

January 20 1901

Westminster Maryland

Sunday 2 P.M.

My Dearest Friend Joe:-

I will tell you why I wrote nothing for you Friday or Saturday nights, I was busy both nights working, and just thought I would write today. I was thinking of you just the same. My dear it was snowing when I wrote you last (Thursday) but it cleared away in the night, it barely covered the ground and it has just been cold and windy since. Yesterday was a very cold stormy day. Pap went over to Frank's after dinner to see how the sick are. I seen Mr. Schneider Friday evening and he said Mrs. Kate was getting better.

Andrew was here and went home, he said he would come back and take me up to Holmes'. Chas Magin and Alice were also here, then went down to see Old Mr. Freyman, he is said to be very sick.

Joe I told Pap this morning what I intended to do. He was right much shocked, but after wards, he said he would try to get along. He said of course you are a nice man and knew that you and I would get along very agreeably together and we would have his best wishes. I am glad he seemed to take the news as well as he did. I shall look for a letter from you tomorrow, and you may imagine how glad I shall be to hear how you are getting. I only hope you are well by this time. This is about all for today unless I should hear something interesting that I do not now know. When I get your letter I

will answer and send this as soon as I can. Joe I did not write this very good, my hands were a little cold, but I thought I had better write while I was alone.

My dear not many more Sundays we will have to be apart from each other I trust and pray. I will stop now. Good bye my dear. Your loving friend,

Eva

January 21 1901

Monday morning

My dearest friend Joe:-

I am happy to tell you that I received one of the best letters I ever received, this morning. I am indeed pleased with your dear and good letter. And was so pleased to hear you were getting better, I hope you will be real well when you get this letter, and that you may keep well. Take care of yourself my dear above all things.

I am well and feel so thankful for your loving kindness toward me. You said you would do what you could to keep me from getting bad homesick. Now my dear I don't think you will have to go to much trouble to keep me from getting homesick for I shall be happy to be with you, and I know busy too, that I shall not get very much so if at all. And then as Pap seems to be satisfied, you know I shall be so much better pleased.

So my dear you need not give one thought of concern to my not liking it where you may are. I shall be happy to be where ever you call it home. And hope to make your life bright

and happy. My dear I am writing this in a hurry, as Dora and I expect to go to town after 3 oclock this evening, I will take this along and mail it for you, then you can answer it again for Monday. I must stop now and get ready to take school in. Will write more later. We are having a pretty morning. Good bye for now.

(Recess)

My dear I will add a few more lines. About Kate & Frank just let us surprise them a little, although Frank kind of thinks something, because Dan Seip came down with him not long ago, he said to Frank he was going down to see his Mary and Frank said he was afraid he was too late, that it would be no use.

I suppose Burns won't care if we should get out there about the 18 or 19 or near there, if he does, why of course you can come in a little later, or if you could, you might stay a little longer. Of course if convenient we might let matters as first thought on.

You said you would see me as soon as you could after you got here. Now I know you will do that. And I know too, you will be a little tired when you get here as you have a long car ride in here. I love to ride on the cars, but I think it must be tiresome to ride a long ways. Yet going home I shall be with you and maybe the distance will be shorter seemingly. I must stop again till dinner.

(Dinner time)

It is getting cloudy, maybe it will snow before long.

Mrs. Kate Schneider was getting better but the old lady was very sick yesterday. Mr. Magin said Mrs. Henry was a little better. Dora is going to see Elias Davis' boy this evening, they say he can not get well.

I did not get to see Mrs. Ditman yesterday, for Andrew brought me up. Yes my dear you and I will certainly stop to see Mr. Richter a little while before we go back. There are a good many people we will go see and if it suits, we will stop for a day or so in Baltimore on our way back: for you know we will not get back here so soon again. I received a letter from a lady friend of mine in Baltimore.

The scholars don't know it yet, that I resigned. I asked Prof. Simpson to keep it a little quiet, I did not want them to publish it. And he said all right. This week we have 8 days examination and I shall be a little busier than usual. Over 1/4 of my scholars have been sick the last 2 weeks.

Joe I will soon have to close. I have not said all I could have in regard to the good things in your letter. But you may be certain I duly appreciate all you did say. If I get to mail this this evening, you will get it Wednesday. I shall look for another letter from you Friday if no sooner. And I will write you one for next Monday again.

