

Sigourney, Ia.

Aug 28 - 99

Dear Sister

Well, I got here yesterday about 3 P.M. and read your letter but they had all read it before I got here so I wasn't the first. Garrie, Lelia and "us" drove over. We intended to come Sat. but couldn't get our laundry. Found all the folks well and having a good time and was indeed glad to see all of them. It seems just as much like home as it ever did only it seems kind of funny to see the rest of them around.

We went to church last night and saw lots of folks I knew and had a good time.

Mart and I went to town Sat. night and got a melon and we had ice cream. I didn't know if you could read that other letter or not. I wrote it in about five minutes and am not taking much more for this one but will try and write it a little plainer.

Pearl stopped here when we came and the rest went out to McCormacks. Aunt M invited Pearl up to see her but she never said anything about me coming here. ~~Ha Ha. She was surprised.~~ I guess she has been here for two or three weeks. Pearl stopped at Uncle Johns' last night and is going to stay with them. We had an awful hot drive yesterday. Started about 8-30.

Everything looks natural as can be around here. Have been invited several places already.

I will send you a dollar. You can pay me back as before. This finds all well and enjoying ourselves immensely. Wish you were here to help us out. Would like to see you awfully well. Will write more the next time. Write soon.

Chas. H. Elliott

Mis Lucia Elliot  
Vinton  
Iowa

Lock Box 20

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alpha    june 6    1901

Dear Doughter Lucia

your welcom leter recived yesterday    was glad to eyr from you meny  
thanks for the money    i wil get a scren dore for front dore and get me a  
dres to    can get a calicow dres    i can make it myself    thare geting  
redy for graduation friday evening    thare making mamy a white dres    she  
is going to get flowrs for them    they wil all bee drest in white    vira  
as bin eyr this after noon elping lydia make mamis white dres    lyda gets  
more than sh can do now vira says    thee girls wil right wen thay get  
time    thay are sow buisy sowing    ave not got thare ouse clening all  
don yet    John and vira was down to violy yesterday to a weding or a  
doble weding    gohn grifen and sady was mared yesterday evening    Mrs  
Glas was bured yesterday fore noon    dide monday night    i found that  
colar    wil send it in leter    it raind yesterday after noon and thunderd  
and ail as larg as ickry nuts    thundred and raind all night    wil make  
things gro    cliford is such a nice boy    he likes to stay with me  
he says    this is my house    i asked im if he would send aunt lucia a  
kis    he sayed    no he didnt ave any kises to send you    he can talk  
plain    he goes to sunday school with arin    he cryed last sunday his  
pa ad to bring im home    then he sayde he woldent cry any more    he  
wants to go    wel it is nine aclock    wil go to bed and rite in morning

friday morning    its col and nice    if you avent reten to aunt martha  
yet ask her if she cant com out this sumer or if she wil com and stay  
with us this winter    thare going to ave lots of cheres    thay are geting  
ripe now    wish you could see them and elp pick them    thare isent meny  
aples eyr    lots of gosberys

wil close with love to all    from your loving

Mother

right as usuel

idia anderson is working for Mr davids folks

Note:    mamis white dress is Maymie Calkins graduation dress.  
cliford and arin are Clifford and Irene McDowell, children of Clara  
Elliott McDowell.

Lucia Elliot  
grinnel  
Iowa

care W.W. Elliot 1009 elm Street

alpha feb 26 1906

Mis Lucia Elliot

Dear Doughter

i wil drop you a few lines should reten soner i rote to aunt  
Martha yesterday i got a leter from her satday says she as not bin  
wel though not down sick she wanted to know how netey was i thought  
maby she wants you to com as son as you can wen willard can go with you  
if he can go and the rodes are very bad now henry goes to woodhul on  
train he says it is bad rodes he cant drive a horse i found your  
buten out dores ware we throw wash water out wil send it in this leter  
i supose you are washin today it rained saturday fore noon afternon it  
snowed nerely all knight it is all melted away it is turmin colder  
we were over to claras a weak ago yesterday thay ave bin sick are  
beter now clara is goin to com over and get her carpet rags that you  
sode for her is goin to way them is goin to pay you for the sowin of  
them i wasted today it looks like stormin Mrs gonson past away last  
tuesday mornin bered thursday ave you got any rushin yet for your wast  
i ave not bin down town cince you went away willard is grate-uncle  
your grate-aunt and nety is grate aunt efa as got a girl born yesterday  
stala stoped in this morning Mrs boid is nurse edna is stay there  
gohn is aven a ard time doin chores he has got now wan to elp im  
as all to dou im self he says thee mud is sow deep he cant ardley get  
around wil close want to send this don to post office with stela

right son  
from Mother

Note: netey is Nettie Elliott, wife of Willard Elliott.  
efa is Effie Calkins Timberlake. The baby girl is Alice Timberlake.  
stala is Stella Calkins Carlson.  
gohn is John Calkins, husband of Vira Elliott Calkins

