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Now Savina
you must
explore this
for my pen
is most miser-
-able, does
face to still
talk of Tenness

Now you
must work
as soon as
convenient
and let us
- know how
- you prosper

Very
Much
Love to all
and affection
for yourself
Yours
Sincerely
Abant
Molly

Danville) abant the 16 1876

My Dear Niece
To Savina Pease,
Texas townshp
Kulmago Co. Michigan

Mary Pease
Mrs. John Brainerd
Sunday Danville, Wisconsin
yours of July 2^d

is received many thanks for it was exciting
glad to hear from you all again and to
to learn ^{that} you were all usually well I
hope you will all continue in the
enjoyment of it as health is the
greatest blessing we can enjoy, Now
Savina I suppose you are out of school
by this time and enjoying a vacation
at home - do you intend to teach this
fall or winter, I feel just as if I would
like to look in and see you all this
morning my visit, ^{near so short} to your house
that I scarcely got acquainted I think
lots of things that I wanted to ask
about but forgot until I got home
well I hope we shall all meet again

and have a longer visit next time.
Now Savina how did your Pa's wheat
Crop turn out I hope it proved to be
better than he thought it would when
we were there - very glad his prospects
are good for a good Crop of Corn, how has
butter making been this summer
I suppose your Ma is busy making
it as ever I really hope it will pay for the
trouble. I can hardly realize that I have
been to Michigan it seems like a dream
well life is a dream. How does that widow
get along I suppose when that takes
place you will come here on your wedding
tour well people will talk if they did not
they would not say any thing. it
would be better for some if they did, ^{not} say
what they do especially when they squib
it. I hope you Pa will have a good crop of
luck wheat if he does you must all eat and
grow fat you may send me a Cake Cross
the wires, Now for us in Danville we are
going along in the same old rut as ever

nothing new nor strange ^{has} taken place of
of late. we find plenty to do to keep out
of mischief and are enjoying a usual
degree of health which we ought to be
grateful for. Farmers here have mostly
goten through cutting their wheat but have
not commenced stacking yet as the
weather has been showery for a few days
past wheat crop is good in this vicinity,
the forpart of the season was so wet
that the Chinch bug did not damage the
wheat and before the dry weather came on
the wheat was out of the way of them so
people are happily disappointed for they were
looking for the bugs to destroy the wheat, the
weather has been quite dry for some time
untill of late we have had some nice
showers. Corn is very late we shant
have any large enough to eat this two
weeks - the weather has been so cold and dry
but still if frost holds off long enough
we may have a fair crop. We had a very
nice time for haying no rain - Cured and

I think
Lavinia
that you
must be
relation
to our
family
- as you dis-
-like writing
so much I
don't think
that there is
any of our
family that
like it for
Myself I
am a poor
correspondent

and stacked in good order. we had a very
heavy crop of grass and clover. our wheat
ground was set out by the acre so we
have not any - our corn is put out on
shares grass is our principal crop this
season - this part of the letter in relate
to crops perhaps Lavinia will not
interest you but I thought that you
might want to hear in regard to them.
Glad from John and Mate and also from
Will not long since John and family
have been out to visit Mate I don't
know as they have returned yet. I am
looking for Mate home some time in
Oct. Will I suppose has gone to housekeeping
as his house was done last week - his
wife went out three weeks ago - they have
had quite a time getting ready or getting
a house. Glad a letter from your aunt
Lavinia last week all well there.

Now I'm
I wanted to
send you a
small present
for 2 new years
But have not
been any where
to get any
thing so I
will enclose
a little so
let me you
even get what
little thing
you want
it will
get a stick
of Candy.
I hope to soon
Mutch love to
all forever
about Molly

Danville Jan 1 / 1876

My Dear Niece (Wodge Co. Wisconsin)
Mary Peace Bernard
To - Garrison Peace
Texas township, Madison
Kalamazoo Co
of your Aunt Mary for not answering
your letter before this time. I imagine I
hear you say she is real mean I
dont blame you at all for thinking so
for I think it is mean too - but
nevertheless had you seen all the work
that I have had to do this fall and
winter I think I think you would excuse
this pecuniary neglect - but still I dont
mean to let work hinder me from
writing to my friends but we are so
apt to delay writing untill a more
convenient time. I was very very glad
indeed to get a letter from you and to hear
that you ~~were~~ ^{are} well and many thanks for
your picture I did not have one of them
before. I think it is just splendid it looks as

