseph H. Daugherty at Lincoln, NB	Sister SP	Exhorts Franky to learn his school lessons well; Will thrashed last wk & had about 1000 bu; John & Martha haven't rented yet so they may move; attended fair 2 days; saw Frank there & he has a good stud bought at high price (\$3,000 in cash & oats) with another man; Jessie didn't attend fair; Frank not planning to feed cattle this winter; not sure if coming home this winter; corn will soon be dry enough to crib; lists market prices; What was Ida Patton's illness?; Is Jamie [?] going with her yet?; Wed night from [Nannie?] : Much ongoing pain in womb, back & hips; her sweet baby girl has sore head, growls like a pet pig, weighs 12 lb, is named "Roasy Emmy Evalend" & Mattie likes the baby; have 104 qts of fruit (specifies volumes of each type); sweet potatoes soon to dig; 25 bu other potatoes; 7 gal kraut & more to make having raised 500 head of cabbage; half barrel of pickles; 7 gal catsup; bakes 6-7 big loaves every other day.	
B14	1887 Nov 26	Mary A. Larson at Muscatine, IA	Cousin SP	Half thru husking 20 acres & averaging 30 bu/acre; mother said you might visit this winter; has 5 mo old baby dau; haven't seen Charley recently; 1 fresh cow & 1 old milker; chickens occasionally die of cholera; Why doesn't SP have more babies?; Mary's baby is named Nellie May Larson; hasn't felt well for a year.	
B14	1887 Dec 29	W. H. Beery at Chicago	Cousin SP	To Franky: Icy has Christmas tree & a new cloak, etc. To SP & Den: Thomas works at stockyards for \$1.75/day & pays mother \$5 for board; Oliver also at stockyards; Amba works still at [lounge?] but seeks new job; Ed in coal business; John works for Ed; Joe's dog bite was minor but he was badly stabbed last Saturday by Charley Houghten & condition is doubtful; police are seeking Houghten; gives particulars from Joe's wife who rescued	

				him; WHB will give testimony to police; tell Aunt Mary the ragman took all the carpet rags; Mother has 2 new boarders.	
B14	1888 Jan 12	S.H.D.? [Harrison] at Hudson	Sister SP & Dennis	Haven't sold chickens & ducks as market price is too low; 12 hogs sick & lost 2 with 3-4 more doubtful; fears he run out of corn before next harvest; teases SP she is so big since she visited Chicago; glad Uncle Jacob & Harrison visited; what did Hannah & Daugherty & Lewis mean in saying Amby's wife was "a daisy"?; heard Libby was still at the asylum 5-6 wk ago.	In same envelope as below.
B14	1888 Jan 12	Mollie [Daugherty] at Hudson	Sadie [SP] & Dennis	Had severe cold herself; Arthur now has one; John didn't mention his boy in his recent letter & is probably ashamed it came so soon after marriage; had Christmas at Youngs & they came here New Years; will visit SP next week if weather allows.	In same envelope as above.
B14	1888 Feb 19	Mary A. Larson at Muscatine, IA	Cousin SP	Baby is cross during teething; John sick with cold since husking complete; Charley has a son 3 wk ago & named it Charles Edmund; has 70 hens; quotes market prices; How is Gramma & how are Beerys?' Can Lucy play her organ?; asks after Joe Beery.	
B14	1888 Mar 4	W. H. Beery at Chicago	Cousin SP & Dennis	Has bad back; Joe is driving his team again but unable to rest at night; police caught Houghten but he was cleared at trial; tell Franky that WHB will send the knife; tell Dennis WHB hasn't let the calf suck.	
B14	1888 Jun 18	Charley Daugherty at Muscatine, IA	Sister SP	[Marian?] has been ill but can sleep again now; rec'd Franky's photo; has been over his corn once but is behind; his 40 acres of corn looks very good; her garden is good; she has no luck with chicks; he bought some grown ones but they are laying few eggs; come out to visit.	
B15	1899 Oct 1	Olive F. Wash at Ludlow	Cousin SP & Dennis	Aunt Becca & Olive are coming by train to visit SP & the other kinfolk there; have sold out & must move by Mar 1; Jim has looked in IN, VA, Southern IL, & TN but found nothing suitable; next Jim checking IA.	
B15	1899 Oct 31	Olive F. Wash at Ludlow	Cousin SP & Dennis	Arrived home safely; details movements via & to relatives on the trip; enjoyed travelling with Aunt Becca; Jim still	

