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Mrs. C.H.Elliott  
Box 314  
Sigourney  
Iowa

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ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND  
MARYLAND

Sun. morn  
April 11

Dear Mom,

I thought I would drop you a few lines. I got a letter from Jim the other day. He sent a picture of him and it looked nice. We got paid Thursday so I will send some money home some time this week. I was going to send a \$50 money order yesterday but the post office was closed.

Say, Mom, would you send me Chucks and Luciles address. We had a parade yesterday morning. It was so cold we had to wear our overcoats. It has been pretty cold out here for the last week.

Say, Mom, would you send me my blue western shirt and my boots that Marion is wearing and my big belt that he is wearing, and my blue overalls that I always wore. The shirt is upstairs under some clothes on the chair by my bed, and if you can find my light brown coat that I bought when I was in Nebraska. Marion probably knows what it looks like. If he doesn't know ask Don Thompson. He was with me when I bought it. I would like to have them to wear once in a while. It looks like it might rain or do something. It will probably rain as cold as it is. I ran into a sergeant in the marines from down around Ottumwa. He is in the same class I am in.

Well, Mom, I can't think of anything else to write so I guess I will close for now. Send the clothes as soon as you can. Write when you can.

Love

Davie

21 June 1948  
Yokohama, Japan

Dear Mom and Dad

I didn't have anything to do this afternoon so I thought I'd better write you a letter and let you know I'm O.K.

It has been raining like cats and dogs for the past few days but it has quit for now. It will probably start tho in a little bit.

I tried to print some pictures but all I could find was printing paper and that isn't any good cause I need enlarging paper. I'll get some tomorrow and print them.

We have been practicing for the 4th of July parade in Tokyo. It is two weeks from today but I can't understand why they are starting so early. Last year we didn't start until about four days before the parade and we did just as well as we will do this year. I am going to try and get out of it but I doubt it if I will be able to.

I suppose Foke had a fine time while he was home. He told me he would write but I haven't had any letters as yet. I was sure surprised to hear that Flash Sellers got married. I guess everything will be changed a lot by the time I get home this fall. I think I'll be home some time in November, I hope.

Well, I guess this is all for now so will close.

Love  
Jim

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KEWANEE ILL  
Oct 31 1884

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Miss Lucia Elliott

Alpha

Ill

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Kewanee Ill  
Oct 30 1884

Dear Sister

I once more seat myself to write you a few lines I am well at present hope you and the rest are the same

I commenced picking corn last Monday my hands are so sore now I dont know what to do with them I dont know what they will be like when I get done I guess I wont have any the folks will be back from Nebraska next Saturday I guess if nothing hapined. Why dont Mother write some I wish she would. I got a letter from Vira the other day.

Who is that Mrs Elsworth I dont know her it beats my time she saw me at the fair and I dont know her That is funny I cant think who she is or where ever she saw me I want you to tell me who she is the next time you write

I feel sorry for Pollie that she should fall out of the boat and get wet and sick

I put in last Sunday in reading and I think I will in next Sunday in writing I have got about a Doz letters to write I dont know where to commence I will send Mother my picture in this letter if I dont forget it

Well I cant think of any thing more that is important so I will bring my letter to a close write soon

My love to all

Willard Elliott

Kewanee Ill

(POSTMARKED)

Kewanee Ill

Apr 29 1885

Miss Lucia Elliott  
Alpha  
Ill

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Cornwall Ill

Apr 28th 85

Dear Sister

I will now try and pen you a few lines I am well as usual and hope you are all the same I rec your letter a week ago tonight, ave been plowing for corn today, commenced Monday afternoon. I hope Lee is able to be around by this time it seems like a month since I was in Alpha and its only a little over a week it was a month yesterday since I first came up here

You and Clara are getting to be quite workers when you can mop and scrub that will give you some good mussle has Ralph gone yet and is he coming back again, did he say anything about writing to me I havent heard from him since I came up here, and tell Charley to write. When you see him again I rote to Vira last Sunday

Well as news is scarce I will have to close for this time hoping to get an answer soon

From your Brother  
Willard

Remember me when this you see  
Tho many miles apart we be  
May happiness your brow entwine  
May peace your pillow strew  
May every earthly joy be thine  
And joy of heaven too

Willard

Love to all

Cornwall Ill

Nov 7th 85

Dear Sister,

I now seat myself to answer your welcome letter which I received a few days ago was glad to hear from you. I am wellat present and hope you are the same this is a lonesome day I wish it would clear up. I rote a letter to Vira this fore noon and I will go over to the store after I write this and mail them we will be through picking corn in about three weeks of good weather and then I will be through work here but if it rains like it did last week I dont know when we will get through picking One of Schuylers' wife Brothers is here today he came last night Schuyler cut my hair this morning he done a perty good job I was weighed this morning I weighed 152 pounds haint I getting fat. that's more than I ever weighed before Well as news is scarce I will close

