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Concord Jackson County Mich. November 16

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Mr Wm and Mrs Lockwood. Mrs Selina Lockwood

Concord March 26 1866

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