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## Letter from Ann Gilrye Muir to John Muir, 1862 Mar 1

Ann Gilrye Muir

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Portage March 9<sup>th</sup> 1843

Dear John

I received your letter and am  
glad to know your health is improving  
I am glad you feel happy and comfortable  
and get on so well with your studies -  
we are all about our usual - my health  
is much better - Daniel left home early  
yesterday morning for Canada, his father  
said he would not hinder him, if he  
wished to go, but he would not advise  
him - he would not give him money  
but said I might if I wished -  
it is a hard trial to me - all my  
boys have left me - I try to think  
it is for the best - you will have  
heard of this new conscription law -  
exempting none it seems hard -  
have you thought anything about it  
I would like to know - your term  
will soon expire and I would be  
glad to see you if you thought you  
could enjoy a visit home -  
Dr Prentice has resigned and come home

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he looks very thin and pale —  
your father has bought a house and lot  
he is getting a small barn put up and  
getting a well dug, they call it three  
quarters of a mile from Miles corner  
it is beyond the railroad station —  
we will not move for a month or so  
as it is occupied — there has been  
a great fire at the station a long  
row of houses have been burned  
and the elevator containing thousands  
of bushels of wheat was burned to the  
ground — your father had about five  
hundred bushels burned — part of it  
being winter wheat —

I am glad Dan and the girls has  
had such a good opportunity of  
attending school here

I hope you will  
write soon — from your  
affectionate Mother