

I could do Tinsam to day I dont
see hardly what to do my mind
is continually in Mo all the time
and what makes it worse the
wind blows A perfect gail but
the sun shines bright and clear
well Lewis I will stop this
miserable writing for I dont
like to write when I have got
to write with such A pen
I dont believe you can read half
of it it is all I can do to read it
my selfe you must right soon
as you get this except the love
of us both I remain as ever your
sister Ruth

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Dear Brother Lewis

as David did not get A chance to write
to you before he went A way he wanted
me to be sure and write to you
for him and now both my pen
is so poor I dont see whether I will
make it out or not David started
for gills last Sunday morning Ah
I did hate have him go A way still
I wanted him to go and satisfy
him selfe A bout Tans and I dont
hardly think he will by but still
I dont see he will if he likes and if
he dont he wont I should of liked
went with him but as things was
I could not go Lewis I am not
sitting in my little house by my
Table now have broken up sleep

house now I am staying at Richards
while David is gone I thought sure
I would get a letter from him
yesterday but very sorry to say I
did not get any I shall look
strong for one this week and
if I don't get any I don't know what
I will do he said he would write
soon as he got there so I am sure he will
if there hasn't anything happened to
him which I hope and pray there
hasn't he is not going to stay.
Long just long enough to satisfy
himself I have him staying
this last week week with
Mrs Fay she is having a very
hard time with the Asma but
I have got so much to do I can't stay
any longer with her well Lewis
Mother said it is time you was back
for the chickens is in the pot

they at all well I am well with
the exceptions of a hard cold and
a sore throat which is not
very pleasant I have got to tell you
we had a sale and sold every
thing of but the horses and
bedding and dishes them we
though we would keep

Lewis I wish you would come
here before you go home perhaps
you never will get a chance
at you we would be very
glad to see you Indeed the
widow is not married yet nor
perhaps she never will be she
was at the Fair she is going
that is my spinster on the
subject we are going to have
meeting up to the school house
this afternoon I do wish you was
here to go with us I wish David
David and her to go with me