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Letter from Mother [Ann Gilrye Muir] to [John Muir], 1880 Sep 20.

Ann Gilrye Muir

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And so you see my dear
brother that it is I, instead of
Joanna as you said, who am
left in "solitude and solitary
grandeur." - All married but
me! Only think of it! I and
mother are being here all alone.
I tell her that she must be my
good to me now that I am her
only child. And we do try to
be my good to each other.
How I would like to see your
wife's picture. Can you not
send us one? We will begin
to think that she is my plan's
looking and that you don't wish
us to see her, if you do not.
I think I will come out and make
you a long visit next summer as
Mother talks of going up to Philly
in the spring to stay with the
rest of the folks there. Write
soon to your old maiden
sister, whose name is Annie.

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Portage Sep^r 20th

Dear John

I very gladly
received your letter of Aug^t 15th
from Alaska, and hope you will
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in writing to you than usual,
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to excuse me -

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absent -

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Affectionately
Mother

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Affectionately,

Mother