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Description: Lucy Collins to Persis Blanchard on marriage

Frank and Fred
And accept a
double and triple
portion for your
self. By the way
Give my love to
Mrs Haven and
ask her if she
never received the
letter I sent her
so long ago, And
tell her I want
to see her very
much. William and
John send their love
to Frank and to
you all

White River Nov. ²⁸, 1854 My Dear Friend

I received your letter last Sabbath. and was exceedingly delighted to hear from you. We are all well and hope these few lines will find you enjoyin the same same blessings, I am still at home, and shall remain at home this winter untill Spring. And in the Spring we intend to bid adieu to White River for a season, And about my

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husband you asked me ^ your letter how old he was, and how he looked. He was 25 years old this month, and has blue eyes and brown hair and his skin is whiter than mine, I think he

is ^ beauty. you wanted to know if I married for love, or something else. of course I did. And I hope you do not think I would marry for any thing I else And if ever you marry dear Persis marry for love and nothing else, and dearest friend if I could only see you how glad I would be, I'd give worlds, how many many questions to ask But it is in vain to wish at least for the present, and I must try to

submit why Husback is agoing to take me to Chi to see his folker some time and if I can I will anake you a west before I come back, He has Three Sister and we half brother, His Faither ties atton Chis and he has one I wille that is married and lived est Maumes City This are one is married and live at Halemarer in this Rate, and the other me not seen any of her folds get I was very sorry ended to learn that your dear Ally was such and also Emes cellet, Dut hope they are Loth hitter, only think day Fores It is tour long types since I have seen gen the how I would like to take a feef down in. Greek road this very day I presume it look the Same as every that the total fehret house to be look the same, as every Is it marked wif as has every Do got have any fublishments some days. Is my more any where to be seen on the old School home get, I would that there days had lasted longer, But they are spart and gone from But it is every so the days of Childhow, and there of grath will soon fate how often I recall the anany happy hours spent in you company dear friend, devild that there hour could be spent over again . How ever thing to constantly changing, the man happy seems though which mely exist but in our memory. And there will it see be through left gays and server will be before in may one fath in he more joyou than serverfel, But I do not ask for a hoffin lot for I have

submit My Husband is agoing to take me to Ohio to see his folkes some time and if I can I will make you a visit before I come back. He has three Sisters and one half brother. His Farther lives nat in Ohio and he has one Sister that is married and lives at Maumee City Ohio and one is married and lives at Kalemazoo in this State, and the other one lives at Port Washington, Wisconsin, And I have them

not seen any of his folks ^ yet I was very sorry indeed to learn that your dear Ally was sick and also Enos Albert But hope they are both better. only long

think dear Persis it is two <u>long</u> ^ years since I have seen you Oh how I would like to take a peep down on Greely road this very day I presume it looks the does

same as ever And the Old School house to ^ It look the same as ever Is it marked up as bad ever stick up

Do you have ^ any publishments now days. Is my name any where to be seen in the old School house yet, O would that those days had lasted longer, But they are past and gone forever. But it is ever so the days of Childhood, and those of youth will soon pass – how often I recal the many happy hours spent in your company dear friend, would that those hours could be Spent over again. How every thing is constantly changing. the many happy scenes through which we pass exist but in our memory. And thus will it ever be through life joys and sorrows will lie before us may our path ever be more joyous than sorrowful But I do not ask for a happier lot for I have

one of the best How lands that ever war the thinks every thing of some and about Ideologic one He has excelent learning the has been to bollege. He has studied I family and can speak the Spaniel language as well as he can the Dinglish . We understand The somme of Chamesty whather ation Illebra Geority and celacing atom to perfection and de Hillerthy Showedout and phrenology, don't go think that I have commended studies Algebra, I find it ather hair, but get along fresty will with it I have such an expedit teacher All in the world I have to de it our own sewing and washing, Ind the rest of the time I have to stricty. But when I go to homeckerfory I expert I shall out have quite such an ener Time, you asked one home I get a live the first the or the weights and said that I promised to tell am I do out remember of making fuch a framie But of I did I have figet it, (by the by) I was not frightened any . But when I see you I will tale you all about I I wish you think you would like the country, It is a quet country I wish go could be see hery it is a quet country to see her the has gown , The is almost by oning to to be consted whe send his love to you And little Charley you would endang be suppried to see him Holan got to be quite as large by the can talk as plain as any has leaset to talk German of them He can day quite a number of words in German, take Collins will tell

one of the best Husbands that ever was. He thinks every thing of me and almost Idolizes me He has excelent learning He has been to College. He has studied Spanish and can speak the Spanish language as well as he can the English. He understands Astronomy

the science of Chemistry, Mathematics ^Algebra Geomotry and Navegation to perfection. and also Philosophy. Physeology and phrenology, don't you think that I have commenced studien Algebra. I find it rather hard, but get

along pretty well with it ^ I have such an excelent teacher All in the world I have to do is my own sewing and washing. And the rest of the time I have to study. But when I go to housekeeping I expect I shall not have quite such an easy time, you asked me how I got a long the first two or three nights and said that I had promised to tell you I do not remember of making such a promise. But if I did I have forgot it, (by the by) I was not frightened any. But when I see you I will tell you all about. I wish you would come west dear Persis how glad I would be, I a great deal better than the east

think you would like the Country, ^ It is a great country, I wish you could see Lizie You would be supprised to see how she has grown. She is almost big enough to be courted. She sends her love to you And little Charley you would indeed be supprised to see him He has got to be quite a large boy. He can talk as plain as any one. We have 6 or 7 Germans here to work. And Charley has learnt to talk German of them He can say quite a number of words in German. Mr Collins will tell

