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Prairie - Vicks Ala
Dec 3rd 1906.

Dear Ben!—

We have your card
from the Meridian Depot
& we hope by this time that
you are safely in your own
house — enjoying the fire side.
That little fall on the platform
I found only scraped the
skin somewhat — just
about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a dollar size &
only sore for these three days,
now I scarcely feel it unless
I press upon it. — There was
a load of Coal at Gallion
& I found 2 men with wagons

A Letter from "Mountain Home" Ark was forwarded this morning

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wishes it could have happened
so as to have you & Ben to help
her on that occasion. These
Neighborhood people are not to
be depended upon always for
such functions. She sends best
love to all & says no one knows
how much she misses you. The
day or two after you left I wander
dered around the house looking
for Louise unconsciously calling
her. I did not think I would miss
a child so much.

2
ready to haul some of it
to my house - hence I was
delayed longer with them
than I supposed, and
the train slipped up before
I knew it. One large wagon
& one 2 horse wagon hauled
me two tons & 12.00 lbs of coal.

Since you left it has been
nearly threatening a storm, so
I imagine from the dense clouds
in the North West, that you must
have snow in your City.

Your mother has been
busy getting ready for the
Bazaar which is to be at
'Cambas Hall' next ^{Wednesday} ~~Thursday~~
one week. — & M L

Well! we must get together again
some of these "Fall-days" for this
season is generally delightful here.
Anyway we are so thankful that
such ideal weather held out so con-
tinuously for the Thanksgiving sea-
son. — It may never happen again
that so many of us — Old folks & young —
could have all the good times, health —
& C & C bunch together as it did this
happy Thanksgiving time. We all love
you both & your visit has doubly en-
deared you to us. Affectionately
Yr Father. *Wm. Duggan*

Sto Letter from Fred or Fanny get
near L.L.D.



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THE SPACE BELOW IS FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY.



Dr. M. Duggan.
Columbia.
Mo.
Spk Botany - University

12/6/86.

Dear Ben:— I wrote to you & Fanny the other day.
I think I must have addressed you inside
& the envelope was to Marie, as you both can
consider it so— as a matter of fact I was so much
& so frequently interrupted whilst writing— that
but a few lines were written consecutively. How did
it happen to all of us to overlook the two silver
Candlesticks? Was it our fault or yours? They had
been kept for you expecting you would take them on
with you. Fanny's letter came last night— reporting a
safe arrival & everything O.K. at home. We heartily re-
spected ourselves yet— Every room is now empty. Love
to all, getting colder now. Affectionately, F. R.H.D.

Mountain Home, Baxter County Ark
Dec 7 - 1906

My dear Marie

I write this to you not knowing
your present abiding place but hoping that
by this time you have returned to Illinois.
I sincerely hope that you had a pleasant
passage on your return from Alabama
than you had when going there & that
both Ben & yourself are better for your
visit & rest.

I was living in the hope that you would
on your return come by way of Mountain
Home. Deeply regret that you could not.
We have had a delightful visit from
Willie & Douglas, they have left full of
enthusiasm for Arkansas, its natural
beauties & its fishing & hunting. We had
a splendid time with our open fire
places & oak fires, Wild Turkey dinners
& great breakfasts & suppers, the first

they arrived we had a present of
two Wild turkeys, & a foot bath tub
with 65 quails in it. Now the boys
looked & talked was a caution
They went hunting every day & returned
with well filled bags
My improved in health & strength
And they walking in the woods all
day he seemed to get better eating
& sleeping better than he had done
for years.

Your Mother has renewed her youth
since she has been here & is as hand-
some as a picture & as saucy & eloquent
as a young girl.

Do not be surprised if I drop down
in Columbia some day in the beginning
of next week to spend a few days
with you.

Your Mother joins in sending
kisses to Ben, Louise & yourself, & I remain
as ever your loving Daddy.

Blossoms adhered to Dec. 8th, 1906 letter



little hand feel! Misses Mrs Wordeley is busy fixing up her house for summer season &
 preparing, but her room,
 and her stairs come
 prepared, bought a large
 carpet for my & built the
 floor. Miss Wordeley writes
 that her friends are en-
 vying for up a little,
 rather it would be
 over head, fresh
 top. I will write to
 Miss Wordeley the paper
 tell you I think they
 don't be inclined to
 stay, but as Mrs Wordeley
 she wants to go off.
 I would like to write
 very soon. Little girl
 a letter. I am much
 love to you all from
 Your devoted
 Wordeley

