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Letter from E.A. Dominy to Nathaniel and Dreda Dominy, 1893.

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Berena Ill Aug 7th 1893

Dear Friends and Relatives

After a long delay (longer than it should have been) I will try and answer your letter of Feb 26th 1893 we were very glad to hear from you and relatives there. we are all well at present and have had good health since we wrote you last we had a very cold winter last winter and a good deal of snow but ^{the} hay was plenty stock came through in good condition our spring opened about the last of March we got our crops in in good order and and in fair season. our oats are a fair crops Winter Wheat an average crop Corn is a looking well but is a

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Suffering for want of Rain
we have not had any rain
to wet the ground for about
a month our Pastures are a
drying up early Potatoes are
a fair crop but we fear late
ones will be a failure a rain
mite help them some if it
comes soon. hay was a fair
crop the month of July has
been very warm there was
not a week but the thermome^{ter}
ran as high as 90° some times as
high as 96° Aug starts a little cool
People are now a Threshing Oats
we expect to thresh to morrow
the Threshing is done mostly
with Steam power and large
Mashines our two boys helped
a neighbor yesterday they
threshed 55 acres of Oats 1700 and
some odd bushels this was not
an extra ordinary days work
we have about 25 acres to

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thresh we expect they will do it in
a half a day they burn coal
eight to ten hundred pounds will
run a Mashine a day coal is worth
\$3.25 per Ton at the station about
two miles from us we consider
it cheaper than horse power.
Grain is cheap Wheat 50^{cts} Corn 30
Oats 20 & 22 Potatoes 50 Apples are
a failure again this year but
a very few scattering ones are
here and there a tree we have
a few Grape vines that promise
a good yield Tomatoes and
Garden ^{fruit} is a drying up would
like to see your Garden you
sake of I have heard my
father tell how nice Garden
truck used to grow on Long
Island he used to tell of
those wild Grapes and how
good they were - We have not
heard if you have taken your
Wind Mill to Chicago to the
Fair I think it would have
been a great curiosity -

We have not been up to the fair yet we may go after we get through with our Summer work probably in course of a month would be glad to see you there and have you come home with us and make us a visit - my Wife is very busy there is but three of us at home now our Youngest Daughter was Married last April and is now a keeping house she Married a young man by the name of Jones they live on a Farm about two mile from us this leaves but three of us at home but one child our youngest son with us. Wife does all the house work alone which with her Chickens Ducks and Turkeys of which she has over a Hundred in all ^{her business} she Planted ^{Keeps} the wild Gower seeds. you sent but they failed to grow she was very

Sorry for that as she had hoped
 to get something new and pretty
 we have a great many wild flowers
 here but not as many as when the
 country was new then the Prairies
 were a perfect flower garden from
 June to October we have wild
 Grapes but they are very sower
 not good for much some wild
 Plums and crab Apples rather poor
 Fruit - Nathaniel must be a
 natural mechanic and can turn
 his hand to most any thing I
 think it is in a measure a
 family trait - as the Jamnays
 = a ~~rest~~ a hand ~~it~~ tools

have a shop where we
 do most of our repairs on our
 farming tools a hand George
 for Black smithing &c - We have not
 had a letter from Cousin George Mc
 Gadden since I wrote you last
 we would be glad to have your
 Brothers out there write and I will
 answer any questions about our country

They may ask - you spoke about
 a storm last winter and of
 a ship being drove on shore
 at Montank luckily there were
 no lives lost - I have never
 seen the Ocean or a large Ship
 as you say it ^{would} be as good a
 sight - as many things that
 at the Fair you wrote of
 the large wild Grapes and
 of the Cranbeys and of sending
 us a few roots wood be glad to
 have a few of the Grapes if it
 come handy send me a root
 and fall

will pay the express
 and be thankful for them
 we Raise the Concord Grape
 they do well here - we have no
 Marshes where Cranbeys would
 grow we buy the Berys at the
 Grocers they grow plenty in
 Wisconsin and Michigan. Write soon

To Nathaniel & Dreda Deming
 yours as ever
 Ed Deming

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