Lucile Elliott Rogers

Box 59  
Alpha, Illinois

Miss Lucia Elliott  
Grinnell  
Iowa

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Alpha May 6 1906

Dear wans all

Dear Lucia

i was sow glad to eyr from you and nety you didnt say where aunt martha was is she in sigourney we are all wel mama and staly came brought som ice crem i set by the fire and ate it it as bin sow could today ave not got ouse all clenod yet goin to wash carpet this weak got setin room clenod up stares all clenod Charles room he gos to wodhul on train asent got no horse now wil get one this weak that is what he is thinkin clara and the rest are wel Charley aberson works thare he takes irin clifard tou sunday church i washed your laces patrens wil send them to you this weak ave you got anything new this spring ave you got a new hat i think it wil bee alright for you to work in a glove fackery every body sends thar best wishes to you the peach trees are full of bloom cherys are ful of bloom not meny aples are you comin to the wedin with aunt martha coms don you know mamy is to get mared in june it wil bee a big time thare henry goes with pebey thare wil bee another wedin som time i dont know wen it is ner to nine oclock henry gets home wan or to aclock thee kitiy is al thee compney ive got it foloes me all arond sleeps on thee fot of bed Mary dou ave a good time hangin may baskets it is lovly knight moon shins sow bright netey ave you got your anse clenin don ave you got garden made Willard dont how out neteys selery plants this year i dont know what we wil do yet henry is thinkin of getin the mail rout dont know what he wil do if he dont get it he wants to get a place in iowa if he can thare is nothin to do in alpha if we cold sel out and go some place we can rent out thare or bye if we can sel this Charley wold go with us thay want to get away thay cant make a livin on that place pay thare rent wel train as com in nine aclock

from your lovin Mother  
right soon

are you all comin out to the wedin mamy hary stits

Note: mama and staly are Maymie and Stella Calkins.

Mary hanging May baskets is Mary Elliott (Crabb)

I think the Charley is Charles McDowell, husband of Clara Elliott McDowell. They did not go to Sigourney. irin and clifard are Irene and Clifford McDowell, children of Charles and Clara McDowell.

Netey is Nettie Elliott, wife of Willard Elliott.

Lucile Elliott Rogers

Miss Lucia Elliott  
Grinnell  
Iowa

c/o W.W. Elliott

alpha august 23 1906

Dear Doughter Lucia

your letter recived wil ancer as we are all ways glad to get your  
leters and eyr that you are doin sow wel and ave nice time i was  
down to viras yesterday thay drove over to Charles in afternoon to see  
thee steam shovels work thare workin now on thee hil whare thee rail rode  
crosses whare go down to charles it was very hot workin thare yesterday  
and is ard on teems thee rode wil bee shut of from travel today clara  
as got a man and is woman bordin thare clara is not wel thee woman elps  
to do thee work ave got a baby six months ould wen they get that hil  
graded don they are goin back thare is lots of men thare at work thay  
ave cars whare the men do thare coockin thare supper we over to dicks  
effis sunday wen wil powers was eyr effia is ome today to elp them with  
thare work thay are all tired out vira was over thare elped them wen  
thay thrashd and elped mary stackhous and stits they ave lots of peches  
john sold for or five bushels this weak they wil ave lots of them goin  
to send som to mama &haray thare getin along nicely adna is goin to  
right you they ave meny to right to wel we thought we ware goin to  
sel out to Mr. timberlic thay dont want to bye noe sow ges we wil af  
to kep it awhile yet aunt martha comin back in september i think i think  
if we sel wil go to sigurney if aunt martha wants charles there i think  
he can do as wel thare as any place as he dosent want to envest in masin  
buisnes he says he likes farmin as travlin with teem wold bee por  
busnis for him i dont know what we wil do yet wen you can spare som  
money it wil bee welcom as it is ard for me the burel expences are not  
pad yet if we do sel thare is dets to bee paid out of it thare is  
now stedy work eyr thee broom shop at woodhul as not bin workin mutch  
cince forth and thare goin to move to peora gambel as started to work  
is not workin this weak henry as worked some in thrashin wil work  
at gambel wen thay start up again it wil not bee stedy work henry is  
goin with phebey yet i think thay wil get mared some time. wil close  
as it is half past ten henry wil bee ome for diner yes i ave stayed alone  
some knights im not afraid to stay alone onley it is lonsome mary  
stackhous came in last knight stayed til ten came in with roy georg  
and the boy war gon i let her rede your leter said she liked to rede  
your leters she got a letter from aunt martha we cand seventy cans  
of cheres twenty rasberys eight black berys made some buters and gels  
our pech are not ripe yet bee next month wil ave about a busel john  
thay gave us a peck ome with henry last night im goin to bake pich pie  
for diner wish you cold com to diner