mailed the 5th reached me last night. I was
 truly thankful to hear of your safe arrival at
 home. It was too bad that Regina would not
 come back to you, but maybe she will after
 awhile, it certainly seems very ungrateful of
 her to act in that way, as you say, it must
 be in the air. It is a good thing the boy will do
 some of the hardest of the work, it is unfortunate
 that he occupies your servants room but
 can't you find some one who has some other
 place to sleep than with those who worked for?
 How all can hardly imagine how I missed you,
 Louis's sweet voice & dear face was gone, but
 oh! what pleasure the visit gave me you will

never know, & your coming was the means of
getting the others together, the only thing was you
stayed such a short time & I had as little
time to devote to each one separately. I want to
tell you & Ben that I am afraid you thought
me anxious to get rid of you ~~or~~ that said
day train. I would have been delighted to have
kept you until night but after Ben told me of
his talk with Mr. Davis & said he thought it
best to go in the day train, I wanted to help him
do as he thought best, & really on account of Lizzie's
cold I thought it best too. I hope you understand
it.

I know what it is to have callers when you have
your own work to do, people are very inconsiderate
about that. How do you manage about Lizzie
when you go to receptions & no Reginald to be with
her? As you make use of the cake I wish you

had carried more of it for we have not near
used up what was left, might have put a
bunnet in the trunk. I baked a spice, & a plain
cake for the Bazaar yesterday, will see them
tomorrow but oh! I think we will have
terrible weather, it is so cloudy, only three o'clock
& as dark as after sunset. I had dining & paring
secured, put in a large table where the small
one was, put the small one against the wall
between the door opening into the kitchen & the
wall, will put planks over the wall, cover with
a white cloth & so have 3 tables to serve plates
you ready to be handed into the dining room. We
order 1000 oysters (suppose no one comes!) will
have jelly & Charlotte. I intend to take time by the
fore lock & do a good deal of fixing tomorrow
so not to be over tired Wednesday. Thanks for
your good wishes, I wish you could be with us, you

where. If
and afraid
a few hundred
much of
a good
times, so
just if she
really
didn't
nothing
from
Henry
you have
not heard
of Lizzie
you say
have
you?
you?

P.S. I forgot to say, Henry said his visit was the pleasantest visit she had ever made any

& Ben, how you could help!! Lucy Melville
will hardly come & I have not heard from the
Kings girls whether they will or not so I may be
short of help. Did I show you the pretty help
Melville gave me for the Bazaar? thread cambric
& lace, I hope to get 1.00 each for them & if I do that
will run my articles up to \$7.40^{cts}, if each lady has
as much, the fancy department will turn out
quite a nice little sum, but I don't think all will.
Gwen Sarah John has been very unwell, in bed a
day or so but Mrs Harris told me today that he
was up Friday, said he was looking badly. The
good nurse has come back & we look for good
results from her care of him, she understands
his case thoroughly & is so efficient.
I felt really sorry for Mrs Harris today, her bazaar
service with only 5 persons & no snow came until he
was well into his sermon. Mrs Collins had to play
& do all the singing. Mrs Hatch nursing a cold. Dr D.
did not feel very well so he did not go, we are such a

Durham N. C.
Dec. 14. 1906

My precious Papa & Mamma,
Knee I don't
wrote you I have been through
so much that I scarcely
know where to begin but will
tell you first that I appreciate
your dear welcome letters
more than words can tell
and after I read Papa's letter
to Charlie he said "such
a letter is certainly refreshing

and wishes we believe more
in the goodness & beauty
of life.

Thank you about - Will & Carrie
persons coming to spend
Thanksgiving with us, well
they did not come but we
expect them this Sunday
night to spend a few days
with us. We had a jolly
crowd of young people here
for these days at Thanksgiving
time & there were twelve
of us at the table. Roasted
two turkeys & boiled a ham.

and being well - a great deal of
the by business but for these weeks
for these days is here about and do
often someone looking around to
about Friday with their friends.

Sunday morning Dec. 9th at 10 o'clock
morning - I went to school my little
nursing girl & her friend Mary
for the report to take the train for
her husband & arrived at the Catholic
Church in ^{Michigan} after having from the time they
left the Police Guard Corps came and

screaming, "Bella is dead,
Bella is dead." She came
racing up the stairs & I
jumped out of bed & rushed
out into the hall & as soon as
I could gain her a little I
found out that an express
train which was one hour
late & which was not expected
rushed by just as the girls
had crossed the tracks & the
hundreds draught-pow
the train had caught up
for little Bella, pushed her
against the depot & back on
to the track where she was
terribly mutilated by the wheels.