January 1-1876, To Lavinia Pease,
Texas township, Kalamazoo Co Michigan
a student at Kalamazoo College.

if it might speak - I think ever so
much of it, I cant but think about those
Burglars that entered your house I should ^{think} ^{be}
your Pa and Ma would ~~would~~ have been
frightened out of their reason I should I
know. I hope they never will have to pass
through the kind again, were those
Burglars arrested. Our winter thus far
has not been very severe other ^{wire} very
comfortable with the exception of a few
days two days in Nov the mercury was
twelve degrees below zero and one or two
days in Dec It has been raining for the
last three days last night it cleared off and
froze some. The traveling is just awful
the frost is out of the ground the mud is
deep we did not have any rains last fall
the roads were good, I was expecting
Ma's ^{daughter, Mary, Bernard} home last fall to spend the
winter but she did not come but is
coming in the spring if nothing happens
and will spend the summer with us.

From, Danville, Wisconsin

William and John Brammer, two sons; ^{Blooming Prairie Minnesota}

I had a letter from William this week

all well - I was some expecting him home on a visit this winter but he is so full of business he cant come and is the same

"^{with} John their business is such that it confines them it is all most impossible

for them to leave. I am glad ^{that} you are attending ^{Kalamazoo College} school this winter I hope

you will make a successful teacher

and will have a pleasant time, ~~have~~

you, have you been to any more parties

in the rein I think you must ^{have} had a

delightful time but I suppose you had

pleasure enough while there to make it

all up. I have not heard one word from

Libby, ^{Peace} you ^{Peace} Uncle Ripleys folks since she

went East neither did I know that she

had gone until you wrote. I have not

heard from your Aunt Eliza, ^{Peace} since she

she left Michigan. I am very glad ^{Peace} that

your Pa did not go to Tennessee ^{Peace, Kalamazoo Co Michigan}

I really hope he will not go I dont think ^{Peace}

your studies how long before you turn
close do you expect to leave ^{for} in the
Spring, would be a good ^{fit} and mind you
Pa and Mrs and please excuse
This you must not ~~excuse~~ it my dearest

should I ~~thought~~ ^{thought} a northern man
not want to bring up a family there under
the present state of things. Yesterday ^{day} was
New Years where and how did you spend
it and also Christmas did St. Charles put
any thing in your stocking if New Years
was as rainy in Michigan as it was
here I ~~imagine~~ ^{imagine} you could not have ^{had} a very
cheerful one for it was gloomy enough
here. but I hope this year will be a happy
one to you and may you live to see many
of them. I received your Pa and Ma letter
and was very glad to hear that they were usually
well I intended to have answered it long ago
but have delayed but if nothing happens
shall soon. Your Uncle has just come in from
doing his chores at the barn and says
it is time to get dinner so I must
mind we must mind the Lords of Creation
you know. Now how do you get along with

taken in my toe with chills and fever
it seemed like the putrid kind
that ^{THEY} used to have East I had a very bad
foot there was a while that it looked if
it would mortify but it is all right now.
There has been great deal of sickness
about here this winter, great many deaths
~~and~~ among our near neighbours and
old settlers some that were here when we
moved here among them was William
wifes Mother she had been out of health
some time but dropped away very suddenly
The roads were all blocked with snow
at the time so none of the friends could
get here only those her closest by, could get
no road to Wills wife nor the other friends
by Seligraeth or any other way until several
days after death neither could they bury
her until the fourth day after his death on
account of the snow it took a good many
men to shovel roads in order to get her
they live two miles from here the burying ground
is not far from here and then they had

had to shovel roads from here to Columbus
to get the Coffin they had to go cross the
fields and every other way in order to get
there it was a terrible time snow three feet
on the level and such huge snow banks.
we never had such a snow before here
and it seems as if ^{now} it never would go off
it moves so slow here it is most a ^{it} bitter wind
such a body of snow, There was several days
the trains did not move could get no
mail from any quarter it seemed lonesome
enough it was still worse in Minn. where
MATE FLINN
Mente is snow four feet on the level there
was a month at a time the trains could
not move they got the mail once or twice
in that time by going over the snow with
a hand sled some forty miles, they
dont generally have very much snow there
not as much as we do here. People were
not looking for such a time as ^{not} well
prepared for it as they might have been
the merchants got out of supplies so

for Coffin with
Team had to
bring it on foot.
Every body will
be so glad to
see warm
weather again
have you had
such a week
with you. I
had a letter
from Hester
Williams
recently, saying
Henry had
got home and
it to bad he
cant behave
himself I
am sorry for
them,