You said we would be two happy people when you came. I believe this and hope we may always be happy and that we shall live many years, and I think we will not forget to be thankful for these blessings, if favored. I only hope you will be real well. Live happy and I know I think of you always, so good bye

for this time. Excuse bad writing I was in a hurry, but I guess you can read it all. I have no trouble in reading your letters, I can read every word right along. Love to you my dear. Ever your true and loving friend,

Eva

January 19 1901

Darrrtown Ohio

Saterday night

Well Eva I am so glad to tell you that I feal so much better then I did on wee ago and do hope that you ar keeping well. I was just looking at the calender and see by it that if thare ar no changes made that I will be on the road to Baltimore in too wee from to night and everry thing goes right witch I trust will.

Now my dear I have been looking over your dear letter and see so meny good things you spoke of. In one place I see whare you thought that you had writen a whole lot and was afraid that I could not understand it all. My dearest dont think so far as I doo understand it all and just think that the last letter is one of the grandest letters I have received. And I am satesfied in my mind that you mean all for our good and know that you have said nothing that you ought not. I approve of all you said. So you have set to morrow to tell Pap about Joe. I am so glad that you have made up your mind to doo it. My dear will I haft to ask him for you? Now if you can tell me for sure the last day for you at school I will be thare

3 or 4 days before that time so that you will not have to go home before we ar married. If that is your wish for that part will make no diference to me. A little sooner or a little later. It will take just the same time for me to come any way so you know it will pleas me to pleas you. Now my dear it is cool in my room. I will quit for to night and will write more to morrow. Good night my dear. Your friend,

Joe

January 20 1901

Sunday morn 8 oclock

My Beloved Friend Eva

This is such a beutiful sabeth morning just as bright as can be and I was thinking so much of you this morn and I thought that the next best thing I could do would be to write you a few lines to tell you that my hart seams to be with you my dear and my thoughts ar all for you and feal that thare ar not menny Sundays between you and I if the good Lord will permit.

My dear I have just red the first second third and fourth Psalms. You told me that you liked one that would read the bibel. Now my dear my dear old mother tought me allways to doo that. Enney one will tell you what a grand good woman she was. Yes ask some one that remembers her and see if tha dont tell you the same thing. I never will forget her and her kiend training.

My dear I see wer lonely and homesick to see me. I

must tell you that I am in the same boat this morning. I will tell you of Emma Burns getting a or rather 1 letters from home yesterday informing her of her mother being sick and she told me that she expected that she would haft to go home. But I dont know yet wether she will ot not. I will let you know. My dear it is not verry warm in my room so I gess I had better go and warm and then I will write you some more. I just thought it would be nice to write you a few lines early this butiful morning to let you know that I do think of you nearly all the time. Good by dear for just now.

Joe

Noon

Dear Eva

I will just write you a few more lines to let you know that I feal real good to day and doo hope with all my hart that you ar the same or even better. I was going to tell you that we ar going to butcher monday 21 if the wether dont change. The wind blows like thare mite be a change. I saw Harrie Hook. He is back to his place and will work for the same man next year. I gess the folks think well of Harrie. He told me that he is going to Bufalow next summer. I said to him that I would back him out going to Maryland. Thats what he said to me Christmas. He said if I had said so before he went to Dayton that I would not back him out. I did not tell him that I was going. If I should happen to see him a few days before I go I think I would tell him but may not get to see him enney more before.

My dear I think you will tell Pap as soon as you come home from church to day. It mite be that you did it early this morning. Well I only hope that he wont schold [scold] you about it. I would just like to know what he will say enney way. Well my dear I expect tha will call me to dinner enney time so I will close for just now. You will know that I have been thinking of you to day for sure. Dear Eva as ever your best friend,

Joe

Afternoon 4 oclock

Dear Eva

I had some little company this afternoon so tha have all gone and I will write you a few lines before going to doo up my work for night. I was just wondering wether you had got your days woork dun and what you was dooing by this time but I suppose you ar triping up the road for Holmses. I will expect a letter from you to morrow and then will expect to send this for you to get on Thursday or Friday. Thare wont be so verry menny more to come. The last one will be my self. My dear I will haft to stop hear for I see my sheep ar out in the road and I will haft to go after them so good by for this time. I will write more before I retier to night.