from your lovin mother  
love to all  
right soon

Note: I think the Charles is Charles McDowell, husband of Clara Elliott  
McDowell. mama andharay are Harry and Maymie Calkins Stitt.  
I think this Charles is Charles Henry Elliott who may move to Sigourney;  
She speaks of Charles McDowell as Charles, so I am not sure.

Lucile Elliott Rogers

from Box 59  
Alpha, Ill.

Miss Lucia Elliott  
Grinnell  
Iowa

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alpha Ill sept 13 1906

Dorter Lucia

your letter redived with money in it meny thanks we gave it to (illegible) henry saya it is forty five five dolars and that pays ten on it aunt huldai was heyr wan day last weak she spoke of that note she is wantin it she says she as bin doin sow mutch reparin don to her house and as wen in dett she got new flore on that west porch and painted don and it has cost her sow mutch she is worin a del i put up tamatoes yesterday gohns folks ave sold about forty dolars worth of peaches ave seventy qurts cand and made buter dride a meny made peach pickels thay gave me some to can hour peaches ar getin ripe thare smol though i wil can som and make buter and dry som of them charles is workin at railrode yet works knights is lockin after thee lights he goes to sleepe after it gets day light in the after noon digs is potoes and chores arond he goes to work seven a clock in evening that ave a man and is wife bordin thare he works at knight it is cool today it as rained som place we ware over to stackhous sunday for diner henry works at woodhul now grapes are ripe pickin meny of them i wil make som buter and can som of them it takes all the time putin up fruit we ave over wan hundred qurts now though we can yous it all bee fore next fall every body is wel onley lots of work i ave got goods for dreses and under whare vira got me a new dres wen thay went to galsburg vira went with stackhous mary got her a dres goods paide a dolar a yarde for it lydia is thare this weak sowin for mary stack then is goin to sow for effie then wil bee at viras weak after next sowin for her lucia you wil ave to get you a new cote this winter and new winter wasts dres your self up good for winter wether sow you wil bee warm drest get you good over shoea new flanal skirts sow you can bee comforble edney says she is tired putin up fruit don eyr from aunt Martha last we herd she was goin to start about thee midel of october thinks of stopin of to see mama (Maymie) and hary stit i think she wil setel down wen she gets back dont know whare she wil stop asnt bin to see eds Elliott yet thay dont live far from grinell you and willard mite go to see them or thay could come to see Willards and the rest i ave got a quilt in for clara it dont get mutch don to it ave bin in three weeks now it isnt alf out yet though i wil get more time wen peaches are gon and beens gathered in it is getin diner time wil close

with love to all of you from your lovin

Mother  
right son

keep your self drest warm you ought to get you a cape to ware now wen it is cool mornins

Note: Charles is Charles McDowell, husband of Clara Elliott McDowell.

Lucile Elliott Rogers

eds Elliott is Edmond Elliott, son of Lemuel Elliott.

Mis Lucia Elliot  
galesburg  
Ill  
256 north kelling st.

