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Letter from Maggie [Margaret Muir Reid] to John Muir, 1889 Jan 15.

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I will have something
better to write to you before
long.

I hear that Brother Dan
is visiting the folks in
Portage Wis.

with love to all

Yours affectionately
Maggie

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Collyer, Reuses.
Jan 15th 1889

Dear Brother John

We received
your kind & cheering letter
of Dec 24. for which we thank
you more than I can tell

You have no doubt heard
from John since that. he says
to tell you that the mortgage
that the Mrs. has been sent
to Wis for Sarah to sign &
he will send it as soon as
it comes.

I have been try-
ing to be hopeful & trust-
ful but oh John we are
now well nigh discouraged.

perhaps you know that
the horses are mortgaged to
the Bankers for more than they
are worth & to make them

more sensible John & Harry
 (with occasional hired help)
 have worked hard late & early
 for the last year (since he & Foster
 parted) caring for & breaking
 those horses. & the agreement
 they made ^{the Bankers & me} was, that while he
 was doing so. They would advance
 or let us have the use of money
 to live on & pay other expenses
 but a few days ago John got
 a letter stating that we must
 not draw on them for any
 thing more than feed for the
 horses & help to break & care
 for them. John feels terrible &
 has written a letter saying
 that they will have to take
 the horses & he will have to
 go off & try & get work by
 the day if he can do no better
 on the railroad or any thing

till he can do better. but I
 am in hopes they will not
 make so bad as it is for them
 advantage that John should take
 care of them. I he hoped to sell
 a carload in the Spring to take
 them east, as he thought perha-
 ps there would be a better market
 for the kind of horses he has. There
 is a good deal of the Bronchos
 about them. he was deceived
 in them when Jim Foster bought
 them. we dont ^{know} whether Jim was
 or not. he did very reckless things
 before they parted &

I am glad
 you are all well & that you
 are so much better I feared
 you would be very nervous
 with so much writing.

Excuse me for writing you
 such dismal news & dont
 say anything about it. I hope