

H. F. WATSON COMPANY,
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BRANCH OFFICES:
BOSTON, MASS.
CHICAGO, ILL.

January 27 1908.

Dear Cousin Ella:-

I was so disappointed that we couldn't come out yesterday, and I was so lonesome all day. I swept, dusted and did everything. Father & Mother are both some better. I think Father will go to work in a few days.

Mother said that you should see the eggs if you could. We are coming out in a week or so after the butter and then if you have two or three dozen we will take them. I wish we had a few now.

O! My! I have a waist to be made and the dread of it. I think I shall give up my position and learn dressmaking.

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I would be so handy you know.
So many people are
sick, about half of the office force
have been sick and some are still
so.

Well I am at the office
and have work to do so will
close, Hoping to hear from
you soon.

excuse
scribbling
You will have to

Love to yourself & Todd.

Pearl A.

Excuse me,

Aug. 22/1923

~~Dear Mr. Anderson~~

I know you think
I am terrible for not writing
long before this. But not till
after I got back to Cleveland
I had Rheumatism: so bad
I didn't know what to do
Medicine didn't do me any
good so I thought I would

My Electropractor, the first
for weeks I was fine I
thought I was going to be
all right again, but the more
treatments I took the worse
I got - till I had to go to
bed, then I give that up
~~after giving him about \$50~~

so I am not taking any
thing more I guess there isn't any
help for me I will just have to
^{from} and bear it.

Well Ellie how
are all you folks, well I hope
I am intending to come
and see you about the

first of September for a
week or so that is if
Todd's invitation still
holds good to come and
stay a month. I can't stay
that long but I do want
to come and have a good
visit with you. Ruth and
Jack are well and working
every day so I am a lone
about as much as though
I was living alone, well I
will tell you all the news
when I come to see you

write and let me know
if it will be convenient
for you to have one at that
time.

Will close for this
time with Love to you
and family

Your Aunt - Amanda
1339 West 98 St -
Cleveland O

Will bring the pictures when

Wed. Eve

Fri. P.M. 10

Dear Folks,

It was so good to get your letters. Yours especially, Mom. Peg's was a bit on the morbid side.

We had rain in the afternoon & evening yesterday.

We got our test papers back today & I just had to tell you about the results. I came out third. There were 52 questions & I got 41. They went down as far as 36+. Tonight the lady that leads our panel discussion is coming to my room to work it up. I have 2 topics to talk on & tomorrow my time will be spent

in the library.

Today Mrs Roberts had a beef stew so I had to eat with her. We had sliced fresh tomatoes and bread + butter. Les. was to see Oscar but he forgot to ask him but he promises to tomorrow. It's still terribly hot.

Yesterday afternoon I went down street + located 2 5-10¢ stores. Bought the cutest little napkin holder for cabin + some candy. Read some in Journal last night.

Mrs Roberts wanted me to come in last eve and make cheese

Sandwiches + she made tea. She declares she's going to get a toaster for herself. She tried making some but said they didn't taste like mine.

Hope the haying is going along O.K. Aunt Maudie is certainly having her innings. I'll bet the little boys are ashamed.

You know what I've been thinking. Lets have a chicken + go up to the Dundon in what used to be Granddad's where we always used to go, plus coming Sunday.

I think it will rain tonight. It looks like it now.

Who got the little calf? That was a good price. Dad told me he was going to try & get that truck.

I'm glad all your work was done, Peg. I was pretty sure they would do it for you. I'll bet it seems kind of good to get back into the collar again & see all the folks. Have you been over to see Mrs. Reitze, Peg?

Dad, you be mighty sure Elmer doesn't tie that bull too near my little trees.

From what I read in Pittsburg paper they're going to start rationing gas & oil Sept 2. No gas can be bought from Sat till Mon Morning.

Love Carrie

2224 Sassafras St Erie Pa

12-17-1955

Dear Ella & family,
I wish you all a merry
Christmas. and a Happy
New year, and I Hope
you are all feeling
up to Par I am O.K. They
still leave me loose
here, I come and go as
I please unless it is
~~day~~ I was to S. St Church,
today. I guess you are a
going to have a Old
fashioned Winter like
we used to have ⁴/₅ Friday or
Saturday a.m. We had
4 inches of Snow. & 24 degs.