(Henry was a bird
hunter)

people had, do without many things they
wanted although there was no suffering
in that place, but great suffering in some
others for food and fuel many have
~~many have~~ died for want of food and
fire they could get to nobody and no one
to them and out of every thing and of
course they have to perish. They were well
at Mates we got a letter this week the first we
had for some time, ^{news} Selbie was being afflicted
with John's Comforters aside from that well
John and family are well as usual and also
Williams John's wife has a young daughter.
There has been more sickness and deaths this
winter than before since we lived here Diphthery,
~~measles~~ and scarlet fever, some have lost
all their children, there is one family not far from
here of seven children four of the oldest have
died lately the oldest 22, 20, 18, 16, more sick
when one of them died they could not get to Colium

Now Brother
Wm and
Sister Sarah
I hope I shall
have from
you soon.

Sincerely
Sister Abby
(Mary) Bunker
Gave my
love to all
the children
and also to
Maurice
(Smith)
I will

send John's
too he is
just now
at the
bar he
would send
it if he were
here

WISCONSIN
Dunsville Feb 14 1862

Sternberg was mother of Aunt Mary Ann (Brown) Pease,

My very Dear Brother and Sister
William and Sarah Pease
from Aunt Mary (Pease) Bunker.

How do you
all do in Mich today how I
would like to come in and
see you all and have a good
chat with you we would find
lots to say to each other, and
how I would enjoy it. It is very
pleasant here too day although
the ^(TRAVELING) traveling is bad had quite
a rain last night the weather seems
much like Spring the month so
far has been very pleasant and
warm, and a very open winter
not much like last winter last
winter was fearful. We are all as
well as usual my health is much
better than it was last fall. ^{Bunker} John is
very much as he generally is winter
time

(Mother's last band)

estimate the day but did not

Yesso mine I was minded the children

he is on the couch now a sleep
 Wills ^{program} family is here yet - he has gone
 to Montanance and John ^{junior} also and
 Mates husband is expecting to go in
 the Spring so you see my family is
 a good ways off they have been
 gone these weeks we had a letter from
 them when they got at the end of the
 Rail Road they were about to start out
 on the last part of their journey on
 foot some three hundred miles
 I say on foot - not exactly although they
 will foot ^{it} some part of the time they
 took with them a mule team three
 mules and waggon, they took a tent each
 one armed with two revolvers and bowe
 knives, provision for themselves and
 mules, blankets and beffalo robes and
powder and whatever they could carry
 for their comfort they also took a stove
 they will have to camp out among
 wild animals and Engins it is quite

BONNIE

an undertaking we feel very anxious
about them shall begin to look for
letters next week it will take something
like a month for letters to get around
They are in the Northern part of Montana
up in the mountains among the mines
There are men from Johns place already
there John^m pardner went with them, he
went there last fall and made some
purchases^{es} for the boys the reports in
regard to the value of the mines are good
they expect to go in other buisness there besides
mining. when we get letters from the
boys and find out something more I
will write again. It is some time
since I have heard from our friends
(IN NEW YORK STATE)
East I suppose it is my own fault for I
have not answered their last letters thought
I would wait until I heard from the
boys. you would feel bad if you thought
your children would be scattered as
mine is. I hope they never^{will} be

How is both
the Ripley
and family
I'll be at
still with
Metc or
was the
last I heard
from them.
I suppose
Mrs Standish
-beige is still
living I ex-
pect they
his sons
travels with
his I read
things were
different with
them in some
respects. that
they could
get along by
necessarily

Last week was the fourteenth of Feb my
birth day seventy one years old can it be?
received on that day the present yours
and yours family presented me with
which you have many thanks I think
it nice and pretty and appreciate it
very much as it came from you and
yours, Now how are your dearselves I
hope ~~to~~ Sarah ^{Page} that your health has impro-
ved since I last heard from you, and
that brother Wm's ^{Page} health is good. I hope you
will both be careful of your healths and live
to a good old age dont commit suicide by
working to hard I hope we may all meet
again some time on earth. Is Vinia teaching
you tell her I have had news about her I heard
there was talk of her taking a school for life
commencing with one pupil. I expect Wm
and ^{JEWETT} ~~just~~ ^{PEASE} are men it seems but a little while
since they were little children, do you remain
on the same favor that you have been on

