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Letter from Mother [Ann Gilrye Muir] to John Muir, 1882 Feb 21.

Ann Gilrye Muir

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Wisconsin Box 356

Portage 21st Feb 1882

Dear John -

I gladly received your letter of Jan 2nd telling us of your welfare, also of your family and home - from what you write - I think you are preparing to stay more at home than you have done heretofore, and I am glad of it - I trust your little girl will be spared to be ever a joy and happiness to you all.

Your father came home about Christmas and stayed until Joanna and Walter came, to make us a visit on their way South - and when they left he accompanied them, his health is quite good - although still quite lame.

I sent you a Christmas Card, but I rather think it has not reached you.

Mr Parry is again a member of the Legislature at Madison he gets home Friday nights and goes off again Monday mornings. This keeps David in the store very closely but he is very well at present -

Our friends are well as usual, hoping to see you soon with much love to you and your wife and daughter hoping Gods blessing will ever rest upon you all.
 Lovingly
 Mother

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I think I must
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concerning Mr Brown - business
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There is no settlement very near
them - They have applied for
a Post Office and expect one soon.
I hope they will succeed in
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