

WILLIAM H. ARTHUR TO MACK

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Dear cousin it is with great pleasure that I take my pen in hand this pleasant sabbath evening to inform you that we are all well at present hoping that when these few lines come to hand they may find you all well the rest of the friends are well so far as I know I have written you a letter for some time ago and have not received any answer for it yet I don't know what can be the reason whether you did not get it or not I don't know you know best about that your self wheat is worth from ninety five to one dollar per bushel corn is worth from twenty five to thirty cts per bushel oats twenty cts per bushel potatoes no price at all well cousin I would like to see you and then I could tell you a great deal more that we can not write to each other O how I long to meet face to face and spend some time in social chat together often do I think back to the days of early life when pleasure was not sought for but we always enjoyed them as our own

Well Mr H I wish you had been here this winter we have had meetings and singings all winter I think you and I could have some good times to gather I was at a singing last night there was more girls there than you could shake a stick at there is a won today about three miles from us at two o'clock A M well I must bring my letter to a close for the want of something to write write as soon as this comes to hand fail not you must excuse my bad spelling and writing so good by your Dear friend

Wm H Arthur To  
Mr H Ewings

Write to me

When this you see remember me  
though many miles our distance be

I'll forget the [e] not  
but oft times spend  
a thought up on my absent [absent] friend

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Note: Copied by A. E. Ewing 032831.

Note: The envelope, addressed to "Mr Henry Ewing/Hills dail Co/Michigan; Cambria Mills PO," is postmarked by hand "Apr 16, Clay." Clay was the town in Ohio, just south of Jackson, where the Arthurs lived.

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