Mary Pease Brainerd
Letter #1

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[To Lavinia Pease, Texas Township Kalamazoo Co. Michigan. From Mary Pease (Mrs. John Brainerd), Danville Wisconsin]

Danville Aug the 15 1875

My Dear Neice L

Sunday

Yours of July 22

is received many Thanks for it was exceedingly gald to hear from you all again and to learn you were all usually well I hope you will all continue in The enjoyment of it. as health is the greatest blessing we can enjoy. Now Lavinia I suppose you are out of school by this time and enjoying a vacation at home - do you intend to teach this fall or winter, I feel just as if I would like to look in and see you all this morning my visit was so short to your house that I scarcely got acquainted I think lots of things that I wanted to ask about but forgot untill I got home well I hope we shall all meet again

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and have a longer visit next Time. Now Lavinia how did your Oa, wheet crop turn out I hope it proved to be better than he thought it would when we were there - very glad his prospects are good for a good crop of corn, how has butter making been this summer I suppose your Ma is buisy making it as ever I realy hope it will pay for the Trouble. I can hardly realise that I have been to Mishagan it seems like a dream well life is a dream. How does that widdower get along I suppose when that takes place you will come here on your weding tour well people will talk if they did not they would not say any thing. it would be better for some if they did not say what they do especially when they squib it. I hope you Pa will have a good crop of buck wheet if he does you must all eat and grow fat. You may send me a cake crost the wires. Now for us in Danvill we are paging along in the same old rut as ever

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nothing new nor strange has taken place of late. We find plenty to do to keep out of mischief and are enjoying a usual [d]egree of health which we ought to be greatful for. Farmers here have mostly goten through cutting their wheat but have not commenced stacking yet as the weather has been showery for a few days past wheet crop is good in this vicinity, the forpart of the season was so wet that Chinch bug did not damage the wheet used before that dry weather came on the wheet was out of the nay of them so people are happily disappointed for they were looking for the bugs to destroy the wheet, the weather has been quite dry for some time untill of late we have had some nice showers corn is very late we shant have any large enough to eat this two week - the weather has been to cold and dry but still if frost holds off long enough we may have a far's crop. We had a very nice time for having no rain-cared and

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Letter #1

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and stacked in good order. We had a very heavy crop of grass and clover - our wheat ground was let out by the acre so we have not any - our corn is put out on shares grass is our principal crop this season - this part of the letters in relate to crops perhaps Lavinia will not interest you but I thought that your Pa might want to hear in regard to them. Heard from John and Mate and also from Will not long since John and family have been out to visit Mate I doubt know if they have returned yet, I am looking for Mate home some time in Oct. Will I suppose has gone to housekeeping as his house was done last week - his wife went out three weeks ago - they have had quite a time getting ready or getting a house. Had a letter from your Aunt Lavinia last week all well there.

(Marginalia)

I think Lavinia that you must be relation to our family as you dislike writing so much & don't think that there is any of our family that like it for myself I am poor correspondent Now Lavinia you must excuse this for my pen is most miserable, does your Pa still talk of Tennessee Now you must write as soon as convenient and let us know how you prosper Very much Love to all and a vacation for yourself

Yours lovingly Aunt Molly

May Pease Brainerd
Letter #2

(Page one)

[To Lavinia Pease, Texas Township Kalamazoo Co. Michigan. From Mary Pease Brainerd, Dodge Co. Wisconsin]

Danville Jan the 11 1876

My Dear Neice

What do you think of your Aunt Mary for not answering your letter before this time. I imagine I hear you say she is real mean I dont blame you at all for thinking so for I think it is mean too - but nevertheless had you seen all the work that I have had to do this fall and winter I think you would excuse this seeming neglect _ but still I dont mean to let work hinder me from writing to my friends but owe are so apt to delay writing untill a more convenient time. I was very very glad indeed to get a letter from you and to hear that you all well and many thanks for your picture I did not have one of them before. I think it is just splended it looks as

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if it minght speak - I think ever so mutch of it, I cant but think about those Burglars that entered your house I should think your Pa and Ma would have been frightened out of their reason I should I know. I hope they never will have to pass through the kind again, were those Burglers arrested. Our wites thus far has not been very scveu others wise very comfortable with the exception of a few days two days in Nov the mercuary was twelve degrees below zeeow and one or two days in Dec It has been raining for this last three days last night it cleared off and froze some - the traveling is just awful the frost is out of the ground the mud is deep we did not have any rains last fall the roads were good, I was expecting Mate [daughter, Mary Brainerd] home last fall to spend the winters but she did not come but is coming in the spring if nothing happens and will spend the summer with us