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Alpha November 5 1907

Dear Doughter Lucia

your welcom leter came this mornin was glad to eyr from you don seem you make anouf to pay you to stay thare i suppose that you don ave enouf to get along with or not i wish you cold ave som of our frount we ave sow mutch of it in thee selar if i cold send you som i wold like to i cant go unil i get Mrs. bakers quilt don then i want to com & stay awhile i can take som frute with me i can bake you som bread take me i ave paid for to months rent ave got som coal yesterday henry came this morning brought me som wood sow i can keep warm it as bin cold all day don you ave coal to burn in your etin stove you ave to cary water up stares if you need any dishes i can bring som with me wen i com you right and tel me what you are needin it must keepe you busy to do your washin in eavings don wash down stares ednay went to the burgh on saturday evening on the fare stayed over sunday didnt they com to see you did mamy see you she went to abgiton friday to see mother stitt i avent seen any of them cince friday i avent any visit mama Mary stackhous went to galve on her visit saturday cam back monday i got a leter from henry i wil send it to you you can keep it til i com Mrs Mc person is prety wel she is picin her a quilt she cam in this after noon was askin about you how your getin along it is nine oclock wil close for this time

from your lovin Mother

right soon

tel me if i should bring som dishes and knives and forks

Note: mama and mamy are Mayme Calkins.  
ednay is Edna Calkins.

(Postmarked)  
New Windsor, Ill  
May 16, 1911

Miss Lucia Elliott  
Sigourney  
Iowa

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New Windsor  
May 14 1911

Dear Doughter Licia

how are you all how is aunt martha Lucia dont worry over that you  
ow me pay thee dences i can get some money of John i am goin to alpha  
next week clara is goin to get her a hat i wil stay with irin while  
she gose i dont think it is your liver you ave over don your self  
clenin house i dont think you ort to wash rest up a while baby is  
growin thee warm wether is ard on im it raind eyr sunday irien  
clifford went to alpha saturday got ome monday knight ope you can  
com out there is goin to be lots of fruit this year charleys are  
goin to move to propestown this fal it wil bee near thenis goin to  
quit farmin is goin to sel watkins goods thee man was eyr yesterday  
Clara as got seventy litle chickens

from lovin Mother

i am wel my ands ave got wel  
right son i wold like to see you

Note: irin is Irene McDowell Johnson, daughter of Clara Elliott McDowell.



Miss Lucia Elliott  
Galesburg  
Ill

82 Fulton St

Sigourney March 9 1913

Miss Lucia Elliott Galesburg Ill

Dear Niece I will Write you A few lines this Butiful Sabeth Afternoon  
I rec a letter from you Some time ago but you Know how hard it is for Me  
to Write and I have a good Deal of it to do if I would Do it Some  
letters I do not Answer but I try to write once a year to the Moast of  
my Peopel I rec a letter From May Burges last Week I hadnt wretten to  
her for Two years but I am going To answer it for she said She would  
Imbroyder me scarve for my Dining Table If I answered her letter and I  
Suarley Will Would you

Well Lucia you suarley have had a time in getting A place to sute  
you as Moved so Menney Times Do you like Keeping House Better then  
Boarding or is it Cheepper how Much do Make a Week and do you Like it  
Wall Lucia you aught to practis your Shorthand And Tipe Writing evry  
Evening So you Will Keep in practies That if you Should get a chance  
To go in to an office you Would Be reddy for it And it Would Not hurt  
you to take a few Lessones in Writing I couldnt read the letter Charles  
got and Willard or Netta couldnt very well and Maybe you cant Read this  
When you Write Me you use the Tipe Writer I can read that Your Mother  
wanted to Know if I had moved I did not know that I was Going to Moove  
and Whare Am I going this place is Good enough for Me I Am not feeling  
veary wall Now I have got the Rheumittis in My Back and all over Me  
Phoebe and the Children Are better Willards Family Are about as usual  
Nettie is as bussy as ever Now I hope you will answer this Soon on  
the Tipe writer and I Wish you all the good things of life and would like  
to see you ever so much

with love and best Wishes to you and your Mother

your Aunt Mrs W P  
Mc Millan

Mrs W.P. McMillan  
Sigourney, Iowa

Miss Lucia Elliott  
262 N Cedar St  
Galesburg  
Ill.

