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Letter from D[avid] G[ilrye] Muir to [John Muir], 1880 Jun 26.

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One reason I did not write you shortly after your marriage was you did not give your new address. The others wrote to Martine on my advice, but not having heard from you since, do not feel sure that you have rec'd their letter.

You ask about my family. Katie is pretty well. Carrie will be 16 this fall Annie is 13. Will 11 & Joe 8 & all healthy & blessed. We think with good common sense. Mary Hand has been sick but is much better. Annie is with her. Mother is alone one of our or Joe Al's girls generally stay with her nights. Sarah is getting over her trouble & appears tolerably cheerful, but still there is a sadness about her. Maggie is a fresh creature, we hope she will do her good. Hoping this long letter will partly make up for my careless delay. That this will find you happy & I subscribe myself with kindest regards to Mrs. Moore & her brother D. G. Muir

14 claims, looks things in Glen
St. Colorado, out of which I expect
what is for my last trip partly
written as from (13) D. G. Muir

Postage this June 26/80
Dear Bro Joe

I was really glad to receive a letter from you this AM even if you did give me a whipping. I deserve it though. I heartily congratulate you for your good fortune in getting a good wife & wish you had found her sooner. I hope your wanderings will hereafter will not be so lonely as they used to be to your dear wife & I would say I welcome her into our family & speak for her a happy life & hope soon to see & become well acquainted with her

Father reported himself very sick
a month ago & urged Joanne
to come to him. She went
(taking her intended with her) to
whom she is engaged to be married
Sep 7th Mrs Walter Brown of Phillips
wis, dont tell her I wrote this)
They found him feeble unable to
walk without crutches, but
he has since regained about
his usual health. They have
done all in their power to
get him to come home but
as yet he says "the Lord
has not ordered him to
return to Portage yet" but
we expect Joanne will make
out to bring him with her
in August. Jos Reid & family
will go to Crite Neb in Sep
if all is well. he owns a 1/2 interest
in 200 cows near there & intends to
take a 1/2 interest in a meat market also

Dan has for two years been entirely
overworked in Racine & his health
threatened. but also has had great
trouble in collecting on a/c of
hard times security of money
He reports himself nicely located
on 18th & K Sts Lincoln Neb, when
he will do office business only
& have office hours & also oversee
his large stock farm 14 miles distant
his farm is large but his flocks are
very small yet. but has made a
start. I dont know as I suffer from
'inflammatory neb' but I ought to
suffer from inflammatory someplace
as Portage is certainly becoming
worse for business. business has
gone hard for a few years
lately then, been promised to do
better but good times still linger
in the future for the last 10 days
we have been surrounded by water so that
not a single customer to come from the country