

Hollidaysburg Jan 23rd 1872

My Dear Little Son and Daughter
I received your letter
and was very glad to get it I wanted
to hear if you got your box safe
I am glad you are pleased with what
was in it ada you want to know
who sent you the doll it was your
mother and I want you to take
good care of it so if you come home
next summer you can have it
nice to bring with ^{you} I should like
to have been at the home on christ
mas to see you little folks enjoying
your selves I am sure you must have
had a nice time I should like you
to tell me all about it when you
write Georgie is well and sends
love to his brother and sister
he sends a paper in this letter
for ada he says you must cut those

Dolls out and dress them it
is ^{all} he has to send they ~~have~~ been
Lying around till they have got
dirty he wants you to tell him
in your next Letter if you dressed
them he wants me to tell you his
Little kitten gypsie is dead he
is so sorry about it but teeny
is all right she is Lying on my
Lap as I am writing this Letter
I hope this will find you all well
as it Leaves us your Grandma Lunden¹⁰
was here Last week and she says she
dont ^{know} what is the reason you dont
write to her ada you ought to
write to her once in awhile
remember me to your teachers and
all the children I will now close
with much Love to my Little boy
and Girl Good By

from your Loving Mother

Sarah Lunden

1872
Hollidaysbury march 18th

My Dear Little children

I have answered
Jimmys Letter and I now sit down
to answer yours and you tell me Jimmy
wrote a Long Letter on the slate I do
wish he had wrote it on paper to me
your and Jimmys Letters are so interesting
to me I do Love to read them and add
the Last Letter I had from you is the
most interesting one I have had yet
and I am so much pleased with those
Cards they show that you are trying
to be a Good Girl and Learn all you can
Willie is not at home now only over
Sunday he is driving a milk waygon
for a man in Durcansbill and he
stays there all the week
I am going to send you some poetry
I want you to tell me in your next
Letter which piece you think is the nicest

I seen Carrie Clark and she
says she wrote to you last but she
would write to you again
Give Love to Leticia Carter tell her I have
not seen her mother for a long while
there is several cases of small pox in
town yet there is a man only two
doors from us has it Sam Gasher
is his name he is Fanny Robersons
brother in law you know Fanny ada
we are all well now

I will close my Letter with Lots
of Love to my Little Son and Daughter
remember me to your teachers and
all the children

Good By from your Loving Mother
Sarah Lunden

1872

Hollidaysburg April 6th

My Dear Little Jimmy

I received your Letter when I opened it I wondered who it was from it was written so nicely I turned it over and seen it was from my own Little Jimmy O such a nice Long Letter and so much in it and those pictures we all took a hearty Laugh at them and you are all Glad to see Dr Bourns when he visits the home I dont wonder at it for you have such nice times when he is there I should Liked to have seen the Girls fair and heard adas and Augustas dialogue I guess it was funny

I think you have every reason to Like your teachers for they are very kind and Good to you I know your Little piece of poetry you wrote in your Letter is very nice

there is a little strange kitten
come to our house and Georgie
calls it fuitsy
Jimmy Aunt Sue ^{and} Aunt Mill
wants to know if you made that
Pie and chicken or whatever you
call it

I think I will close my Letter
remember me to your teachers and
All the children

from your affectionate Mother

Sarah Lunden

1872
Hollidaysbury April 22nd

My Dear Little Adda

I received your Letter
and am sorry to keep you waiting
so long but can not help it I have
been very buisy I also received ^{ed} the
3 cards in your Letter and three in
Jimmys I will gather them up some
of those days and see how many you
have sent me

Adda I seen barrie Clark on Saturday
Evening and she told me she had
Commenced a Letter to you

the man I told you had the Sm^{ll}
Pox he died he didnt lay two weeks
he died on a Saturday morning and
was burried in the afternoon the Little
Girl in the same house has it but
she is Getting well now no adda
None of us got it we are all well
Georgie did Like his teacher very much
but there is no school now it was

Stopped on account of the small
For my Dear Little Daughter I
know you and Jimmy are trying to
be God children I am proud of
my two little darlings
you said you would send some
things in your letter my Dear Little
Girl there was nothing at all in
your letter but your cards after
I read the letter I looked on the
floor but could find nothing I sup-
pose you did not put them in
your Grandma Lunden was here
a week ago she is well and told
me to tell you to write to her she
said she was going to write to you
soon remember me to your
teachers and all the children
I will close with Lots of Love to
My Little Son and Daughter
from your Loving Mother
Sarah Lunden



1872

Hollidaysburg April 29

My Dear Little Jimmy

I have just

Set down to night after a hard
Days sewing to answer your letter
it is to bad I kept you waiting

