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Concord, Jackson County, Mich. November 16th 1863

Dear Father and Mother, Brothers and Sisters,

by maraying your son, and Brother, gives us a claim upon each other as relatives; Aaron wishes me to write some in his letter. I feel some delicacy in commencing a correspondence with those I have never had the privilege of seeing, yet when I reflect it is the only way at present of conversing with each other by the silent language of our pens I'm taking the present opportunity for making your acquaintance; it would be highly gratifying to me if I could step in your dwelling and converse with you all face to face. I often think you must have many anxious fears about your sons being drafted for soldiers, they have escaped so far yet how long they may the Good Lord only knows as there is another in January calling for about two hundred thousand more soldiers. Aaron tells his age old enough to clear him of the draft if others had not meddled probably would. It seams hard as Aaron says he

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helped them a great deal. Our once happy Country is in a deplorable condition to put down this wicked rebelion is costing much treasure and many lives. My prayer is that peace may be spedily restored with all its attendant blessings, our constitution maintained and wright prevail. William and Josephs family are all well. They were all here a few days ago. William talks of boarding with us this winter and going to school. Poor fellow has worked hard this summer, I hope he will enjoy himself this summer. I intend to take special care of one your sons and will be a kind sister to the others if our lives are spared. I hope you will think enough of us and these imperfect times to answer them soon. Aaron says you always write to Joseph but never to him, please dont let him say so any more by your not answering this. We should have written before now but we thought Mary had written you all the particulars. Please excus poor writing as I have written in a hurry. Please receive my warmest love and best wishes for you all. Adieu.

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Concord. March 26 1866

Dear Father and Mother, Brothers and Sisters, With pleasure I brake the long silence between us by once more addressing these fewe lines to you hopeing they will find you all enjoying better health than I enjoy at present though I would be thankful to God that I yet live and my health so far recovered as to be able to write to you once more, a privilege a few days ago I never expected to enjoy for I have been very sick and nigh unto death one night I grew worse so much so I never expected to see the dawn of another day in this world; yet I felt that all was well with me, I felt a calm and happy composure in God that this world can neither give nor thank God take away. This dear Friends is the kind of religion we shall all kneed in a dying hour if we would see heaven and bright glory with God and his Angels. I am now fulfilling my promise if I was ever able to write it should be my first business to write to you; you should hear from us once more. I hope you will forgive our negligence in not writing oftener, it affords us great pleasure to hear from you all. In future I hope our correspondence will be more frequent though I have but little of importance to communicate; We feel very thankful the cruel Rebelion is

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put down, our union established and slavery demolished, yet I feel our Government is not in as safe keeping as it would have been if Lincoln had lived. Well William how are you enjoying old England with your friends. By this time I suppose we shall see you with your English wife comeing some of these days. Please tell us when we can look for you so I can have a kettle of potatoes boiled and some beef Roasted for we hear the cattle are all dying of their. Its a general time of health here although there has been some sudden deaths about Concord. Old Esy Mcgees wife was found dead in her bed so was old Mr Moral and old Mrs Hungerford and old Mrs Worth. How it stands us all in hand to be prepared for death for many times it comes as a thief in the night as in the above cases. Aaron feels quite encouraged now his place is paid for. Brother Andrew and I settled our affairs by his paying me one hundred and 25 dollars that helped Aaron some, but poor fellow felt bad when he thought I was going to die. My health has been poor most of the winter yet I was never as fleshy in my life yet my flesh the Doct says was not good. I was confined to my bed about 3 weeks. I am dropsical and think I will end my days sooner or later. I have left all the particulars for Aaron to write. Mr Heldred returned last summer says if Wm does not come back soon he shall go and fetch him. I will close, hopeing to hear from you all soon. My best love to you all, Truely yours, Mrs Selina Lockwood.