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Letter from [John Muir] to Helen [Muir], [1890] Aug 3.

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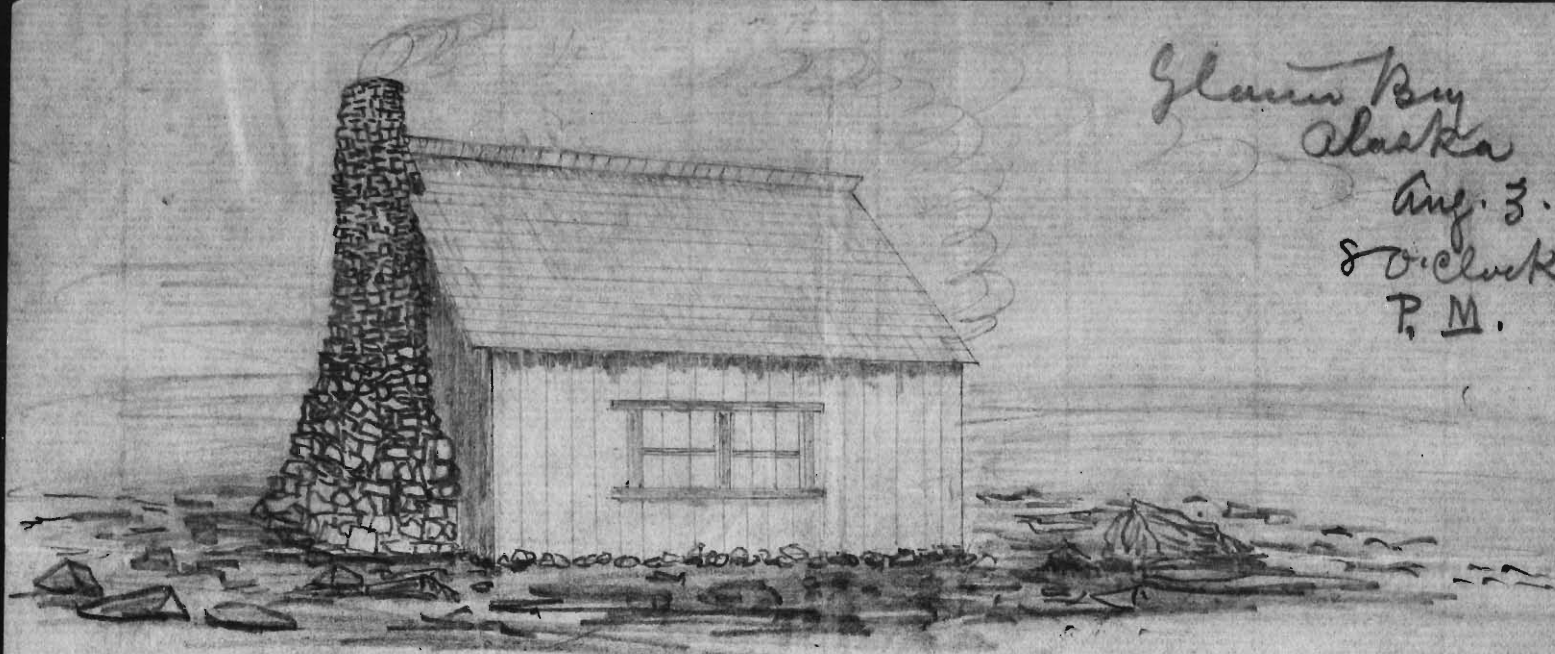
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Glenn Bay
Alaska

Aug. 3.

8 o'clock
P. M.



My dear little Helen
I hope when the steamship comes next time that I will get another nice letter from you. I wrote a letter to Wanda & now I must write one to you. Wanda's letter has a picture of the house we made in this cold rainy country to live in, & here is a picture of the same house showing the chimney. It is not a very warm house, for there are many cracks & holes in it & the wind comes into it piping & laughing at us, but we laugh too & never mind the wind when we are dry & have a fire & a bed. The bed is hard but warm & I don't mind the hardness. If you were here I think you would be afraid at first for the big pieces of ice that come from the glacier make a terrible sound & shake the ground & shake the house more than a mile away. But the little pretty flowers are not afraid & the little birds & so you would soon get used to it like them. Papa will be very glad when he gets home to you again & to Wanda & Mamma & he will soon be home. Now I

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Send you many kisses & much love & hope
that you will be very good to Mamma
& Wanda & Bob & Grandpa.

It has been raining nine days but
today the sun came out & this is
a beautiful night though it is cold
& big black & gray clouds are
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& the glacier & some of the big
pieces of ice floating about
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& in a cozy house & room.

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