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## Letter from Joanna M[uir] Brown to [John Muir], 1907 Mar 8.

Joanna Muir Brown

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We have had a pleasant  
 winter and I think Spring  
 is close at hand - I have  
 been able to get the fresh  
 air most of the time and  
 my health is gradually  
 coming back to me so that  
 I am very hopeful that I  
 may have better health than  
 ever - The girls are all as well  
 as usual and busy as possi-  
 ble, Walter is too busy for his  
 own good but perhaps it is better  
 than not to have enough to do -

I had a very short letter  
 from Maggie - give her my love  
 and tell her I will soon write  
 I am so glad she is better -

With love to yourself and the  
 girls I am lovingly yours  
 Joanna M. Brown

Port Norfolk, Va  
 March 8th 07

My dear brother John:-  
 Your very kind  
 letter containing the draft -  
 came safely and certainly  
 gave me a surprise - for  
 although I now recall your  
 words - that you did not  
 want any share in the  
 money from the family  
 estate, yet I had never  
 thought of your turning  
 it over to me -  
 At first I felt as if I could  
 scarcely accept your generosity, but  
 upon reflection I realized

that you had given expression to your sincere sentiments, and as I would have done exactly the same under similar circumstances (considering dear Annie's expressed wishes) I have decided just to thank you and tell you that you have only come up to the high standard by which I have always liked to measure you.

By this I do not wish to judge the others of the family, no doubt they have felt justified by their needs.

We are all so very glad to hear of Helen's recovered health and her pleasure and success in keeping house, Her letter to Fannie is a great satisfaction to me for I had just been wondering how she was getting along without Menda - I think you are having the pleasure in your daughter which I have in mine - they are my jewels -

We will be watching for your new book which I trust will soon appear - Please let us know when it comes out - I suppose you are very busy with your manuscripts