				travelling.	
B15	1899 Dec 3	Anna at Shannon City, IA	Friend SP	Anna's father died of stomach cancer after prolonged illness; provides details; father was glad Anna was married & had baby.	
B15	1899 Dec 10	Nannie at Akron, NB	Sister SP	Rec'd little Icy's photo & letter; good fall for husking corn; her children are good farm workers; Mary has baby dau 2 wk old – her 3rd child; Nannie has had Mary's son Henry Blood since age 7 mo; brother's wife lives loosely & chases other men, his wife & sister ransacked his good & stole his money & she treats him poorly; he isn't same since he married.	
B15	1899 Dec 11	Frank P. and Frank H. at Ludlow	Father & Brother	Ask to be met at station next Monday; having a good visit with cousins.	
B15	1900 Feb 1	Unnamed woman at Eagle, NB	Sister SP & family	Walter ill and out of school; John took a nickel to school so students collectively get a surprise valentine for their teacher; have handkerchief for Icy; Joe & wife visited before holidays; Johnny & Mary each enjoy their photo of Icy; visit from Sam & Mary & their 2 sons; have erysipelas on face again this winter; will sell chickens this month.	
B15	1900 Feb 11	Nora W. [Wash] at Ludlow	Cousin Frank Patton	Grandma is not expected to live long after fall on ice & Ma is exhausted tending to her; Pa's sister is sick & Ma is trying to do their work; Jimmie H brought Nora some fresh meat; haven't seen Anna recently; Cousin Frank's letter says his mom's arm was better.	Enclosed on separate sheet in same hand, a joke.
B15	1900 Feb 11	W.B. Wash at Ludlow	Frank Cousin Patton	Has slain 1 rabbit, 1 owl & 1 crow since last letter; has broken rone colt; tell SP he missed the beef when he came home; big train wreck at Paxton that killed brakeman and injured others; a Ludlow boy hurt one night trying to bum his way to Paxton.	Newspaper clipping on train accident. All in same envelope as above letter.
B15	1900 Mar 13	Nannie & Mamie	Aunt Sarah [SP]	Mamie writing for her busy mother; Yes, Joseph Daugherty rec'd the photo & it's all right to send more as Bessie won't destroy them again; want her to come down & care for Bessie when ill but she cannot go.	

B15	1900 Mar 16	Mary [Wilmoth] at Colfax	Sister SP	Little Lester is cutting teeth; highest snow drifts she's ever seen – 8 to 10 ft; Ma's arm is recovering slowly; so Seba is doing all Ma's baking; Ida stayed with Ma one week to do chores; Pa would not allow Ma to get medicine; Pa was in Chgo 2 wks; Mattie lost 2 of her little children with a fever & has a 4 mo old baby; Hannah Daugherty has 6 little girls; attended evening church meetings for nearly two weeks; gives children's weights; Lou Bech is very sick now; Lou has 3 setting hens & Ida has none yet out of 17 hens & 2 roosters.	
B15	1900 Mar 16	H.S. Daugherty	Brother Dennis Patton & SP	Has \$1.75-2.00 that Dennis can borrow Mollie to SP: Had quilt out.	
B15	1900 Sep 29	Mrs. Henry Funk [Lucy J. Hupp] at Ludlow	Cousin ??	Henry is gone a week now to look at a new place; uncertain yet if will buy but must move from current farm in the spring; she is fixing the fence herself; tell Cousin Sarah she will send her some flowers; rec'd your photos; wants recipient & her father & Cousin Sarah to visit before they move to IA but doesn't suppose recipient will ever come; they've lived here 8 yrs & doesn't truly want to move but rent rose too high; will send Cousin Sarah more flower bulbs.	
B15	1900 Sep 29	Lula [Funk?] at Ludlow	Frankie Patton	Papa gone to IA to prepare to move the family there in spring; she & Ralph attending school faithfully; unsure if school will have any heat after stove pipe taken down; wants his grandparents to visit before they move; visited Rosswell & Hoopeston & Alvin 3 wk ago.	
B15	1918 Aug 31	Christian Evangel	SP	Receipt for 1 yr subscription	Postcard
B15	1937 Oct 18	Ethel Wilmoth & Family at Lexington	Aunt SP	Will send a clipping from Pantagraph; hopes nothing like this ever happens again; hopes Phillip (sic) feels much better now; no corn husked here today; plowing garden & potato patch which benefitted from rain; mysteriously a sack of apples appeared at doorstep Sunday while family was away; hen hid nest & hatched 4 chicks Saturday.	Enclosed handwritten remembrance of "Our Little Darling" Edmund Turley Patton, SP's son

