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Description: John Marshall Brown from Emmitsburg, Maryland

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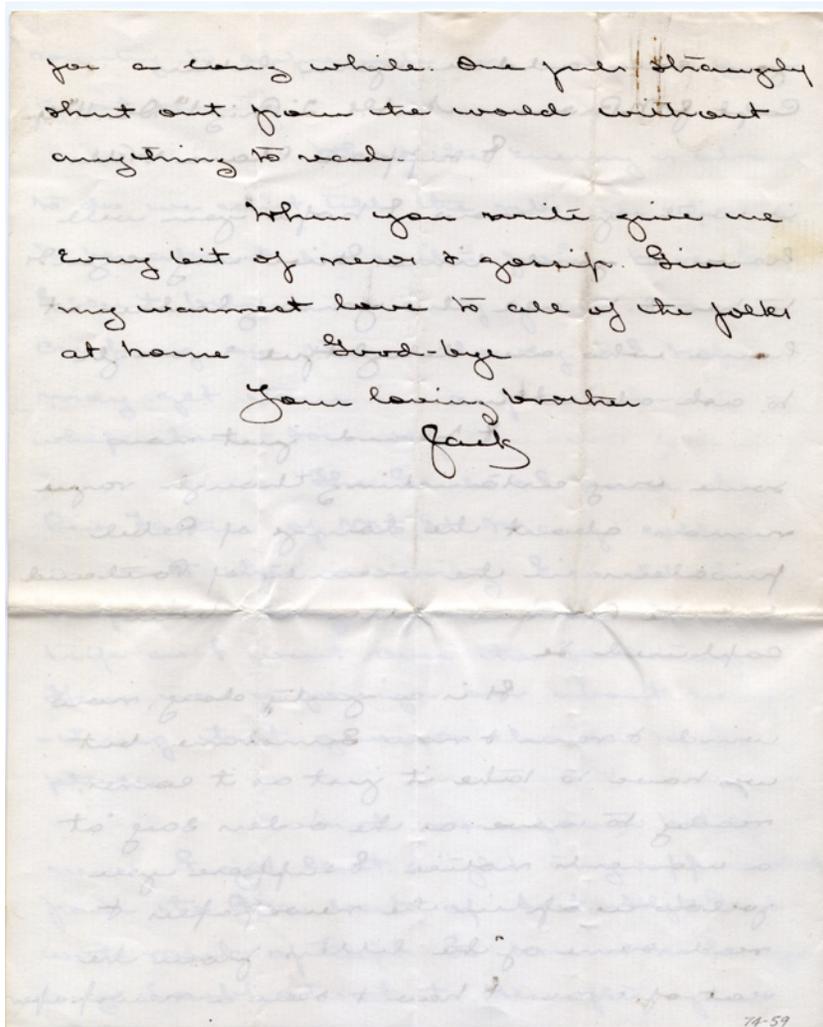
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for a long while. One feels strangely shut out from the world without anything to read.

When you write give me every bit of news & gossip. Give my warmest love to all of the folks at home Good-bye

Your loving brother
Jack