Dec 14, 1906
the one time in the
year that I want especially
to carry out my wishes.
Aunt Maggie bought such
beautiful gifts for the children
that I will write - I'm about
them now. For Annie she
bought a beautiful set of
squirrel furs for thirty-one
dollars & they are such nice
ones that they will last
her for years. For Leona
she bought a beautiful dash
red with peacock, & she is
going to help me get her
graduation dress so later. &

She said I needed very much. What
she is the most handsome person I
know for when you come to think of it -
not one of the numerous people that she
thinks for her own part & home.
She is going to spend some weeks
in England & she has made all
the plans to go there a big man
knows & had handsome gifts for each
of the five in the family. He is so
kind & much about helping me out in
everything - the most of it. I had planned to
have so much time to do it and with her

then she bought an eight-dollar
up & brass pins which are
very pretty & suitable for a
young girl & for Faisella
a lovely pink cashmere dress.
For Sophia she bought a pair
of fine lined gloves & will
put a gold piece in each.
& for Charlie she has a little
toy automobile in which she
is going to put a gold piece
& will keep it - is to run the
automobile with - she gave me
a handsome set of hand
embroidered doilies & a day.
beautiful cups & saucers which

& to let her to have etc. & now
most every morning - I have to
send in the kitchen

Dear Papa your letter was like
a breath of spring time & it
did my heart good to hear
of little Mamma & all of
her singing & waving
arms & clapping. The kids are
certainly lovely & sweet. But
buy a house in Archangels
though for if you do will never
be able to see you it - is so far
away. I have not heard from
Marie lately but I received a
letter from Agnes this morning
and she writes - more cheerfully
but she says she is so far from

to his her life and such
surroundings the says that
Jack was made "Unshipful
Hand Master of the Masons"
not long ago. "I used to think
that the masons were an
honorable society - of men for
the most part - but if they can
make a mean case like
Jack their Master they don't
amount to much. Jones
says that the money Chas. lent
her to go to Buffalo with Jack
was his debt - & that she will
have to pay it - and then seven
gives her a cent even for ex-
pense. What do you think of that?

been thankful I can't see
him for I am afraid I should
boil me & afterwards be sorry
for all I should be tempted to
say to him. Anne also wrote
that she had had a little
visit from Chubb. & that
he had been to London etc.

I know you will be
surprised to hear that
President & Mrs. Laths have
a baby boy born Monday
night - at twelve o'clock. Mrs. L.
& the baby are both doing well.
I know that they are all very
happy and I know that this
will make a big difference

in their household.

I hope I have time to shoot a package
to you & perhaps I will send you
the time for January & what else they
will be right - I hope you for you
I'll send you and as far away
from me all. I hope you will
like nothing like them & trust you
have by the time I write back.

Wendell will & I hope the next time I get
any more will let you see with you
I'll send you but very much & I
will be sure to send you but I can't

Aunt-Lizzie says I must
give her my lot of pins & bobbins. I wish
you could know her like I do.

With a heart full of love in
which each one would join

Ever your devoted
Daughter Alice.

P.S. Please write as often as
you can for I love to hear
about your life in such a
lovely winter home. We have
been having some weather
high winds, zero temperature
& lots of snow. If I had wings
I would fly to you & rest.

I will write to you
very soon & tell
you how I like
the new school.
I am very glad to
hear from you &
hope you are well.
The weather here is
very warm now.
I hope you are
enjoying your vacation.
I will write again
soon.

him; & the good Sam & Bees
also send him lots of good. The
picture of Louise is a beauty
& I appreciate your sending
it to me so much. "Papa" can't
speak too often in his praise.
I am glad she enjoys her doll,
but sorry I had not the time
to draw it prettily. but I have
been busy preparing for Ymas.
I sub. your little Ymas Box
early. All our mails have been
slow & irregular on account
of a land or mountain slide.
Your sweet letter I enjoyed
so much. I wish you all

my heart. that we could have
spent the Ymas with you
& yours. but "Papa" has explain-
ed the matter. We have not
heard from Charlie for some
time & don't think he will come
to us for Ymas. I will
enclose you Blues letter so
that you can know of his
joy & sorrow. Aggie has
not written lately. She must
be busy. Writing to you for Ymas.
I rejoice with you that you
have a good crop & hope she
will remain all winter. I can
fancy that Regina was not happy,

I am going to make you next
week a fancy apron. for you
to wear at your thimble
fest. I wish I had some
of your nice Pansies & but
larks: also some Pineapple Ice.
Thanks for the delightful Cheese
Dish. Mr Bent has not yet
grey until he is eighty -
yeast old: let him use Flax
hair "baths". It is fine.
Lucia & Kate have sent me
a beautiful lace collar, pocket
handkerchief & neck Buffs
& snuff. which made me
so happy. I hope by next year