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B16	----- -- --	Molly Gossard	SD at Hudson	Having fun with George; went to exhibition one night & had fun; asks SD if Stewart Denning kept company with her the day he & Pam Story came up to Mr. Taflinger's; verso shows tally in different handwriting of hours worked for Mrs. S.	
B16	-----	Postmarked Gridley, IL	SD at Hudson	Love poem to a friend	
B16	---- Apr 25	G.W. Murphy at Hudson	Miss Mary Daugherty at Hudson	Attended on sabbath morning & evening service & sabbath school; in evening encountered school mate last seen 5 yr ago – Andy Comings who works as carpenter.	
B16	---- Sep 23 postmark	Salome J. Andrick at Philippi WV	Friend SD at Hudson	Tom Baker buried, “por” John Daugherty came for funeral & visited Uncle Hiram & Grandmother Pitman; Aunt Jan D will get photos of herself & Pieter & baby to send; tell John & Nanan D to get photos taken together to send; H is away from home now; Samuel D Andrick will send their photos when taken but no photographer available; sympathizes on death of SD's baby brother?; visited “Uncle hanson Dockerty”; Aunt “dark berry” & “por” John send their love; John wants George to come home; John walks around house with cane; visited Grandmother and Uncle Jacob & gave him 5 pears; Grandmother & Uncle Jacob were cutting apples.	
B16	----- Dec 10	Thomas Hupp at Ludlow	Cousin John Daugherty at Hudson	“Daugherties” has stopped writing & Thomas wonders if John knows if they are still alive; wants to see photo of Nancy's fellow; during his visit, Aunt said she would come to WV but hasn't, nor have SD & John & Harrison; wants them to come at holiday time & Emma will return with them; has 125 bushels and more to husk; Lizzie is working out about 5 miles from home; “aister [oyster?] supper next week at home and wishes they would come; hope enough snow falls for sleighing.	
B16	---- -- --	Mary A. Daugherty at Muscatine	SD with notes to Nannie D. &	Crisamus [Christmas]: got a present, attended dance with 143 others including ladies dressed in silks; attending school; no scrubbing to do in kitchen d/t carpeting; milks	

			Cousin Harras D.	2 cows & the one just freshened has only 3 good teats & other w/be freshened in April. To Cousin Nannie: Sorry to hear that Manuel was about crazy; declares Nannie & Willy an exceptionally good-looking couple & wishes them to visit. To Cousin Harras [Harrison]: wish you were here.	
B16	187? Dec 5	Idora Taflinger at McLean	Cousin SD	Has good school teacher; just finished shucking 3-4 loads of corn; mother troubled by rumors of Uncle [Jad?] being dead; went to Waynesville last night & Willey went with Mary Ellen Story and Warren Marshall went with Mary Gossard; Ben Shaffer & "Sinthy" Story are dating; Mr. Duncan & Bob are here; have 3 cows to milk but only yield one bucket as one is old; Frank has 6 sheep.	Includes label for "Pure Linen 8/10"
B16	---- Aug 1 postmark	Nannie [Young]	Sister Sadie [SP]	Finished harvesting oats; Mary helped me cook; tell Petty Nannie will give her a new little chicken to replace the one that died; please bring quilting frames when you visit; lost 2 ducks & 1 turkey recently; Johnny is helping Manas Troyer harvest; going to Hostgler to eat ice cream tonight.	
B16	---- Feb 10	---- Postmarked Hudson	Sister SP	Baby is sick but better today; please come as soon as you can.	
B16	[1879??] Mar 16	Libbie Hupp at Ludlow	Cousin SP	Thomas' mother moved 18 mi away last wk; baby boy is flourishing; few sleigh rides this winter d/t cold weather; Lizzie visited yesterday & continues to live nearby; trying to sew rags into new carpet when baby doesn't interrupt; finished a wreath of hair flowers for herself & starting one for Lizzie & would like some of SP's hair.	
B17	---			Misc genealogical research documents used by staff.	

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