Sigourney Iowa  
Oct 31 1913

Miss Lucia Elliott Galesburg, Ill

Dear Niece

I will write you a few lines this morning If I never do anything else I Went to the D.A.R. Meeting Last Eve and We had a Hallowene Party before the Meeting Mrs Page Adell and Edna Were all Dressed like Ghosts anda lot of others We had a Fine time had Pumpkin Pie and Jingerbred we had a fine time I was so glad When you got out of the Kitchen the Kitchen is all right But you have Such hard Placies I thought perhaps if you didnt get a place There you would come out here for awhile and see what you could find but I am Truly glad you have got a good place I styed at Oscars last knight the Knight before at Charleses Monday at Aunt (illegible) So you see I dont get tired of Staying in one place I guess I will stay at hom to Night alone. Unless you come and Stay with Me I wish you could I am going to Burlington soon dont Know just when - but I wish the Wether (Wold) Keep nice For a while I am going to Burlington Well I have written to Burlington twice so I guess you Will Know I am going Pheobe Babes are still coughing the rest are well I am Having my Bedford cord Dress Made over but I sent the wast to Claria it was to small for Me but Mrs Wells said there will be anough come out of the skirt to fit the Wast but it is all right I will get something els and I hope Clara can get her a Wast I will Get some Silk and Make me a Silk Wast how do you think that will do

Well hoping you Will Keep Well this Winter And have good Work  
let me hear

From you soon

love to All the friends

Aunt Martha

Willards folks are all Well

Mrs Mary Porter  
Alpha ill

Mis Lucia Elliot  
Galesburgh  
illinois

262 N Cedar

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Alpha ill  
dec 12 1913

Dear Doughter Lucia

i recived your ever welcom letter tuesday with wan dolar in it and thee cards they are nice Christmas cards meny thanks to you i think you will get everything you nede i will be glad that you can get them Charley Clara Irien Cliford arvey came yesterday Clary came to get her dres fited a lidy was eyr soin for thee girls clara a iren as got them new cots they sent of for them got them mofs to match thare coats thare black fur like your cote i got a letter from henry yesterday he said thee children ave got cold ave got the upin cough ~~wors~~ ~~than~~ ~~they~~ ade it at first i got a leter from mary they all got a leter they was all wel aunt martha as not got ome yet she went to see ama marys sister that was such a bad day that went don thare it will be beter for you to go som other time are you comin for christmas maybe charls wil com i want to go don to marys after christmas John & tom are goin to galesburgh next weak or before thay go ome tom & John are goin to Charles next weak thay wil com back thee same day i think Adna is goin don with them wel adnay is washin i must go and elp her though tom is elpin her it is sow cold for me to bee out i ges i beter stay in the hose clary gave fifty cents yesterady pay for knitin arveys stockings i get to knit another pare it is warmer today tom is elpin with thee washin don ave apels to ete i ope you can get you another dark waist sow you wont afta ware that wan al thee time ave you got your under skirt yet i dont like to ask vira for any money i wil get my rubers with that dolar you sent i wil send som of those cards to henrys children i af to get som stamps it is elaven a clock thee mail man comes for thee mail about too aclock i am picin a tenis fnal quilt for efia ave got im ner al picid i ges thare goin to quilt it for her we war al to viras for diner sonday this is al for this time

from lovin Mother

right son

i wil go don elp stala with thee diner this is a nice day do you ave exercsises thare for christmas you wil want to bee thare

Note: Charley, Clara, Irien, Cliford and arvey are Charles and Clara Elliott McDowell and their children, Irene, Clifford and Harvey.

Adna is Edna Calkins. Efia is Effie Calkins Timberlake.

(Postmarked)  
Sigourney, Iowa  
May 30 1914

Miss Lucia Elliott  
Galesburg  
Illinois  
153 E North St.

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sigourney iowa  
may 28 1914

Dear Doughter Lucia

i recived your welcom letter thee other day ave bin thinkin of  
anceurn it we ware all eyr at henerys for diner yesterday ad a nice  
time we ware all at aunt marthas for diner sonday they dide ave a  
nice time every body is wel dave & stala are goin ome friday every  
thing is lookin wel it lucks so mutch like ome eyr at henrys i like  
it at willards place straberys ar not ripe yet it is sow drye ade a  
lite shour yesterday it dident last long the baby as got light bron ayr  
is curley i think she is pritty is cutin teeth burnice new me is the  
same as she was i think they ar getin a loung all right i am stayin  
eyr this weak everything is all rite my thare is sow meny new houses  
goin up you woldent know thee place it wil bee all right if you can  
spare wan dolar I want to send for som of that tonic that vira gave me  
i am glad that you got to see vira sunday wil close for this time  
right as yousel

