

January 24 1901
Westminster Maryland
Schoolhouse
Thursday morning
8 oclock

My Dearest Friend Joe:-

I will tell you, that I received your grand good letter this morning. I have just read it and and will write some lines for you now, and mail it yet before evening, so you may get this for Sunday: then I will write you a letter for Wednesday, the last before you come in if all suits as we first said, if anything should fall in your way that you could not come then, why of course you will write. But I would be rather pleased if we could arrange matter as first said without changing. I seen Prof. Simpson in at Mather's store when I was in town this week, and he said the term would close on the 6th Feb.

You said about asking Pap. Now my dear of course it would not be wrong, but it will be all right without doing so. If we should get married on the 6th we will go home from the parsonage, and he will be very kind to you I know, now since I told him. Joe I told him in a very nice way, I could not see how he could have been mean in return: he knows well enough that I have done my part well toward him. I don't think he could recall one ugly act that I ever did to him, of course he has been lacking in kindness to me at times but you know we are to return good for evil, I try to live as near as I can to this

as near as is right or as seems right.

Joe, my dear, he knows of you and said you has a nice old mother, he said the boys were pretty good fellows as far as he knew. And as I told you he said he knew you and I would get along nicely together. He said he would get along this summer, I know he can if he treats Andrew and Letha a little right, they will do what they can for him. I know there is no better fellow to his father than Andrew has been for all Pap don't always appreciate every thing. Well this is enough on this one subject.

You said if you got to start on the 2nd you might get to see me on Sunday night. I am sure I should be very happy if I could see you then. Yet my dear you might be very tired when you get to Westminster, and not feel like taking this little trip more, I would not want you to do more than you were able to do. If you should not get to come Sunday night, I know I shall be glad to have you call at the school house Monday. And then you can come up to Holmes' to see me Monday night. Of course if you should stay at your Brother Lewis' you wont have far to come. I will be at Holmes' Sunday night. Yes Holmes' know I am writing to you, they have known it for a long time. I told Dora whenever you came, I wanted her to pen up the dog for I would not have him bite you for \$1000. She said: I liked you better than she did Walter, for she would let the dog bit him a while lot of times for \$1000. (I guess she didn't mean it)

It looks like snow again this morning. I will have to

stop for this time it is near 9 oclock. I will seal this and mail at dinner. I have not said all I wanted to in regard to the good things in your letter but I heartily thank you for all and appreciate them fully. Write for Monday. I was so pleased to hear you were about well. I am well. I hope you got along all right with your butchering. Take good care of yourself. Good night. With my best love and wishes I an lovingly your friend,

Eva

January 24 1901

Darrrtown Ohio

Thursday night

Dear Eva

I will just write you a few lines to let you know that I an well and thinking most of you and of my trip over the mountens. My dear it is storming to beat the band snowing and blowing but still not so verry cold. I am glad of it for I think it will all be over by the time I want to go on the road. I will not mind it if it is not ant wors. I mean if it is not any colder then it is now.

I must tell you about your white turkeys. Tha followed me in the sheep stabel this eveing so I just closed the door on them so you know that the have a good place to roust to night wile it is so stormey. Tha ar geting along fine. My dear I will not try to write much to night as I have just maild a letter for you to day and will not get to send this till the first of next week. I will have plenty of time to write. You

know by what I have wrote that I did think of you to night 24
Jan and my dear friend I surly doo expect to see you long

before the 24 of Febuary I f kin providence will permit. Now
my dearest friend I doo wish you a good nights rest and a happy
dream. I will quit for to night. Hope this will fiend you
well as it leaves me. Good night dear. Your loving friend,

Joe

January 25 1901

Friday night

I will write you a few lines to let you know that I am
well and thinking a bog lot of you. I was thinking of you
going home this eveing as it is Friday night. I was also
thinking that you onley had one more Friday after this one to
go home. I hope I have the plesher of taking you home after
that you know.

Dear Eva I think I told you of Mrs Burns s mother being
sick. She got word this afternoon that she was wors and it
would not surprise me if tha would pack up and go home next
weak. I am more sure that if her mother dos not get better
that tha will go next weak. If tha dos I will let you know of
it then we will not stay so long in Maryland for I will haft to
leave Joe B hear alone. I onley hope we will all feal well and
have perty good wether and everry thing go all right.

