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East Moonfield  
Nov 5th 1863

My dear sister

I fear that you will think that I am very ungrateful for not writing to you ere this I have been so busy cleaning house that I had not time to write to any of my friends for the last 5 weeks but I have got pretty near straitened out at last it is so good to get in a home once more oh dear Jane if you knew how bad I did feel to be in poor sister Nanceys so long I was with all of my children you would pity her as well as me and to cap of all I had to move in this house ~~be~~ before the family moved out 9 weeks longer

I really thought that I never  
would get settled the man that  
we bought this place of done  
his best to take the place  
from us again after John  
paying him for it they  
got sorry for selling it but  
they could not get it back  
from John they abused us  
shamefully in ~~the~~ every way  
they hindered us to put up  
our stove and our beds I had  
to sleep on the floor for 2  
weeks before we could get rid  
of them I took cold in my  
head and inflammation in  
my eyes and tooth ache I  
suffered every thing for the  
last 2 Months but I thank  
God that I am still alive  
and taking comfort in my  
New home with my dear



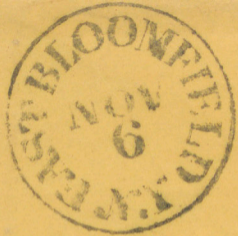
husband once more oh  
how I wish that you could  
Just hop in and see me now  
I think that you would like  
the looks of my little house  
it is so clean and nice and  
every thing new in it so  
sweet and clean it is a new  
life to me to get rid of the  
old ones I think that god  
took pity on me and raised  
that terrible tornado for my  
good and gave me good friends  
to help me oh my dear sister  
if you knew how grateful we  
do feel to you and to your  
dear good and noble husband  
I would not have anything  
to keep house with only for  
you and your husband May  
god bless him and his every  
day of his life is my prayr

John received a letter from  
the Captain a few days ago  
I am glad that you received  
the two ~~box~~ boxes of grapes I hope  
that they were good ones this  
is a beautiful fruit country  
& like it well I am in hope  
to be able to send you some  
of its fruits after I feel  
highly complimented in  
the Captain speaking of me  
in such high terms I only  
wish that I was worthy of  
his praises I must bring this  
to a close I hope that you will  
excuse this bad writing as my  
pen is very poor one

a little early of course for  
fruit

My husband joins me in kind  
regards to the Captain and to  
your self and to your children  
in hope to here from you soon  
I remain as ever your fond  
& grateful sister Mary Goodine  
Good by





Mrs Jane Hastings  
Carlisle  
Prusa  
care of Captain D H Hastings

East Bloomfield

Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 1863

My dear Sister,

I hear that you will think that I am very ungrateful for not writing to you eve this I have been so busy cleaning house that I have not time to write to any of my friends for the last 5 weeks but I have got pretty near straightened out at last it is so good to get in a home once more. Oh dear, Jane, if you know how bad I did feel to be in poor sister Nancy's so long 3 weeks with all of my children you would pity her as well as me and to cap of all I had to move in this house before the family moved out 2 weeks longer. I really thought that I never would get settled the man that we bought this place of done his best to take the place from us again after John paying him for it they got sorry for selling it but they could not get it back from John they abused us shamefully in every way they hindered us to put up our stove and our beds I had to sleep on the floor for 2 weeks before we could get rid of them I took cold in my head and inflammation in my eyes and tooth ache I suffered every thing for the last 2 months but I thank god that I am still alive and taking comfort in my new home with my dear

husband once more oh how I wish that you could just hop in and see me now I think that you would like the looks of my little house it is so clean and nice and every thing new in it so sweet and clean it is a newe life to me to get rid of the old ones I think that god took pity on me and raised that [illegible] [illegible] for my good and grace the good friends to help me on My dear sister if you knew how greatful we do feel to you and to your dear good and noble husband I would not have everything to keep house with onley for you and your husband may God help him and his every day of his life is my prayer.

John received a letter from the Captain a few days ago. I am glad that you received the two box of grapes I hope that they were good ones. This is a beautiful fruite country I like it well I am in hope to be able to send you some of its fruites after I feed highly complimented in the Captain speaking of me in such high terms I onley wish that I was worthy of this praise I must bring this to a close I hope that you will excuse this bad writing as my [illegible] is very poor one.

My husband joins me in kind regards to the Captain and to your self and to your children in hopes to here from you soon. I remain as ever your friend & greatful sister Mary Goodin.

Good-by.