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Description: Lucy Collins from Michigan to Persis Blanchard

Wm Henry has been to Grand Haven to School all Summer but came home sick last week, but is better now Mother sends her best respts to you all Farther sends his best respts to your Farther and says tell him I like first rate and am doing well, this part of Mich is destined to be a great place. There is 5 mills on this river and 3 or 4 more in contemplations, \( \frac{4}{3}\) You would doubtless be surprised to see Charley He is as fat as a pig and can talk as plain as one most I will send you a little peice of my silk Dress and wedding one for you to look at

But I must bid you good bye dear Persis may sweet dreams be thouse And may thou art ever be happy as thou art now

Sept White River Aug ^ 11<sup>th</sup> 1854, My Dear Friend

I received your letter and now hasten to answer it I had been looking for a letter a long while and was at length awarded by a good long one, I presume you have herd ere this, that is, if Mary F has received my letter that I am married, I was married the 3 day of last June to a young man by the name of Jeremiah C Collins. He is a millwright by trade and can get from 3 to 5 dollars a day to work at his trade building Mills. He has been building a Mill in Sand Creek one mile from here. He and Farther has taken the Mill to run by the year and all the logging. They expect at the least calculation to make from clear from all expenses 3,00 a year they keep 15 or 16 men and will have to have more this winter. We have not moved down there yet but shall in a few weeks. They have got a woman to keep the boarding house. And we shall live in a sepperate

House and have nothing to do with boarding the celler I board at home with whither and shale as long as I stay here. For I frefer bradding to How keeping for the present after I get settled down, and go to House keeping I still you to come and make me a good long wist, will you not, dear Bern' cole bellow is a first rate Heady fellow and has an excelent principle, and a first rate education the is a Phiendlegist, I have studied Fewlers work on Thunday considerable that Lemmes and like it very much, and I witend to Keep on Studies them I have below to Chicago and ali I williambie I went in a steam best from a Mucheyon and was gone two weeks, I enjoyed ongself first note Chings is a beautiful lity beyond all descriptions and good an at al of as is now of the Enter, little While in Cherry we stopped to one of the largest house in the ling, called the Garden like thetely I bought lets of things for I had jest as would move as I wanted to spend the things that I brught was a bround silk I refe that was 112th out a gard I had cut in Chicago and triming and all it out about 17 tollars, it quakes a splender I refer et all wood de lam light green 14 conts a gard A Calome Shall to . Chemizette and Collar 2 50, Thomas Vintersteever 1,75 lollar 50, hed glove 15 black lace as in lit Bounds, it is a beauty I was married on spotted levels co tenthis Fress Hown Menter sleaves White hid gloves and de fitt, There got a torrelian ving and a feel handsom gold one that we to bellier gave The gold ring is flow on with a

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after I get settled down, and go to Housekeeping I shall^ you to come and make me a good long visit, will you not, dear Persis Mr Collins is a first rate steady fellow and has an excelent principle, and a first rate education He is a Phrenologist, I have studied Fowlers work on Phrenology considerable this Summer and like it very much, and I intend to keep on studien them I have been to Chicago and also to Millwaukie I went in a steam boat from Muskegon and was gone two weeks, I enjoyed myself first rate Chicago is a beautiful City beyond all description and goods are as cheap as in any of the Eastern Cities While in Chicago we stopped to one of the largest house's in the City, called the Garden City Hotel, I bought lots of things for I had jest as much money as I wanted to spend. He Among the things that I bought was a brocade

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silk Dress that was 1,12 ½ cents a yard I had ^ cut in Chicago and trimmings and all it cost about 17 dollars, it make a splendid Dress. A all wool delam' light green 44 cents a yard A Cashmere Shall 5,00, Cheemizette and Collar. 2,50. Flowing Undersleeves 1,75 Collar 50, kid gloves 75, black lace arm lets 50, Last spring I had me a real handsome thin French Lace Bonnet, it is a beauty I was married in spotted Swiss Muslin Dress Flowin Under sleeves, White kid gloves and so forth, I have got a Cornelian ring and a real handsome gold one