My dear I expect you mailed me a good letter this
morning for monday. I will be watching the mail monday any
way. Dear Eva I cant help feeling glad that Papa wished us
well for I was a little afraid of him. Dear I cant think of

any thing new to write to night. That little boy is still living and tha seam to have a little hope of him. Now I told Billie B to day that I would take 4 duzen of ther chickens. Tha have the plimethrock real nice ones. If you want more we can get them. My dearest friend I will haft to quit for to night. I know that you ar thinking of me as I am of you and know that letter writing will soon be at an end between you and I. Good night my dear. Your loving friend,

Joe

January 26 1901

Saterdag night

My Beloved Friend Eva

I am truly happy to tell you that I received you grand good letter this afternoon and was not looking for a letter today but I am all ways glad to hear from you my dear friend and will only expect one more good letter from you. My dear this one will be verry near the last one for you. I would mail one little short one for you to get saterdag at home if I was sure that you would get it on that day.

Oh say it has been snowing real hard since noon. I think we will have quite a snow. I know we will if it keeps on. It is the first snow worth speaking of this winter. I dont care how much it snows so the cars can run. Now Eva I told you of Emmas mother being sick. She got word agan to day that she is no better so tha commenced to pack and I expect tha will go next weak. However I will ask Billie what he thinks of

going before I mail this letter and will tell you what I can about it. I think I shal mail you a short letter for Friday next then of cours the next one will be Joe.

Dear Eva it is still snowing. I expect I will have to get out my sleigh. Dear it is right cool in my room so I think I had better quit for to night and will add some more to morrow. Good night my dear. As ever your true and loving friend,

Josephus

January 27 1901

Sunday morning

My Dearest Friend

I will write you a few more lines to let you know that I am well and thinking of you. I will go to church this afternoon and put this letter in the office for morning mail. I was talking with Billie this morning about them going away. He could not tell me wether tha could get redy this weak or not but tha will go soon I think. I did not say any thing to him about our matters. I will say this that if I keep well and all is right I will not let them interfear with my coming february second. I will arrange things so that I will come any way for I will not disapoint you for any thing so I expect we had better not count on staying over thare verry long my dear. I may be abel to tell you more in the next letter. I herd this morning that Joe Burns was sick with a cold. If he dont get over hear to day I will go see him.

We have quite a little snow. It is still cloudy and blowing a little snow. One week from this morning I expect to be in Baltimore then the first train I can get for Westminster I will take. I think there is one about 10 o'clock. Well my dear I have told you all as near as I can and will close for this time and get ready for church. I do hope this will find you well as it leaves me. Good by my dear friend for this time from your loving friend,

Joe

Tell that girl to tie that dog.

January 25 1901

Westminster Maryland

Friday night

My Dearest Friend Joe:-

I will tell you that I am snowed in up here at Holmes' last night it began to snow and has been snowing, blowing and drifting all day: making traveling very difficult. The mail did not get around to day, so you may know it was pretty bad. I am glad I sent you my letter, if the trains are not delayed you will get it tomorrow and have something to read Sunday. Maybe you are having snow the same as we. I was thinking if we should have such weather as this a week from now that you would not be able to get here. Yet my dear, I am hoping the weather will get settled before this and you will get to come. It may be cold, but if the roads are fit for traveling, and it is not blowing, raining or snowing, and you are well, I trust you may get here safe.

Of course if it should be too bad you will come as soon as it is fit. I don't want you to expose yourself my dear, if the weather is not fit, why you will have to wait, (in case the weather is too bad) till it is fit to go home.

It may be that in a week it may be pretty again, at least i hope so ny dear. I only wish it will be so you can come in before the 6th, and we will have matters as first arranged, this would indeed please me. I do thank you for this. And shall try to please you always in return.

I told Dora I expected you to come in before long, (this is all I did tell her yet). She said she surely would pen up the dog, and have a good fire in the room for you.

You said you knew Mr. Holmes but not the family. Well Joe the old lady is real nice and just good to me, and so is Dora. Of course I give them no cause to treat me any other way, I appreciate their kindness.

Now my dear if there is no preventing Providence, and you get here to Westminster Sunday, and if you are not too tired and it is not too late I shall be so very happy to see you come to Holmes' to see me. And should you not be able to come till Monday come to the School house, then you can go home with me, or if you would want to go down to your brother Lewis' first, I mean after you call at the school, you can come up again on Monday night. Now my dearest you understand I shall be so happy to see you and could not see you too soon, yet I don't want you to do what is not very possible for I want you to take care of yourself. So my dearest beloved I leave it

with you to come to see me as soon as it is convenient for you to do so, after you get to Westminster. You will know that you will receive the heartiest welcome I can accord you. And the happiest moment of my life so far, will be when I see you. And I trust you will be just so happy too.

