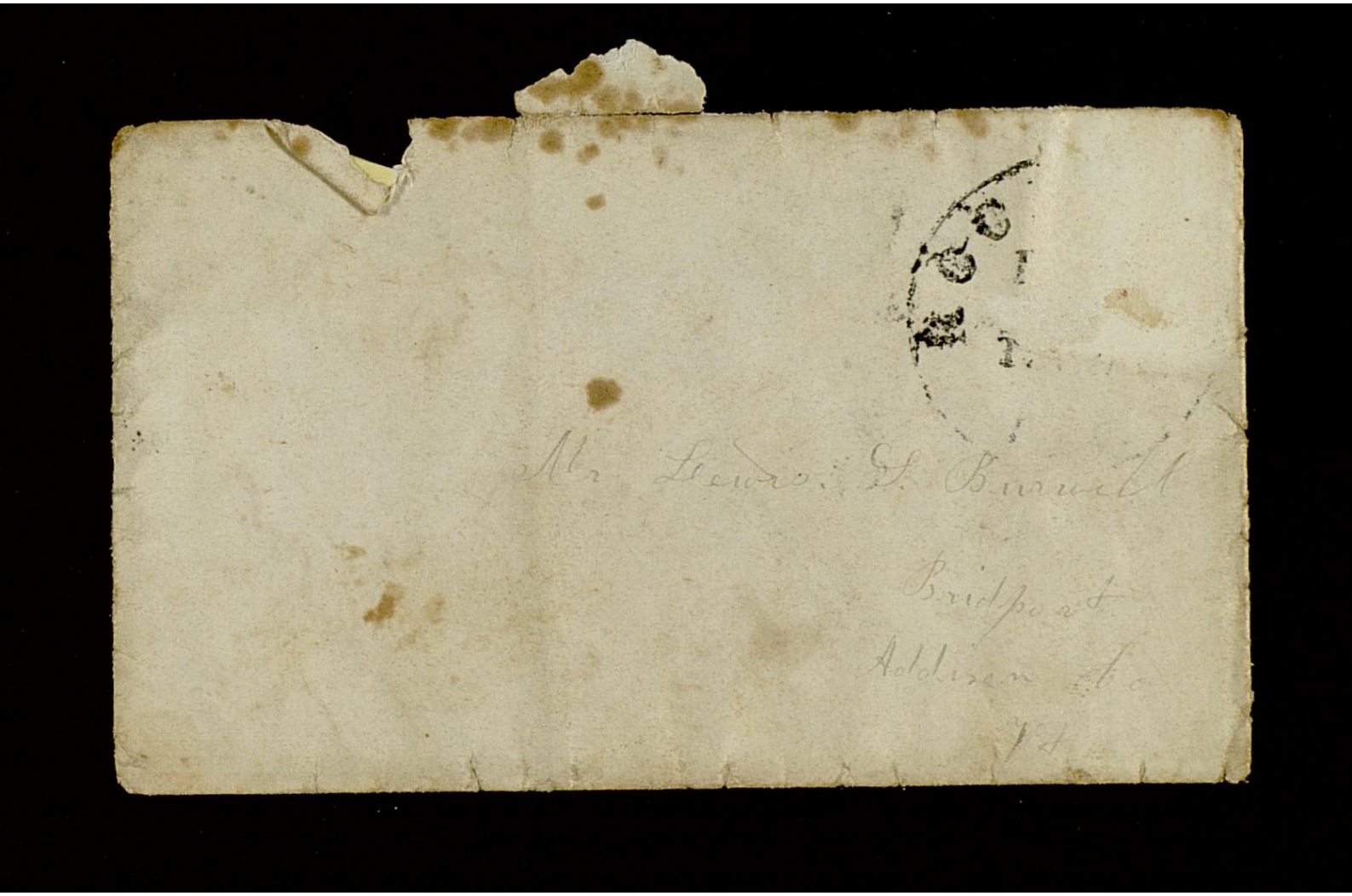

Scott Jan 22d 1860

Dear Brothers & Sister

It has been some time since I received a line from you & I thought as I would like to see you or hear from you I sit down to write a few lines to you. we are as well as usual & are having such beautiful weather almost like summer, it has been very cold part of the winter and been some sleighing but it is all gone now.

I wrote to Henry & Amanda a long time ago but have not had no answer yet I would like much to be in old P for a few weeks now, but I presume should not be content to stay longer than to make a good visit.

What are you doing this long winter? going to school or just doing chores

good opportunity and start she will not feel tied at home after Amanda goes there or not so much so as now but I do hope you will do well & prosper wherever you are.

and I hope you will see fit to visit the west at some future day. I have not given up the idea that I shall see old P again

But I must close Rachel is very much pleased just now because the baby crowed he talks baby talk & laughs some write soon & often

from your sister

M. E. McDonough

To L. Burnell

What has become of Uncle Ayres folks? I wrote last to Emma in Sept but have not heard a word from her since now I want you should write me a good long letter and tell me all the news about everybody and what is more I think that Ethel might write to me she has written me but one letter since she left it if I remember aright I will send her a Magazine it is not this year but the reading is just as good perhaps.

Perhaps I shall not write a very long letter this time for the baby is calling for mamma to take him, he grows finely, his father has named him Leon, I would like to have him called Philip Leon but his father does not so many names.

I have been thinking that it would be very pleasing to me if Ethel would come out & spend the summer & you with me or who may stay as long as she pleases you or she might come & with her for company or both as I suppose that it will make the old place another season. It would be so nice to have a sister with me.

David has gone to live with James McDermott's folks he lives on D's place.

I of do not expect it is of much use to ask you to come out here, but there is no harm in asking you, is there?

I suppose that while you boys are contented where you are you are as well off there as here, but as for if she would like to see me the west she must watch for a