

MACK TO WILLIAM ARTHUR

Michigan May the 23 1858

Dear Cousin This morning finds me in good health and hoping these few liens may find you all well I wood like to see you the best kind but the distance is to great the friends and relations in Michigan is all well well fat and sasy it has been very wet spring here so far there is but little corn been planted here yet on the account of wet wether wheat and grass look very well we have a promising prospect of good what well I am gining around like an old hedge hog before breakfast work alittle here and a little there so you can guess at my occupation well uncle John Radabaugh then he went back to indiana wee haint heard from his since the folks in Wm Co [Williams County, Ohio] was all well the last we heard from there Isaac Ewing was up here last Saturday and went back Monday  
N B now I will relate to you the wonderful phenomenon that took place here on the seckond day of May

MR JAMES L EWING

MISS ELIZABETH SMITH

Received the marriage matrimony all of Hillsdale Co Michigan  
Who would exchange a young & single life for a woman this is the case with a good many but not I well you se I am left alone so I will have more good room to grow and fill out well I must soon bring this important Journal to aclose for I cant think of any thing to write tell James that Christopher C Smith has got him a boy tell Silas that if he aint ded I woould like for him to scratch a few lines and send to me and tell me now you get along well I will bright my letter to a close for I am so nervous that I cant wright on the line excuse my bad spelling and writing now I will affectionaly bid you adieu  
I give my best love to you all  
Pleas answer his soon

Henry Ewing to Wm Arthur

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Note: Henry Ewing was born May 15, 1841, and was just past 17 when he wrote the above. The envelope was addressed to Mr. William Arthur, Camba Po., Jackson Co. Ohio. How the letter got back into the possession of my father I cannot explain.

John Radabaugh and Henry Radabaugh mentioned were brothers of Catherine Arthur and Susanna Ewing.

James L. Ewing and Isaac Ewing mentioned were brothers of Henry.

James and Silas referred to were brothers of Wm H. Arthur.

I do not understand the reference to Christopher C. Smith.

The Ewings moved from Jackson Co. O. , to Hillsdale Co., Mich., in 1852 or 1853. Until that time, the Ewings and Arthurs were of the same neighborhood and closely related through the Radabaughs.

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Note: Enoch Ewing moved his family to Michigan in the fall of 1853, some years after his oldest son, Isaac, had migrated to Williams County in northwest Ohio, just south of Hillsdale County.

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