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## Letter from Sarah [Muir Galloway] to John Muir, 1895 Jan 9.

Sarah Muir Galloway

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Portage, Wis.

Jan 9 /98-

My dear Brother John

I write to thank you for your kind remembrance, and the New-Years gift that you sent me. I intend to use it in a way that will bring a great deal of pleasure and be a lasting benefit. Do you remember the old Clock that you and I bought together, more than thirty years ago? Well, the shelf that it stood upon, I put up myself, the screws at the upper part of the brackets proved to be too short, and unnoticed, worked loose and so some weeks ago the

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old clock that had served us so well came down to the floor with a crash and is in such a broken up condition I have not tried to get it mended. When I feel able to go down town I will use your gift toward putting another in its place, and as I take note of the hours and minutes I will often think of your kindness. We had no Christmas gathering this year, as I have been sick, indeed I have not been very well since I was so ill last spring, about a week before Christmas I was much worse and later, was confined to bed nearly a week. I am pretty well again and hope to

to be about as usual again soon. I have been utterly unable to take up my work in the old way, and have found it necessary to keep a girl, so things must go on regularly, to keep everybody comfortable.

You ask me to tell you how Joanne is getting along. It proves to be as you suppose, that Walter is not very successful, we hoped that when he commenced the new business he is engaged in, that he would do better, but I suppose he will be better able to tell next summer, sometimes he is able to send plenty to keep the family comfortable and then again money comes very slowly. What you sent for last came

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at a good time, none of us knew how much it was needed until after she had received it. I have not heard how things are with her since then she does not say much unless necessary when we try to help her over a hard place until supplies <sup>come</sup> I will try to let you know how things go with her. The rest of us are all very comfortable, with good food, warm clothing, and plenty of wood to keep the fires going. I am sure we have much to be thankful for. Your kind thought of us all is very comforting for we feel that if a hard time should come your hand is ever ready to help. I saw Hiram yesterday and sent out your New Year

gift to Samuel Kenneth. She has not been well, and has not been here for some time. I went out to their place in the fall and staid nearly three weeks. I always enjoy going into the country for a while. The neighborhood is greatly changed since we lived there. It will <sup>is</sup> be ten years past last September since we left the old place. I enjoyed your letter very much, we were so glad to hear of you all. I pray every day that the Lord may bless you all and give to each one just what they need the most. With love to all I am affectionately  
Sarah.