Remember when John
Whiteman, took us to
Parsons & Werrings in
a sleight, He was a
Breaker that hid
Cult of Homers, We sure
had some good times
at Comptons and plenty
of work too, I am to go down
town at 130, Pm a few
things I want to get, My
Niece is picking me up,
Wanda is very nice to
take me, But I'd dont
get to Pearls or Elbas
this summer, as I

had some business
here to look after, My
Nieces thought I was a
getting to old to look
after my Horse, So I
let them sell it and I
get so much a month
a check, And I think
~~the Red & White Store~~
across the street will
cash it for me, So I
have not rose worried,
It is pressing again,
this a. m. Pearl had
closed her Home and
gone to La Rue for the
Winter, Last she is not

A very well. Laura was
able to get up & visit her
before she left her
Home. Wilma took Pearl
Ellot & me down to Laura
and us 4 girls ~~had~~ at
the same table are
more & we had a nice
visit in the after

noon, which we all
enjoyed. I am busy
writing Christmas
Cards, as I still send them
next to my Cousins,
Love & best wishes to
you all, your Old
Friend, Cora K. Stefford,

Edinboro Pa.

Jan 25 - - - 1903

Dear ~~My~~ Ella.

Your most. ~~affectionate~~

was very ~~kind~~

here - from you when are you
coming over. I would like to
see you.

well. I got a pair of gloves
a chest protector a box of writing
paper a meckel + lots of
and a shot gun. Clayt game
that to me for Xmas

well. what did you get for
Xmas yes - and a letter
from Pierre - she is

What she got for Inas. sen. Ina. over their: we had
you tell' Devere to take a little a fine time.
Lanfroil and he will get there is only nine more weeks
over it pretty quick. of school. I am glad you list
well. I have got one skunk tell Devere I would like to
this winter + 4 or 5 rabbits. come over and go hunting
you got to Donna E. Ellis with him.
is the whole thing I took her. I dont know when I can

to church Sunday night. come over and stay all night
Mrs. Gilbert says you are to with you. ~~house~~ when I
late to play crockets with get my wheel fixed up.
Anos he is gone to the sun. will be over.
Mrs. Gilbert says you can get with me. I am going to church this
say have got sent out with of my match yet. after noon at 2 o'clock

It was to had that Albert was we are going to have
did isn't it I suppose Archie a Party down to the hall.
will soon be my brother in law. I wish from last Friday
tell Ina. Donna. I me. next night I wish you could
over to Eds. one night and come over. I have got

Love

Places. learnt for it

tell Renee & Eva, & also

good night.

your loving
brother Thomas Carson

write soon.

Love

Gre., Pa.

January 17, 1908.

Delighted to receive your letter yesterday I am glad to hear that you are canning mince meat, because you know pies are pies if theyre made of something good.

We thank you very much for the invitation to come out Sunday. But I have planned to go to Ashtabula this afternoon so Mama and Papa want to wait until I can go.

So if it is convenient for you the whole d-family will come out next Sunday

If you have anything planned, however
let us know and we will come some
other time.

I have new furs, brown. I like
them very much. Ruth has new
furs too, but this is where I gained
a point mine are a little superior
He! Staw!

I am writing this at the office
I just had to stop and eat a
piece of berry pie one of the
girls had brought me. It was fine.

We are having fine weather, if it
is nice maybe I will come out
~~on Saturday evening and stay all~~
night if you want me to.

O Ella, I couldn't get anything
on our shoes, I was up four
times, they say they aren't cracked
only checked. I am awfully sorry,
I kind of guess they have lost one
customer alright.

O My I had to stop again.
I turned to the left for Frank
just called me up on the Mutual.

Mama hasn't her suit made
she is going to wait until
next month. O My for a dressmaker!

Well I must close, hoping
to see you sooner.

Papa says not to forget
that dead chicken you
are going to have, and
told Mr. Todd that he
should order blackberry pie.

Yours lovingly,
Pearl

Mama said you should
get a new gallon jar
and have it filled with
butter and then we
will settle everything
eggs and all.

Excuse writing as
I am nervous

[From EMMAJ WERMELING
OF North GIRAARD] [1921]
North Girard Dec 19

Dear Ella and Family
your most welcome letter recd and
glad to hear from you dont express
it we are making another Xmas I
see two little Girls whispering
~~behind the door about our gifts to~~
Mama and Papa Mama planning a
nice Xmas Dinner and oh the nice
cak. I expect John and I and two
Dogs will be here on Maple Ave
how time flies Jan 11 my Boy will
be 38 years old perhaps I would had
~~Grand children what I hear and see~~
down here makes me feel almost thank
-full I am alone, John is not well
and his hands are weak cannot work
even if he could get work he was
to the Drs. last week had a little
time went to see Maysie Amos
~~well Manda~~
Futh Parke & Lettie had first

been there Margie said every
body is making "Booze" even Aunt
Mandy what do you know about that,
Lettie is clerking in the Misses
Willing Fancy store just above 7th!!
on Peach, has dark hair, short & fat
quite a good looking woman usually
~~wears black skirts very short & narrow~~
waists very low in front; Ethel
is or was clerking at Trasks she
lives in her folks house Berts lives
up stairs Paul is Conductor
on the North East Line
The men that work on the Conant
Line are afraid it ~~want run~~
as it is in the Receivers hands
is to be sold Dec 22 if the cars
dont run it will be lonesome it
is not as far from my house as it
is to your barn I wish you and
Eva would come get off stop
I 2 second house down on the
left you could not miss it