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[William and John Brainerd, her sons; Bloomng Prairia Mentauto] I had a letter from William this week all well_I was some expecting him home on a visit this winter but he is so full of buisness he cant come and it is the same with John their buisness is such that it Confines them it is all most impossible for them the leave. I am glad Vinia you are attending school [Kalamazoo College] this winter I hope you will make a successful teacher and will have a pleasant time. have you been to any more parties in the rain I think you must have had a delightful time but I suppose you had pleasure enough while there to make it all up. I have not heard one would from Lebbia [Pease] nor you Uncle Ripleys [Pease] folks [at Nottawa, Michigan] since she went East neither did I know that she had gone until you wrote, I have not heard from you Aunt Eleyer [Pease] since she left Mishigan. I am very glad Vinia [Pease] that your Pa [William Pease, Kalamazoo Co Michigan] did not go to Tennessee I realy hope he will and not go I dont think

May Pease Brainerd
Letter #2

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any place for a Northern man should not want to bring up a family there under the present State of things. Yesterday was New Years where and how did you spend it and also Christmas did St Claws put any thing in your stocking if New Years was as rainy in Mishigan as it was here I imagin you could not have had a very Cheerful one for it was gloomy enough here. but I hope this year will be a happy one to you and may you live to see many of them. I received your Pa and Ma letter and was very glad to hear that they were usualy well I intended to have answered it long ago but have delayed but if nothing happins shall soon. Your Uncle has just come in from doing his choers at the barn and sais it is time to get dinner so I must mind we must mind the Lord of Creation you know. Now how do you get along with

(Marginalia, Page Three and Four)

[January 1-1876 To Lavinia Pease, Texas township, Kalamazoo Co. Michigan a student at Kalamazoo College. From Danville, Wisconsin]

(Marginalia)

your Studies_how long before your term closes do you expect to teach in the spring, now be a good girl and mind your Pa and Mar bud please excuse this you must not criticize it very clost

Now Vinia I wanted to send you a small present for new years but have not been any where to get any thing so I will enclose a little n bit so you can get what little thing you want it will git a stick of candy. Write soon Mutch Love to all

Lovingly Aunt Molly

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Danville [Wisconsin] March the 26, 1881

My Dear Neice Vinia

Sunday

I have been wanting to hear from you all, this long time but dont know as I shall unless I write it seems to be the only thing that stimulates me to do it is that I may hear from my friends for I must acknowledge that I am a very poor corrispondant. Now Vinia how do you all get along how do you all do is your Mother better I hope she is and your father is he well and the rest of the family, as for us here we are moving along about as usual your Uncle is complaining of not feeling very well has a bad cold I am feeling about as well as usual although not very strong I have had quite a serious attact of Erysipelas this winter

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taken in my toe with chills and fever it seemid like the putrid kind that [they] used to have East I had a very bad foot there was a while that it looked if it would mortify but it is all right now. There has been great deal of sickness about here this winter, great many deaths among our near neighbours and old settlers some that were here when we moved here among them was William [Bramend], wife, Mother she had been out of health some time but dropped away very suddingly the roads were all blocked with snow at the time so none of the friends could get here only those here closst by, could get no wood to Wills wife nor the other friends be teligrath or any other way untill several days after death neither could they bury her untill the fourth day after her death on account of the snow it took a good many men to shovel roads in orders to get here they live two miles from here the burying ground is not far from here and then they

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had to shovel roads from here to Columbus to get the coffin they had to go crost the fields and every other way in order to get there it was a terable time snow three feet on the level and such huge snow banks we never had sutch a snow before here and it seems now as if it never would go off it moves so slow here it is most offer send sutch a body of snow. There was sevel days the trains did not move could get no mail from any quarter it seemed lonesome enough it was still worse in Minn. where Mate [Mate Flinn] is snow four feet on the level there was a month at a time the trains could not move they got the mail once or twice in that time by going over the snow with a hand sled some forty miles, they dont generally have verry mutch snow there not as mutch as we do here. People were not looking for sutch a time a not not as well prepared for it as they minght have been the merchanto got out of supplies so