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flate on top and the letters of my mane engraved there on it is about the thristyt ring I ever down and exit 4, 20 cents , ally health is goods the best it has been for a gear, little did I think that I should be married so foring when come here do down Cooly think I shall not be It withthe must I from, But prehaps it is all for the best, For I have get a kind and Affectionate Hewland and he almost I delize me and he is so apart of our that he will not let not be me do any thing, We own's a large hours on Wiscons at Post Washington And We is what a person winght call rich We has not made up his word get where I shall scale But we shall fichaly remain how as comple of your got, what is the reasons that faint has not answered my letter that I I want her to come and live with me, when I go to heefing house And will gow not come ent and make one is viset I was indeed deprived to hear that down hack you to the aut the whitten, And was keeping company with Ed Willen, Ind there on, engagement ignit between them or not, I alway thought theten appeared to set a quat deal by him, How does released feel about it West in the world sealed have underest her to prefer Ed William to we heard It must be his fretty face But I seever would man for beauty aline, for beauty will fact like as withered flower, I am not much acquainted with Est but I always thought be was a real fel, and I think whente is far the best fellow, I gues Suran has forgott a some for I have seen received but in letter

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it is about the thrickest ^ ring I ever saw and cost 4,70 cents, My health is good the best it has been for a year, little did I think that I should be married so young when I came here so soon Only think I shall not be 18 untill next Spring, But perhaps it is all for the best, For I have a kind and Affectionate Husband and he almost Idolizes me and he is so afraid of me that he will not let

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not let me do any thing. He own's a large Farm in Wiscons^ at Port Washington And He is what a person might call rich He has not made his up his mind yet where he shall settle But we shall probaly remain here a couple of years yet, what is the reason that Sarah has not answered my letter that I wrote so long ago give my love to her, And tell Sarah that I want her to come and live with me when I go to keeping house, And will you not come out and make me a visit. I was indeed surprised to hear that Susan had gave Meaub the Mitten. And was keeping company with Ed Willson. Did there any engagement exist between them or not. I always thought Susan appeared to set a great deal by him. How does Meaub feel about it What in the world could have induced her to prefer Ed Willson to Meaub It must be his pretty face But I never would marry for beauty alone, for beauty will fade, like a withered flower, I am not much acquainted with Ed but I always though he was a real fop, and I think Meaub is far the best fellow, I guess Susan has forggotten me for I have never received but one letter

and tell her to write alle bollow thoughter was been and brought up in this. He fell are all wealthy and of high Standing the Faither is a destinguished Printer and was edder of the first Aboliteine Fine frinket in the Until testes, but he is now retired from business Buthe bye, does hory Loging, keep company with Bell Sweeter get and where is the Then is the Soul now at home But it is growing last and I omnit hid you good might, chang sweet draws to theme dear frees . Laturday the 12, wagan de I seat my self dear friend and hope to be alle to finish It is a los tiful altown The Sun shower bright on the aguse shise, Wh would the I will see you what let I do tell go for it is imposable to write half on fofer but I hope and trued The Time is not fas distant that we shall must again But not assured darling that I shall seems forget the How flow do I recall dear from the many hoppy hours Specit in your company, would that there days could have lastit linger the everything is constantly changen The may Isenes though which we pape exist flit on our onemore that they it will ever be though life, I've my respect to gone thather and celeties, any my love to French Live ong lest respects to your dister Elichet Tree on here to celing it and als supt a large show for you sail Best I wount close the It send to the office as I have got achine to sent it to the leffing celle bolling start, to Monday morning for Chicago Delistmanhie on burnet The will be your two weeks Place exquer all error your set feetinate faint Song & Collins

from her and I have written her two Give my love to her and tell her to write Mr Collins Farther was born in Ohio and brought up in Ohio. His folks are all wealthy and of high standing His Farther is a distinguished Printer and Paper

was editor of the first Abolitoinest ^ ever printed in the United States. But he is now retired from business Bye the bye, does Lissy Loring keep company with Bill Sweeter yet and where is He. When is the Soul girls now at home But it is growing late and I must bid you good night, May sweet dreams be thine dear friend Saturday the 12, Again do I seat myself dear friend and hope to be able to finish. It is a beautiful afternoon The Sun shines bright in the azure skies. Oh would that I could see you what lots Id tell you, for it is impossible to write half on paper But I hope and trust the time is not far distant that we shall meet again But rest assured darling that I shall never forget thee How often do I recall dear friend the many happy hours spent in your company, would that these days could have lasted longer How everything is constantly changen The many seenes through which we pass exist but in our memory And thus it will ever be through life, Give my respects to your Farther and Mother, and my love to Frank Give my best respects to your Sister Elisebeth Give my love to Mary H and also accept a large share for you Self But I must close this to send to the office as I have got a chance to send it the office Mr Collins starts to Monday morning for Chicago & Milwaukie on business He will be gone two weeks I shall be lonesome when he is gone, Answer soon and write all the news

From your Affectionate friend Lucy E Collins Please excuse all errers