from lovin  
Mother

opin to eyr from you son

this letter dident get of yet it locks like rain henry is very —  
thare makin straberys boxes dave and stala are goin this mornin wil  
stop of at molyn wil get ome sunday knight or saturday mornin  
thay nede rain

right son

you wil be glad wen thay get throe clenin ouse

Note: dave and stala are Dave and Stella Calkins Carlson.  
the baby is Martha Elliott Green  
burnice is Bernice Elliott Martin  
- Lucile Elliott Rogers

thursday 27

this leter asent got to thee post office yet i didnt ave it rote  
yesterday mornin wen henry went to town you wil be lockin for it  
henry and phebe are workin in thee cabage henry is plowin phebe is  
hoin thee cabage he may go to town this afternon dont worry it is  
clody a cold i avent erd any from willard i want to go don thare  
saturday how are you ope your wel as this leves all eyr  
right son as yousel i send you some flours

goodby

Mrs M A McMillan  
Sigourney, Iowa

Miss Lucia Elliott  
Galesburg  
Ill  
153 E. North St.

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Sigourney, Iowa  
June 28 1914

Miss Elliott Galesburg Ill

Dear Niece I dont know of any one I would like to see better than your own dear self why cant you come out for the forth I wish you would come and suprise the folks if you will come and stay with me Make your headquarters with me I will Pay your Railroad fare back I want to see you so bad with love

Aunt Martha

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Mrs W P McMillan  
Sigourney, Iowa

Miss Lucia Elliott  
153 E. North St.  
Galesburg, Ill

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July 1st 1914

Dear Lucia,

I received your letter a few minutes ago, and will send you the money to come with. You come Friday because we will have a big day the Fourth, if impossible to come return draft.

With Love,

Aunt Martha

(Postmarked)  
Sigourney, Iowa  
Aug 20, 1914

Miss Lucia Elliott  
153 E. North St.  
Galesburg,  
Ill.

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sigourney iowa  
august 20 1914

Der Dorter Lucia

i will write you a few lines in ancer to your leter reciv Monday  
i am as you see Henry is leter is goin up town i cant right mutch  
it rand eyr wednsday cloudy all day and in thee mornin is clodey this  
morn henry got a leter from vira she is beter gorg stackouse as  
another bad spel wil close as henry is redy to go thee son is shin

from your  
Mother

rite as  
you see

i am at henrys now

(Postmarked)  
Sigourney, Iowa  
Sept 2, 1914

Miss Lucia Elliott  
153 E. North St.  
Galesburg,  
Ill.

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sigourney  
sept 2 1914

Dear daughter Lucia

i recived your welcom letter Tuesday i was sory to eyr of your bad elth i think you ave taken cold a it settled in your teeth it was so cold eyr after thee rain you ort to ave somthing arond youin thee cold wind youll get to warm then coldel make those hot flashes you get som of that salve like that you sent me it wil elp your brakin out & put it on your fase at knight ave an cloth to lay your face on or rap it arond you as to not get the salve on thee shets it is gresey put it on your feete i feel wored about you you must take of your self dont go out to every thing at knight til your teeth gets & gums gets wel keep your money you may nede it dont get that i spok of pheba dosnt wnt you to get anything for burnes you wil nede your money you must not get any thing Mary and irien i wish i adent of spoke of you getin those aprons they wil cost to mutch wen you wil nede it self it wold bee difrent if was wel you wil nede all your money thare are so meny to get birth presents for i feel wored about vira thare avin a ard time thare with everything vira worys so how is stackouse getin a long is mame stayin at ome pheby is goin don to elp netty some the moths got in to phibeys wardrobe got in to her wolen dreses ate oles in thee skirts thare angin in thee ward robe she dident think of them getin in thare don you eyr from aunt Martha she asent com ome yet i wil right to vira this weak i avent erd from irien yet thare is a good bit of sicknes arond i am getin stronger i washt out some of my cloths monday with phebe i feel so mutch beter wen i am workin around i cant sit arond all day i think i wil go to willards the last of the weak wil close as thare redy to go to ton

from a lovin  
Mother

wel i dident send this leter pebe wants to right wen she gets back she tuck thee children with her it sems so stil with out them it is getin warmer dont you nede a shoul to put arond you wen you are goin around in thee house you nede your money i wil close wishin you fiel beter dont get those things that i spoke of Thay dont want you to send any thing thay say

Note: Mary is Mary Elliott. irien is Irene McDowell. pheby is the wife of Charles Henry Elliott. netey is the wife of Willard Elliott.