I could not get to school today but did some sewing and thought of you all day long. I will now close for tonight. I do hope you are feeling well my dear. I wish you a good nights rest and a pleasant time until I see you. Ever your true loving friend,

Eva

January 26 1901

8 P.M.

My dearest friend:-

I will tell you that I am still up here at Holmes, tonight, though I would much rather have been at home, I had laid off a lot of work I wanted to do at home today, but as the roads were not open I did not get home. Last night the wind blew very hard though it was clear: and drifted the roads right bad. They were shoveling them out today, up this way, of course in a few days if it should not snow any more, traveling will be all right again.

I cant hardly think it can be bad next Saturday, for I do so much wish the weather to be fair so you can come, if it meets with your arrangements. My dear I do want you to write to me just before you start from home, so I will know you are

on the way. Of course you will be busy getting ready etc., and if you just write me a few lines I shall be so happy to get them.

Should anything turn up that you could not come then, I would like for you to write and let me know, right away soon as you could.

My dear I hope and pray all may be so that you can come Saturday, for I do want to see you so much. I have been home sick to see you today, more so because I could not get down home, when I had plenty of work to do. What can't be helped must be endured, so I am trying to contend myself.

Now my dear if the weather should be too bad for you to come when said, I don't want you to feel worried at all, but come as soon as you can thereafter. And I shall be happy to see you when you do come. I was busy today or rather tried to be employed making some fancy articles.

I suppose you have snow too, and can't be out much, so you surely thought of me today in return for my thinking of you. My dear I will close for tonight, or if I keep on I will have a long letter and not much in it after all. I will write you a little more tomorrow. Hoping you are well. Good night My Dearest. Your best and true friend,

Eva

My dear if you should not get to come when said, I expect to be home after Wednesday the 6th and you address your letters after that in care of Letter Carrier No. 7. Though I

hope you get here yourself and not have to write.

January 27 1901

Sunday morning

My dear beloved friend:-

I will tell you that I am thinking of the one dearest to me this morning, and wondering what you are doing, and what kind of weather you are having. It is cloudy today, and no one is stirring about. I am up at Holmes' yet, but won't go home one night this week as soon as traveling gets fit. I have been reading this morning, and maybe you have too, if you did not go to church.

My dear if nothing happens, 2 weeks from today I hope we shall spend our time together.

I hope the mail will get around tomorrow for I shall look for your letter, should I not get a letter from you tomorrow, I will send this any way if the mail gets around. I will write you a little more later. Good bye for now my dear.

Sunday night

My dearest friend

I will write you a few more line now, and if my letter should be long for you to read, you can read it on your way here in the cars. My dearest it is still cloudy tonight, but it may clear away the moon seems to break through the clouds.

I have nothing new to tell you should you get to come next Sunday night or any time soon as convenient, I shall be so

happy to see you, that there are no words to express how glad I shall be. I told Mrs. Holmes I was looking for you soon. She said you would be just as welcome as could be and she would be as good to you as she could be. You know the old gentleman, he is a funny old fellow, I like him real well. He said today if the roads were open, he would have taken me home today.

Dora's friend took her out sleighing tonight, so far as the roads are open. I trust and hope you are well. I will stop now, if I get a letter tomorrow from you I will wait a little more: if not I will send this any way. Write to me just before you start for te East, so I will know you are coming. With love to you, and my heart full of hopeful expectation of seeing, I am your loving friend. Good night My Dearest.

Eva

I pray Providence to grant you a safe and pleasant journey. Take care of yourself and don't let any thing trouble you. Sleep well. Good Night.

January 29 1901

Darrrtown Ohio

Tuesday

My dear friend Eva

I hardly knew wether to wate till I would get you next letter before I wrote so I have concluded to just write you a few lines for Friday to tell you that I have made all arrangements to leave home for your place on Saterdag next second of Febuary. I was at the depot yesterday. My train is due hear 1034 and will arrive in Baltimore Sunday morning 745.

Now my dear I would say this Don't look for me for sure no Sunday as I have wrote to some of my friends in Baltimore to meet me and if tha shuld I may stay over night and come up on Monday. Now you know that there is nothing sure about them meeting me as I did not hear from them. If not why I will come to Westminster providing thare is a train for me. Now my dearest friend lets pray that all may work to our good and that we get throw safe and well and keep well till we get back home. Now my dear I think that all I will say now as I do expect to see you soon. From your loving friend good by my dear.

Joe