Joe

Sunday night

Dear Eva

I will write you a few lines before I retire and will try and tell you something that I think will please you a little now. I won't say for sure but will simply make a guess and see how much I miss it. My dear I will say I will leave home in the morning of the second 2 of february and will aim to see you on Sunday night 3 and I tell you my dear I will have to get along fast if I make it in that time. And if not that soon it will not be any later than the 4. I only say this in case you don't change things with you. Of course if there should be any changes in your school work that will be all right and you can let me know. Of course you will still go up to Holmes on the third and if I get to Westminster on that day I will surely come to see you if there is any way of getting out there. I say don't look for me later than 8 o'clock and don't be surprised if some one should call you to the door at school on Monday that is if I should not see you before. You know we can't tell how I may get along but I do hope all right and have fare weather. You never told me whether Holmes know any thing of you writing to me or any I don't remember any thing of that family only John. I remember him well. Now my dear I will retire and will get up in the morning and kill those hogs and when we butchers again why of course you will be here to see to things. Good night my dear from your loving friend,

Joe

January 21 1901

Monday night

My dear friend Eva

I am glad to tell you that I received your good letter this afternoon and must say it found me verry busy and have hardly time to write now but I will just write a few lines to let you know I am about well and doo hope this will fiend you the same. I have a chance to send this to the office to night by Joe B. then you will be sure to get it before you go home. Now my dear I will expect a letter this weak yet and then one the fore part of next weak then I will not ask you to send any more for fear it mite come after I am gone away. You understand me I hope this is all this time my dear friend. Good night Eva from your loving friend,

Joe

January 22 1901

Westminster Maryland

Tuesday morning 8.30

My Dearest friend:

I will tell you that I read your good letter again this morning, and am so thankful for it, you surely wrote me a good letter. You wondered whether they would serenade us, now my dear maybe not, there has been no serenading in our neighborhood for about 8 years. When Lena Freyman got married, there was a kind of a disturbance gotten up about one of the men, and since then some of them said they would never have to be another disagreement, for they would never go to another serenading.

You said you hoped that I would be satisfied out with you. Now I will tell you again my dear don't you fear, I shall be well satisfied. I know what I am doing, and have decided fully to be contented and happy with you. And as long as you call Ohio your home, that long I hope it will be mine. And I shall be satisfied if it will be so as long as we live.

You said you would find plenty to interest me. I have no doubt about this, for I can always keep myself busy and interested where ever I am: and then I shall be that much happier with you my dear.

Dora took me to Westminster after school yesterday. I seen a few friends and was pleased with the short stay we had in town. I mailed the letter I wrote you, I suppose you will get it tomorrow. It is still cloudy this morning. Hoping you are getting real well, I am your true friend,

Eva

January 23 1901

Schoolhouse dinner

My dear friend Joe:-

I will just tell you I am thinking of you, and counting the days now that are between us if nothing happens. And I do hope and pray all will be in our favor. My dear I hope you are feeling well now. I will look for a letter tomorrow, and if I should not get one then, why I shall surely expect to get your letter Friday. I suppose you will get my letter today I sent you Monday evening. We have had no snow yet it has been cloudy

and clear by turns. If I get your letter tomorrow I will mail one for you, and maybe you will get it on Saturday yet. I will look for a letter again Monday. I will now close for this time. I have been dreaming of you this week, but one night I lost you, this was not such a good dream. I suppose it means I shall find you. You know they always say dreams mean the contrary or opposite rather. Though I am not superstitious a bit.

I suppose you will know soon whether it will suit for us to get back before your folks move out.

Maybe you have or will butcher this week. I can only wish you to get along nice with your butchering. I will say good bye. Be happy and think of me and know that I am always thinking of you: and that you have my best and sincerest wishes for all that adds and will add to your happiness. Ever yours true and best friend,

Eva

January 22 1901

Darrrtown Ohio

Tuesday night

My dear Eva

I am happy to tell you that I feal real well to night and do hope this letter will fiend you also well. I am glad my dear to tell you that we about throw with the butchering. I expect you would of laugh if you could of seen me scrubing up things to day I am afraid you wont fiend everyr thing so verry clean.

Dear Eva I dont beleave that I will undertake to figer up what that 130 lbs would come to just now. I will just wate till you come home then we can both count it. I found and old slate down in the wash house we can use that if it is big enuf. You spoke of it snowing we have only had one little snow and we had that before Christmas and thare has been no ice cut yet. I have a good ice house and did think that I would have some put up but it dont look like we would have any ice next summer then you know I will haft to go away for a wile so I dont hardly expect any ice.

I was real sorrie to hear of Kate being sick. I hope everyy body will be well wen I come over. You know that time is coming close. I shal call at the depot to morrow to inquire about ticket and trains then I will write a little more to morrow night and tell you thare dosent enney one seam to know of me going away so soon. I have not told Will yet. I think I will wate about 2 days before I go.