I do kiss Aunt Louisa's bell -
her her boy of snails are much
enjoyed. I hope we that she has
received the cap her great aunt
sent her. Papa sends you all
much love & wants to know if
you received the short cake he
sent from St Louis. Please thank
Mr. Mauley for the pretty calendar
& wish him "Happy New Year"
& tell him if he comes to "I have
been home". He will find his
place - for I have a snail truly
good for him. Aggie sent a
handkerchief & a red toy
Minnie & Douglas sent for Papa
& the church magazine for a
Christmas - she is a cut glass bottle
of Smelling Salts it is mounted

with silks. Alice Robinson gave
me a pretty handkerchief Bag
Mr. Babcock sent me a beautiful
handkerchief, & I received many
more gifts from friends here.
I hope dearer you will like
your little fancy apron. I will
now make one for Aggie.
Do you ever hear from "Chuck"
he wrote that financially he
was broke & could make no good
present. Minnie will be here next
week sometime. I am anxious
to know if Charlie is engaged to
Miss Miller. He wrote as if he was
very homesick & longed for my
love & sympathy. I think you
darling understand her nature
better than anyone else. "Papa"

Say I must tell you that
the last assessment work done
on the Columbia claim, showed
a large body of Lead; we are
all elated over this find;
I get tired of the life here some-
times as the weather has not
been good for two weeks but if
we make our fortune out here
I will be rewarded. I think I
wrote you that Alice & Charles,
sent me a handsome white silk
waist. The children also sent
delightful gifts; while some all about
your family as I hope you
will all have a happy & prosper-
ous New Year & live to enjoy many
more. And please write soon that

I have been one of the sisters. "What do you think, Walter Collins & his wife sends a visit of a week at his Father's & I did not know a word of it until they were gone. I would certainly have called. Your Father is not every day in Dr. Boer's presence & the "Adventures" & "Platitudes" in the household. Did you get a copy. I think it a pretty written piece. I like it as being one of "Grace's way" to send it. I would want to know, but I have first dress myself & expect to appear in one at the New York Ball in October, then she will show them off in New York. Mine is feeling that so one has called at Birmingham, she moves around as much as we now help with her going & coming.

Please excuse this poor attempt at a letter, Oh! how does this snow ask, do I have you ever again?
With much
love to you
Lottie & to
Lina
Your devoted
Mother

spend the night & dine with us 4 new day
but he said he must go back to the Harris
place that night & could not return for 4 new
dinner. I suppose he dined on hog meat & corn
bread at the plantation, will not go to Fane-
dale because he says Prineitt would be delighted
to take his horse & make him walk home.

While on the subject, Benny at my request had
bargained with Chad wish for a horse for R's
use. I sent the check, but because the negro who
had been using the horse wanted to buy him
the disappointed Benny, & sold the horse to the
negro. I hope Benny is looking for another as he
has not returned the check. Reuben has not been
able to make any arrangement yet, that is, had
not when I saw him.

I feel quite sure you had a happy 4 new,
kept Mr. Robertson over I reckon. It was very
cold with us & perhaps you had a heavy fall
of snow, we thought the clouds indicated ~~old~~
snow north & west. The day before 4 new aunt
Melville telephoned we must take 4 new dinner

with them as cold as it was we went, took a
late start & had only about 3 hours to stay but
we enjoyed the good dinner & being with them
for the last time this winter I reckon, judging
from the downy frow of snow we are having
now, it began slowly after breakfast & has
increased steadily, it is a cold snow too. I see
by my letter list that I wrote you 4 new night
so pass on the repetition above, in that letter I
told you of some of my presents, the dolls &c.
Last night the boy from Auburn came
containing a very pretty glass berry bowl of glass
Fanny, & 1 doz glasses from the children, plain
tumbler, just what I needed & have intended to
buy, it was a pity, 2 of the glasses were broken.
Mrs. Camp sent me a little work bag of her own
make. I think I mentioned the children had
sold 3 terrier puppies, have one for "Grand father"
I am trying my best to get him not to have it,
but his owner gives up to me. I know the children
would not mind having another 5 dollars for
for that puppy. Neither of us want dogs in the

house & those little things are too tender to
stay out, it will be a continual worry. It is so dark
I have missed the lines, & my tooth is aching like
all the world, began last night, it is an upper tooth
& the pain goes up into my eye. I think it is begin-
ning to swell from my eye down. I would go to Dr
Lee if the weather was out as best. I expect we will
have cold weather now. Again yesterday I made
an attempt to go to see Mrs Wren. I rose before day,
cooked, cleaned up & fixed a boy to take her but it
was a little cloudy & your Father said not go, it
was provoking there was not a drop of rain, in
fact the rain came out after awhile. I asked
Ed to express the box for me, but that hateful
Stubblefield forgot to send it off, yestern evening
when your Father went down there it was a
miserable not sent yet. Mrs Wren talked to sister Sally
of selling her house & getting board, but no one
wants to take an old lady in her fix these times
when help is so uncertain. The minister advised
her to try to get in at the church house in Mobile
but I don't think they will take her, she has