My love to all

Write soon

From your Brother

Willard

Cornwall

Ill

(POSTMARKED)

BOSTON, MASS  
FEB 26 1896

Miss Lucia Elliott  
c/o Mrs. W.P. McMillan  
922 West Second St.  
Ottumwa  
Iowa

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Rice St.  
Newton Centre  
Feb. 25, 1896

Dear Cousin:

I was very much pleased that you wrote so soon again for Aunt Martha. It must be a great comfort to her in this time of extreme suffering and loneliness, to feel that she has one with her, who, although not a daughter in reality, is acting the part of one. It is almost as if you were God-sent to her. If I remember rightly, Aunt Martha has never had children, at least not any to live long. Am I right? But she seems to have an abundance of nephews and nieces, seven nieces, I think she said at the time she sent Jennie and me the pretty quilts.

My family are all well now. May, who has the two month old Arthur, lives in the next house to us. Bertha is living in Boston this Winter, so we see her and her two year old John, quite frequently. Her little girl, Ruth, who died Christmas Day, was always such an invalid that by the time she left us, both Bertha and George were worn out with care and anxiety. But I am happy to say, they are recovering their health and spirits, so that, by May, when they intend to go back to their home to take up housekeeping again, they will, no doubt be in good physical condition again; both being naturally healthy. We shall all be pleased to have a visit from you in June. It will be a good opportunity for you to come East, with your Aunts' friend. When he has told you what arrangements he makes and time of starting and the route he takes, write us and we will be at depot to welcome you. I rather think that you will come in by Boston and Albany, as that brings a great deal of the Western travel. When Frank and I went to Dakota, some years ago, we went and came from and to that depot. Franks' business is in that building.

With love to Aunt Martha and hoping to see you in June.

I am

Your affectionate Cousin

Lizzie A. Ratcliffe

Mrs W.P. McMillan  
Sigourney, Iowa

Miss Lucia Elliott  
Alpha  
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Sigourney Iowa  
Nov 22 98

Dear Niece

I will write you a few lines this eve I rec your letter and was glad you got home all right Was sorry you had so much trouble and done without your supper I know you was all most starved Well Lucia I have been sick ever since you went home had the Dr twice last week had a veary bad spell in Ottumwa last friday I commenced taking Malted Milk last saturday and I am mutch better I was up at Haysvill There was whare I was when I nad the doctor I dont have that bad feeling I did have I supose you know all the news as there several to write from here Mary Stackhouse went to see her Mother it is very cold and snowed yesterday Willard and Nettie are well I dred this bad cold winter I saw Mart when I was at Haysvill he looked well Now Lucia I cant write very much but you write to me I heard Charley was coming out to work with everman is that so I am afraid it will be a bad move but dont let your Mother sell her home to come here how is Vira and Clary I dont expect I can come out there this winter give my love to your Mother and Mr Porter and all the rest goodnight your lonely Aunt M A McMillan write when can

have you got those papers that had that story in I wanted to read

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Miss Lucia Elliott  
Brooklyn  
Iowa

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Hayesville Iowa  
Dec 11th 98

Dear Friend

I will now try to answer your kind and welcome letter which I received Friday morning I was a little surprised when I saw the post mark as I did not think you would be there quite so soon I wish you could have come this way and made us a visit We have the finest roads at present that we have had for a long time they are as hard and smoothe as pavement almost the weather is cold so that a person does not care to stay out late as we used to do ha! ha! how do you like Brooklyn by this time? I have not seen any of your folks since last Sunday and do not know how they are Your Aunt Martha told me last Sunday that she expected to go to Ottumwa to live and would go some time between now and spring she said that if I would get a job in Ottumwa that I might have a room in her house I am going to see what I can do about it I dont know how I would like Ottumwa I have not been there very much I know that there is plenty of noise there because I stayed there one night how long do you expect to stay where are? You said that Henry was coming back to Iowa soon does he still think of coming to Sigourney to work in the broom factory? how large a place is Brooklyn and how far is it from South Amana? Well, as dinner is about ready and I dont think of any more questions I will stop my scribbling for this time hoping to hear from you soon  
I am as ever your loving friend

J.M. Stone  
Hayesville  
Iowa



(Postmarked)

COMPETINE IOWA  
April 14 1899

Miss Lucia Elliott  
Brooklin  
Iowa

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Competine Iowa  
April 13 99

Dear Niece

I will write you a few lines to inform you that I am going to live in Sigourney and not going to Ottumwa I have not mooved yet but will soon how soon are you going to leave there I wish you could be here when I moove can you come on the R.I. to Sigourney if you can come that way I am not veary well today and will not write much My best wishes to you all

I will close hoping to see you soon

your Aunt

Mrs W P McMillan

did you get the quilt blocks I sent you