This is the last letter I have that was written by Mary Urmson Elliott Porter. She died September 20, 1914, at the home of her son Willard in Sigourney. She is buried in Oxford cemetery, southwest of Alpha, Illinois.



From 15 Rice Street  
Newton Center, Mass.

(Postmarked)  
Newton Center, Mass.  
March 20, 1915

Mrs. W.P. McMillan  
Sigourney,  
Iowa

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March 20

Dear Aunt Martha,

My mother passed away on Thursday, March 18th. It was her 71st birthday. She has been very ill for several months and suffered greatly.

Yours Sincerely,  
Mary E. Ratcliffe Holt  
(or Holz)

Elizabeth Augusta (Fowles) Radcliffe  
b. 18 March 1844  
d. 18 March 1915  
Daughter of Lucinda Elliott Fowles

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(POSTCARD)

Miss Lucia Elliott  
Galesburg  
Illinois  
153 E. North st.

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Sigourney Ia  
Mar 23 - 15

Dear Sister

Aunt Martha got word the other day that Lizzie Ratcliffe had died Mar 20 on her 71st birthday

Henry

Mary E. Elliott  
Sigourney, Iowa

Miss Lucia E. Elliott  
153 E. North St.  
Galesburg, Ill.

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Sigourney, Ia.  
June 15, 1915

Dear Aunt Lucia,

We received your letter last week and was glad to hear from you. Yes, the suit was \$12.50. The more I wear it the better I like it. Every one thinks I have the cutest in town.

The girls came Wed. on 7:30. Effie and Ruth and Alice came too. Effie and the children are going home tomorrow. I wish they could have stayed longer.

Uncle Sherburn came tonight on 6:30 train. We are all going over to Aunt Martha but Papa, Momma and Edna and they are going to go to Lodge. I wish you could be here while the girls are here. It would be so nice.

I guess when the girls go home I will go with them. Momma and Papa said I could. I am crazy to go. I will get to see you all soon, maybe.

Momma and Papa send their love.

Goodbye. Write soon

Lovingly

Mary E.

The girls said "Hello".

Note: Mary is Mary Elliott (Crabb), daughter of Willard and Nettie Elliott.  
Effie is Effie Calkins Timberlake, Ruth and Alice are her daughters.

From Mrs. J.R. Shaul  
815 S Gertrude St.  
Burlington, Iowa

Mrs. W.P. McMillan  
Sigourney  
Iowa

"Vira"

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815 S. Gertrude St.  
Burlington , Ia.  
July 31 - 18

Dear Vira,

Yesterday I received a letter from Edna & thought I would write you a few lines. I am very sorry to hear Aunt Martha is so poorly. After I got Ednas' card I went to Ottumwa (hospital) July 18 & Aunt Martha had left there the night before and I was so disappointed for I wanted to see her so badly & of course would not have gone to Ottumwa if I hadn't gotten word she was there. I came back home the same night. The nurses at the hospital liked her so well and said she was so nice & so clean. I was in hopes she would get down to see me this summer, she wrote me in Feb. she was coming. Well, Aunt Martha and I have had lots of good times together. How are you and what seems to be the matter? Edna said you were not well. & how is Mrs. Stackhouse, too?

Say, Vira when you go home couldn't you come this way and stop off here, both of you? How long do you think of staying there? I wish you would write and let me know how she is.

Give Aunt Martha my love and lots of it & tell her I'd like to see her. Will have to close for I want to give this to the postman & its about time for him.

Will be glad to hear from you.

Sincerely, your friend

Myrtie

I'll address this to Aunt Martha. If you stop off here let me know so I can meet you. Stop if you can.

From 807 E 1st St.  
Galesburg, Ill.

Miss Lucia Elliott  
Sigourney  
Iowa

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Galesburg, Ill  
Dec. 4, 1918

Miss Lucia Elliott  
Sigourney, Ia.

Dear Cuz,

Rec'd letters O.K. & do forgive me Lucia for neglecting to answer the 1st one. But I got it in the afternoon that Elliotts mother was married and after I was so busy & have had so much company ever since. But Elliott hasn't had time to pack the typewriter until today & he packed it & sent it. By freight, I am sending the way bill. Elliott has been on 81 & 82 to Clinton Iowa & that is such a hard job that it seemed when he was home he was in bed. They put him on the mine pool on Sunday so he is home more. He is in bed now expecting a call anytime.

