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Letter from Joanna Muir to Daniel H. Muir, 1866 Dec 25

Joanna Muir

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Wichory Farm Dec 25th 1866

Dear brother Daniel

I wish you a merry
christmas and a happy new year
when it comes; we expected Annie
and Sarah and her father Wiley
but it is so rainy that I am
afraid that they will not come
which seems very strange for christ-
mas for it is always very frosty
and it is generally good sleighing
but if it rains much more the
snow will be all gone and perhaps
we are having our January thaw
a little before the time.

I received your letter of the 17th
of Nov and was very glad that
you had become so strong and

well so very fast and that
 you can no longer jump and
 pull. I know it was very
 naughty not to have written
 sooner but I have been going
 to school for a few weeks and
 I suppose though I had not
 time we have got a very good
 teacher after all not an American
 either as I intended to go just
 as steady not even and learn
 as much as possible, and be
 as brave as possible about break-
 ing the roads for I have got a
 pair of over shoes and am all
 rigged out for a regular
 glorious time wearing this
 winter for I am going to be
 a real good girl and be
 contented to go to school here
 instead of Portage or any
 where else for we have got
 a little more used to staying

up here by ourselves then we
 were when you went away
 first.

We have commenced going to
 the creek again every two weeks
 and would you believe it
 father is going to get a gravel
 stove pipe that from New York,
 don't you think you had better
 come home and see how he
 looks with it I suppose it
 will have the desired effect
 of making him look quite
 preachersy. The apples have
 not lasted as long as you pro-
 mised for father has just had
 to bring up two barrels from
 Portage I hope you will soon
 write and let us know how
 you get along now

From your affectionate sister
 Joanna