My dear I think that was anuf to make you feal a little proud to have such a compliment as Prof Simpson past on you as that. Meby you think that it dont make me feal a little that way my self. Dear Eva I dont dout at all but what thare ar menney that will hate to see you go away but my dear that I would hate worst to see you stay thare on less It was so that I could stay thare too and we cant just now. If we both keep our helth I think we can if we want to after a wile but I dont hardly think we will want to now.

Now my dear I spoak to you in the letter I maild last

night to you for you only to send me one letter next week so
there would be no letter to come after I might be on the road so
that will give me two more. I won't say how much money you will get
but if I should change my mind about the time I told you I
would start from home I will tell you for I don't want to
surprise you. I want to tell you as near the time as I can.

I expect you will tell me what Papa said in your next
letter. It would not surprise me if he raised Ned. That
would do him any good would it Eva? Say dear Eva I was
just looking at your letter and thought to myself if I had to
pay \$16 an ounce for you I would never be the lucky one. I
would never be able do you think so? Now my dear Eva I will
quit for tonight and will write more later. Good by for a
short time my dear. From your loving friend,

Joe

January 23 1901

Wednesday night

Dear Eva

I am a little more than happy this eve for one thing I
got such a nice letter from you and one from Martha and a
nother thing I am happy to tell you that I feel good. I will
tell you that Martha wrote me a grand letter that made me feel
so good and there is a nother thing that pleased me that you
told Father what you was doing and the way he tucked it. And I
want to thank you for your kind letter that I received this
afternoon and will say that I shall not change the time of my

coming for good luck if for nothing els. The folks hear will treet us al right but I shal say nothing till next weak to them.

The wether hear is real nice not cold a little cloudy sometimes. My dear I told you last night that I would go to the depot to day and see about things but I did not go but I will and allso want to go to Hamilton. I have some friends living thare that we mite want to stop with on our return home. My dear I have been think of what I told you about that last letter. Now I doo love to get letters from you and I shal not start till the second. Thare would be no danger of me not geting. You just do as you feal about that. Now my dear Eva one of our neighbors have such a sick child I will have to go over a little wile to night and will write more when I come home. I think tha have councel this eving. I fear it will not live. So good by for a little while my dear from your loving friend,

Joe

9 oclock

Dear Eva

I have come home and will write you a few more lines to let you know that I doo think much of you and am happy to tell you that I feal desidedly better this eveing then I have for the last 10 days for I know that I have herd from Maryland to day to make me feal happy and am so glad that I happend to be at Deer Park picnic last August. A nuther thing makes me feal

happy ti think thare is onley about 10 days between you and I
wen we shal see each outhur.

Now I didnt tell you yet how that little boy is. He
is very sick we dint know yet how it will be with him. The
chances ar slim he is a nice little fellow about 2 years old.
I was glad to hear Kate was better.

Now my dear you can doo just as you like about
surprising Frank and Kate. What ever you do about those things
will be just all right with me. I am so glad that we will have
the good will of Papa. So he didnt seam to know that you was
writing to any one did he. Dear Eva I am glad to hear you say
that my poorly written letters make you feal happy. I know I
could doo a little better in speling if I did not write too
fast. I can see my mistakes lots of times after ai have all
redy made them. You was complaining about your writing my
dearest I did no see anything to matter with this letter. It
is just all right. It is geting a little late now I gess I
will quit for to night. Will add a little more in the morning
and mail in the afternoon. Good night my dear Eva. From your
loving friend,

Joe

January 24 1901

My dear friend Eva

I did not get to write you any thing this morning so
the folks have gone away and I am hear alone and onley have
about 2 owers before the mail will come and I want to mail this

so I will haft to hury and meby I havent got much more to write that will be interesting to you. I will tell you that I am glad that you think you wont get home sick not much at any rate. Martha told me that she had not herd a word about you and I think it will be a surprise to quite a number. I am sure it will be hear. Thare isent [isn't] any one that ever thinks of me going back east to get married. At least tha dont tell me of it. Some still teas me about the widdow at Collinsville.

My dear you spoke of stoping in Baltimore a day or 2 yes I know quite a number thare and I gess we could stay thare as long as we would want to. You know I have a Brother living just out side of the city. I expect it will depend a grate deal on the wether. You know a person 30 more apt to catch cold this time of the year. We will see how we get along and how we will feal about that time. My dear it is some what colder to day. The wind blows hard. I will say agan that you can doo as you like about sinding me more than one more for you ar busy any way. Now I will close for this time and hope this will fiend you well. Good by for a short time Eva from your loving friend,

Joe