I would think the Steadmans
would be ashamed to not be good
to Eva I know nothing about their
trouble I always liked her I
tell you Bert was the levellest
headed one fixed it so Effie
did not have to cater to any
one, Fay Steadmans have
another girl Babies are plenty
among the Whitmans here
Mary Linch a Daughter Emma
Mallory a Son Mary Brobst two
girls, George Whiteman had some teeth
~~pulled has a terrible time in~~
the Hospital, have not seen or heard
from Eva if I had known the day
and where to found you I would
have tried to have went to Erie I
often think of the times we were
to gether and wonder if it was really
~~any~~ ~~Barrie~~ you and I are getting
old Mama and Margaret is getting

younger. it makes me shudd
when I get a letter from you telling
how many cows you are milking
what you are doing I am glad to have
you work but past experience & present
tells me it doesnt pay I know all
about the hired help business one
had betes not have so much business
and better health, I would like it
on a Farm if we could do the work
I have a nice dry place pleasant
fine neighbors but no home
am close to the \$60,000 Church
Clyde Johanson worked on it he
is a very close fine Carpenter
it is a very nice building they
are \$2500 in debt not many members
nor wealthy well. I guess I
have told you all I know so
will say Merry Xmas and
Happy New Years and write
to Emma

North Grand

Feb 7 - 1922

Dear Ella and Family
your letter rec'd and glad
I was to hear from you
if it was not for the letters
~~I get from my friends I~~
would be bluer than I am
I am I ought not to complain
I am in a pleasant location
a good comfortable house and
very nice neighbors but it is
not Home there has a Lady
just left complaining
because I dont come and
~~see them, Thomas Peck~~
is to be Buried tomorrow
another old neighbor gone
we have had some cold

winter weather my plants
have not got frosted yet -
have some in two rooms
up stairs and some in a
room off the kitchen where
there is no fire I miss the
manure water for them
have tried to get some
Nitrate of soda for them

yes I think the girls have
done fine going to Sabbath
& school I judge they are
growing by the horns hav-
ing to be let down

for pity sake dont make
their dresses so low in the
neck and short in the
skirts ~~it is ridiculous~~
some of the woman & girls
dress we are on the corner
where they get on & off the

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street cars. there is quite a
few colored men go tramping
along the Lake Shore R R is
just below us & Nickel Plate
above us. D.O. you see it is
handy the Methodists are
beging to pay for their

Church so one had about
~~as like see a Tramp concern~~
what do you think I am
keeping boarders this is
the fourth week have
two Gentlemen one runs
the Continental Grocery
store the other sells
Stock last Saturday they
sold \$160. worth of Groceries
& sugar there is four other
stores here they sell a 24oz
of Bread 10.^c Every thing is
cheaper the goods are fine

The North Girard Baker
takes the Bread for the Erie
Stores also, the Girard
Baker comes down here
also Fitches & Erie Baking
Co, have a Butcher shops
here Wiselogels Meat Auto
Wed & Sat an other man Tues
Thurs & Sat he has home
made Sausage 20¢ per lb round
steak 19¢ per lb so you see
we wont go hungry. if we
have the price we hear
stills are raising every
where I see a piece in the
paper 1926 the Undertakers
would reap a rich harvest
~~they tell about the stuff~~
I wouldnt think one
would last that long
I am piecing a quilt -

cover just ⁵ square blocks
2 $\frac{3}{4}$ in square 25 for a block
nothing nice but - I had some
pieces & that would use them
up colored a lining red & got
some Chally & covered a quilt
for John, he went to Erie
a week ago to day and had
five roots and two whole
~~teeth pulled no more teeth~~
has got along real well
so far the men had hard
colds they are better now
I have got it, it affects my
head legs & feet seems as
tho the bones were punching
thro my heels, wish you were
here to make me a calico
dress Margery Bacon is
coming some day this
week said you will have
a Polly Prim apron what

it is like I dont-know
she is a good eat like you
used to be to fit me up
she lives in Erie but is up
visiting she was here sunday
John said she was meas-
uring my table length
& width it is oak top &
wicker work have 3 rocks
~~wood arm chair Toasting &~~
wicker a China Cabinet
that is all that is new
well I guess I have told
you all I know cant you
get your meals so the
Girls can get them you
come and stay all night
and see how we look then
~~just the Girls on the car~~
and let them come let us
know and we will watch
the car & meet them all come
and write to Emma