Charles senetimes to flague time, that he is agoing to early belly of Aus Charles will so hall to my Lister, you shoul care her of She dead belong to It makes him as mad as fire, to have Me bolling tell him that I am his and that he is agong to take me away, little Charles thinks every thing of one, He is real handsom. I shall hate to lead the he thinks so much of one But I have made up my omine that I have get to for I cannot always exprest to him at home we hother sends her love to you her health is good, Aunt Long lives 10 mile below her on a farm Her health is excelent, the best it has been for four or five years, I presume she would her love to you also Longie Lenning By the gray Don Thought somie heal Comfany with William Lucater and, What how become I fam Prince, Suis my best respects to he, The Colonie Blanchase want on any one more day free my list respect to lie, and wheatie, I presume they have all forgit one by this storme, Ario what has become of Freman, Seve any best respects to him the next sith Bask waist . I saw a munter in Chicago last Summer And have good orme to get one one, they were the first I have seen, this I die mit take much fance to them or I should have tood one, But the mine I so then wow the Letter I like them

Charley sometimes to plague him, that he is agoing to carry Nelly off. And Charley will say Nell is my Sister, you shant care her of She don't belong to you It makes him as mad as fire, to have Mr Collins tell him that I am his and that he is agoing to take me away. little Charley thinks every thing of me. He is real handsome I shall hate to leave him he thinks so much of me, But I have made up my mind that I have

to

got ^ for I cannot always expect to live at home Mother sends her love to you, her health is good, Aunt Lucy lives 10 miles below here on a farm Her health is excelent, the best it has been for four or five years, I presume she would her love to you if she was here. Give my love to your Sister Elizabeth also Lizie Loring (By the way) Does Lizie Loring keep company with William Sweetser now, What has become

does

of Jane Prince, Give my best respects to her, Has ^ Edward Blanchard wait on any one now days Give my best respect to him, and Meaubie, I presume they have all forgot me by this time. And what has become of Freeman. Give my best respects to him the next time you see him, you mentioned haveing a black silk Bask waist. I saw a number in Chicago last Summer And had good mind to get me one, they were the first I had seen, And I did not take much fancy to them or I should have had one, But the more I see them wore the better I like them)

see half sheet)

however if they have mit gone out if fashing. I shall have one when I wint the age, in the Spring, why hees band was to Chicago up few weeks ago and when he came have be brought me home a soplended Beach Bag, Ist is made of black silk velet omaminted with bead of all description, It is the handsomest one I ever saw, Is it the fasherin for young hadis to ware their Drefus made ofen in front I gon were your French more and last summer when I was in there age they made them ru other way, have you got any bear. Do go love any light, tell me all about darly for you them I never lieft any secrets from gon, tell one truly confident in me and rest assured your confident shall not be ornisfaced, I die my love to I sabell Blanchard And tell her the I answered her letter long, long, ago and have -

however if they have not gone out of fashion, I shall have one when I visit Chicago in the Spring. My husband was to Chicago a few weeks ago and when he came home he brought me home a splendid <u>Bead Bag</u>. It is made of black silk velvet ornamented with beads of all description. It is the handsomest one I ever saw. It is the fashion for young Ladies to ware their Dresses made open in front. Do you wear your Dresses fashion

open in front or behind. It is all the ^ here now and last summer when I was in Chicago they made them in ether way. have you got one

any <u>beau</u>. Do you love any ^ yet tele me truly as a friend confide in me ^ and rest assured your confidence shall not be misplaced. Give my love to Isabell Blanchard And tell her that I answered her letter long, long, ago and have

teen looking for an assure a long whole, If the has never received it, it want have been miscouried, Twie my les to Some Brugh and ask her if she has forgetten one the ream the has not answered my letter, Fre's my her to Sarah and ask her of she has alse fourt one . Mother sends her best respects to you Mother they Hawband sends his best respect to you, Farther sends his to your Farther ales, Please write as som as zon receive. this, Twe my love to whan It, Hear write all the news, And Invest your letter Grand Howen cellich I quel I have written more than you will have patie to real it is written to hornable, But exercise bad written for I always write in a hurry I amost close by wishing you as life of happings with lovering friend around you celay no doub cloud din the bright sky of your life . But may you ever be happy and never forget gen ever living and true frient, Ellen

been looking for an aswer a long while, If She has never received it, it must have been miscarried. Give my love to Susan Buxton and that is

and ask her if she has forgotten me ^ the reason she has not answered my letter. Give my love to Sarah and ask her if she has alse forgot me. Mother sends her best respects to your Mother My Husband sends his best respects to you. Farther sends his to your Farther also. Please write as soon as you receive this. Give my love to Mary F. Please write all the news, And Direct your letter Grand Haven Mich I guess I have written more than you will have patience to read it is written so horrible. But excuse bad written for I always write in a hurry I must close by wishing you a life of happiness with loving friends around you May no dark clouds dim the bright sky of your life. But may you ever be happy and never forget your ever loving and true friend. Ellen