I will send that "Forget It" that Elliott brought home. I got it copied off. How is Mary? Did she have the influenza? Robert and I had it. I didn't have it very bad but was in bed 9 days. But it took me a month to gain my strength back. I had the carpet out of my bedroom everything tore up Maude Riley come down to help me clean house took my curtains down & washed them on Monday and she took her bed Monday P.M. about 1:30 we called the doctor about 4:P.M. & then after I had set up with her all Monday night Hardly left her bed all night long. The Dr. came out Tues. A.M. & said he would take her to the Hospital. Then I started to take it Tues. night & had the Dr. Wed. night. Then Elliott had to lay off for about ten days Lost about \$75.00 A high priced nurse I had.

We papered, painted the floors and varnished the woodwork in bedroom this fall. And I painted the floors of the front room and dining room. Just got my house cleaned in time for the wedding. Yes, Lucia, we done the best we could for Elliotts Mother. I know she appreciated it & we certainly enjoyed doing it & I feel now that we have paid her back for what she done for us when we were married. I think she has a fine man. He seems to be & they seem so happy. Just so it continues so & I think it will. Robert and sister are well only colds. I wish you could see them They are a mischievious pair now. Sister talks everything. Sister Sadie is here with me now. She has very poor health & had to take a leave from the Tel. office. She is getting better. It is her stomach and nerves.

Well, Lucia you didn't get to come on your vacation this summer. When are you coming out. You must come now as it will seem so nice to go to Elliotts' mothers & and seem something like it used to be, in her own home. How is Aunt Martha? Give her and Vira & the rest my Best Regards. Hoping this finds you well -

With Love  
Carrie and All

Note: Enclosed in the letter was a little note,

Dear Aunt Lucia  
Come and see me.  
Bobbie

Hudson 2 - 14 '19

Dear Beckie:

I received your letter you so kindly sent me at 9 P.M. last evening and thought to answer it today in time for the noon train, but the storm is too bad for me to venture out, so will send it to the post office by Frank after dinner. If I had known it was going to blizzard I would have had this ready for him to mail this morning, altho he leaves the house about 7.30 - I am very sorry Aunt Martha had to endure pain and suffering the last years of her long and useful life. I was thinking of her the other day and thought she must have passed away before this, as I never heard any news of her. The last time I heard from her was from Lizzie, was Aunt Martha was failing and it was difficult for her to answer letters. I was surprised to hear of her death, also, she had remembered Alice in her will. I know both Alice and Ray will appreciate it. I am sorry the storm stopped you from coming to Hudson but there are pleasant days ahead. I will close with remembrance to all from

Sincerely yours

Effie

Alices Address is      Red Owl  
                                 Meade Co.  
                                 So. Dak.

Note: Beckie is Rebecca Millett Fowles, wife of J.A. "Gus" Fowles, of Canton, S. Dakota. Gus was the son of Lucinda Elliott Fowles, the sister of Martha Elliott McMillan.

Effie is Effie Gardnier Fowles, the wife of Henry Herbert Fowles. He was another son of Lucinda Elliott Fowles. Henry and "Beckie" lived in Hudson, S.Dakota

Canton Feb 14 - 1919

Dear Lucia

We were very sorry to hear dear Aunt Martha has gone and we shall see her no more I had hoped we might see her once more but she has lived a long life and if she could not have good health it is better that she did not have to live and suffer. She was a good woman and has just gone home to her father. It was very kind of her to remember Ray. It will be a great comfort to him to have a little money of his own as now he is not able to earn any. When he sold beads he made quite a lot but his Dr. bills has been heavy the last twelve years and he lives in a wheeled chair. Of course we never let him want for any thing but a man likes money of their own. I am glad you have been with Aunt and we know she had every care and comfort. I hope we may see you and Vira again some time soon, wish you could both come and see us. Thanking you for your letter. With love from all

Mrs. J. A. Fowles

Canton, S.D.

Note: The above letter was from Mrs. Jacob Augustus "Gus" Fowles, the daughter-in-law of Lucinda Elliott Fowles. Lucinda was the sister of Martha Elliott McMillan.