



John Muir Correspondence (PDFs)

---

1889-12-08

## Letter from Joanna [Muir Brown] to John Muir, 1889 Dec 8

Joanna Muir Brown

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholarlycommons.pacific.edu/muir-correspondence>

---

### Recommended Citation

Brown, Joanna Muir, "Letter from Joanna [Muir Brown] to John Muir, 1889 Dec 8" (1889). *John Muir Correspondence (PDFs)*. 1870.

<https://scholarlycommons.pacific.edu/muir-correspondence/1870>

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by Scholarly Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in John Muir Correspondence (PDFs) by an authorized administrator of Scholarly Commons. For more information, please contact [mgibney@pacific.edu](mailto:mgibney@pacific.edu).

We are still here at  
 mother's, waiting for Walter  
 to accomplish his R. R.  
 and Trust Co. work at  
 Philadelphia. He has had  
 many discouragements and  
 many unforeseen diffi-  
 culties to contend with  
 but he remains undaunt-  
 ed and says he must  
 and will succeed. He  
 made a flying trip to  
 N.C. last week, arriving  
 there in the morning  
 and returning to Phila.  
 in the evening of the  
 same day. He went  
 to the house which  
 is still closed and  
 reports everything undis-  
 turbed.

Portage Wis  
 Dec. 8, 1884

Dearest brother John

Your long  
 letter to Annie which  
 came this morning, and  
 which I have had  
 the pleasure and pain  
 of reading, gives us  
 too clear an idea  
 of the much work,  
 physical and mental  
 and no play, which  
 is yours at present.  
 Overwork of one



kind or another and over-  
 taxed nerves has been  
 and is such a common  
 complaint in our family,  
 and for so long a time  
 we considered you the  
 grand exception to the  
 case, standing as you  
 do on a higher plane,  
 cooling your brow in  
 the pure mountain air  
 and fastening your soul  
 on the absorbing study  
 of sweet soothing na-  
 ture, untrammelled by  
 either the love or the  
 fear of society and  
 its folly; that it  
 makes our hearts ache  
 to think of you as

tired or worried by the  
 vexatious botherations  
 of ordinary mortals.  
 But it seems that they  
 who comfort others do  
 sometimes themselves need  
 comforting, and how  
 I wish I had the  
 power! We can at  
 least assure you of much  
 true sisterly love and  
 appreciation of your  
 work. (I wish I could  
 see more of your writing)  
 and we can also pray  
 the good Father to be  
 with you and bless you  
 with His peace, and  
 rest of soul.



I do not yet know  
when we shall leave  
here but think all  
will be settled satis-  
factorily before very  
long. Now I am going  
to tell you about our  
little baby Bernice.  
She is now three months  
old, and over, and is  
as sweet and healthy  
a blue-eyed girl as  
any one could wish.  
We had hoped for a  
brown-eyed boy like  
the one who left us  
but now we think  
we could not have  
been better suited



Grandma holds her  
for an hour at a  
time talking to her and  
smiling at her sweet  
baby ways, they all  
think they cannot do  
without her now.

I send a picture  
of Jessie which was taken  
in the summer, Please  
tell Louie it is for her  
with my love and  
kindest wishes, I think  
Louie's life and mine  
must be much the  
same for the little  
girls take ~~the~~ our  
minds and our hearts  
and our time,

Dear John I received  
your very kind letter  
of last summer but  
was not at the time  
well enough to reply.

I shall not  
look for any letter  
from you at present  
for you have enough  
other writing to do  
and we have news  
of you now from  
Ann's letter but  
I will try to write  
again before very  
long.

Love to your sweet little  
Wanda and Helen.

Affectionately  
Emma