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people had to do without many things they wanted although there was no suffering in that place, but great suffering in some others for food and fuel many have died for want of food and fuel they could get to nobody and no one to them and out of every thing and of course they have to perish. They were well at Mates we got a letter this week the first we had have for sometime, Lebbie [Pease] was being afflicted with gobs comforters aside from that well John [Brainerd] and family are well as usual and also Williams Johns wife has a young daughter. There has been more sickness and deaths this winter than before since we lived here Diphtheria measles and scarlet fever, some have lost all their children there is one family not far from here of seven children four of the oldest have died lately the oldest 22, 20 18, 16 more sick when one of them died they could not get to Columbus

(Marginalia)

for coffin with team had to bring it on foot. Every body will be so glad to see warm weather again. have you had sutch a winter with you. I had a letter from Hetta Williams recently saying Henry had got home aint it to bad he cant behave himself I am sorry for them. [Henry was a hard drinker]

Vinia are you still in school do you expect to teach this sumer. How is Willie get along with school does he like it. Jewit I suppose is going to school. Your Uncle is making a fire for me to get dinner so I must go and get it. Do you hear from your Uncles folks often. Be a good girl write often.

Loveingly Aunt Molly B
Mutch love to all

Mary Pease Brainerd
Letter #4

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[Mrs. Sternberg was mother of Aunt Mary Anna (Brown) Pease]
[William and Sarah Pease, from Aunt Mary Pease Brainerd]

Danville [Wisconsin] Feb the 14, 1882

My very Dear Brother and Sister

How do you all do in Mich too day how I would like to come in and see you all and have a good chat with you we would find lots to say to each other, and how I would enjoy it. It is very pleasant here too day although the traveling is bad had quite a rain last night the weather seems mutch like Spring the month so far has been very pleasant and warm, and a very open winter not mutch like last winter last winter was fearful. We are all well as usual my health is mutch better than it was last fall - Mr. John [Brainerd, "Molly's Husband] is very mutch as he generly is winter time.

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he is on the couch now a sleep Wills [Brainerd] family is here yet he _ has gone to Montanna and John [Junior] also and Mates husband [Flinn] is expecting to go in the Spring so you see my family is a good ways off they have been gone three weeks we had a letter from them when they got at the end of the Rail Road they were about to start out on the last part of their journey on foot some three hundred miles I say on foot - not exactly although they will foot it some part of the time they took with them a mule team there mules and waggen, they took a tent each one armed with two revolvers and bowe [bowie] knives provision for themselves and mules blankets and buffalo robes and powder and whatever they could carry for their comfort they also took a stove They will have to camp out among wild animals and Indins it is quite

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an undertaking we feel very anxious about them shall begin to look for letters next week it will take something like a month for letters to get around They are in the Northern part of Montanna up in the mountains among the mines There are men from Johns place already there Johns pardener went with them, he went there last fall and made some purchases for the boys the reports in regard to the value of the mines are good they expect to go in other buisness there besides mining - when we get letters from the boys and find out something more I will write again. It is some time since I have heard from our friends East [in New York State] I suppose it is my own fault for I have not answered their last letter thought I would wait untill I heard from the boys. you would feel bad if you thought your children would be scattered as mine is. I hope they never will be

Mary Pease Brainerd
Letter #4

(Marginalia Page Two and Three)

This year is my golden wedden fifty years since I was married the children did talk some of coming home to celebrate the day but did not

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Last week was the fourteenth of Feb my birth day seventy one years old can it be. I received on that day the present you and your family presented me with which you have many thanks I think it nice and pretty and appreciate it very mutch as it came from you and yours. Now how are your dearselves I hope Sarah [Pease] that your health has improved since I last heard from you and that brother Wms [Pease, Kalamazoo county Michigan] health is good. I hope you will both be careful of your healths and live to a good old age dont commit suicide by working to hard I hope we may all meet again some time on earth. Is Vinia teaching you tell her I have bad news about her I heard there was talk of her taking a school for life commencing with one pupil. I expect Wm and Jewit [Pease] are men it seems but a little while since they were little children, do you remain on the same farm that you have been on

(Marginalia)

How is brother Ripley [Rifley Pease, Nottawa Michigan] and family Libbia is still with Mate or was the last I heard from them. I suppose Mrs. Stamlibuge is still living I expect Mary has some Trials with her. I wish things were different with them in some respects. That they could get along pleasantly

Now Brother Wm and Sister Sarah I hope I shall hear from you soon.

Lovingly Sister Molly [Mary
Brainerd] Gave my Love to all the
children and also to Nurier [Swift].

I will send John[']s too he is just now at the barn he would send it if he was here.