So Long and you would like
George to come to the Homestead

O Jimmy how could I spare him
I would be so Lovable and he is
Such a good Little boy he takes my
Work home wen I have finished it
I think he will come sometime

there now I have just taken him
to bed he sends Good night to
brother and sister

you say you are going to have
Examination how I would like
if I could just run in to hear
it but I cant and I want you
and ada to tell me all about it

Jimmy I got ada's cards but
Nothing ~~more~~ I think she
forgot to put them in the Letter
give my Love to Katy Carter and
all the rest of the children remember
me to your teachers

it is bed time I must close my
Letter with much Love to my
Little Son and Daughter Good
Night from your Loving Mother
Sarah S Lunden

1872
Hollidaysburg May 21st

My Dear Little Son and Daughter

Jimmy I received
your nice Long Letter I am always
so glad to hear from you and ada
Give my Love to Ella frisbie and
tell her I took a good Laugh over
her dream about me I dont know
any of her friends you speak of
you have Little Gardens I wish I
could have sent you some flower
Seeds but it is most to late now
Grandma has hers all sown
tell ada I can not send her those
ear rings now if she comes home
this summer we will make it
all right I am going to send
50 fifty cents in ^{miss} this Letter 25
for each of you I close my Letter
now for I have to finish a pair
of pants again tomorrow

Dinner time I am very buisy
I can hardly get time to wright
Give my Love to all in the home
and Lots of Love to my Little
Adda and Jimmy from your own
Loving Mother

Sarah Lunden

Holidaysbury June 24 1872

My Dear Little Jimmy

I received your Letter and ought to have answered it sooner but this is my busy time I still make Pantaloon for Mr Goldman he has so many to make I dont have time for any thing else

Your Grand ma Lunden was here on last Friday she was well I gave her your Letters to read your Aunt Lucy was here not Long ago she does not know now whether she will go to see you or not

Jimmy you say you have a Garden I am pleased to know that my two Little ones are so industrious it shows you want to work

and be Good O ada and Jimmy Mother does Love you so much I do want to see you so bad but I cant come yet but you must still be looking out a place for me to stop at when ^{I come} tell me in your next Letter how Long vacation will last I will come during vacation if I can get off I would have sent you something with Mrs Woods but I could not get out to Altoona to see her before she went I have not ^{since she came home} seen her Georgie is well and sends Love to brother and sister

I will close my Letter for this time Give Love to all in the home with much Love I remain your affectionate Mother

Sarah Lunden

1872

Hollidaysburg July 1st

My Dear Little adu

I sit down
to answer your Letter we
are all well as I hope this
will find you all
I am coming to see you as
soon as I get through my
work a little I would have
liked to go with Mrs
Woods but could not make
it suit tell Mrs thorn
I think she is very kind
I will be very much
Obliged to her if she gets

Me a place to stop at
I will have a lot of pictures
to show you when I come
I knew you would be
glad to see Mrs woods she
is so kind and so nice
I have not time to write
much now Give my Love
to all the Little folks
and your teachers and
ever so much Love for
you and jimmy Good by
from your own Loving
Mother

Sarah S Gunden



Gettysburg Pa
July 23rd 1872

My Dear Mother

I received your short letter telling me that you would come to see us as soon as you were done a little.

We have not heard from you since you wrote to me on a little sheet of paper. and Mrs Woods wrote to Katie and told her that she had not heard from you nor seen you since she saw Katie and I am very anxious about you.

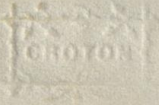
The flowers in my garden are growing very nicely. I will send Georgie a fly and he must not let it bother him. The show fly's are very bad just at this time

around here.



I will send you a
little book Mr. Burns gave me.
Katie Carter is well and sends her
best respects to you all.

Jimmie and
I are well and we hope you
are well also. Good bye
Remember me dear mother
as ever your affectionate Daughter
Ada Jane Lundgren.



Gettysburg Pa
Sept 4th 1872

My Dear Mother

We have not received
a letter ever since school commenced
I would like to hear from you very
much.

We are well and hope you
are well also.

Katie Carter got a letter
from her mother.

I am very sorry
you could not come any sooner
for this month is quite cool.

I will pack a nice little box
for you when you come.

The flowers in my garden are
in bloom yet

I am studying history and
warrens common school geograp
and spelling.

Jimmie is in the same class
he was in before.

Tell grandma Saunders please
to write to me as soon as she can.

Bella Hunter is well and sends
her love to all of the family.

Mrs Harras and Mrs Richter will
be here to night.

Mrs Carmichael and Dr Brown
took the children out to see Mr
Weaver dig up the remains of the
rebels.

The work I have got now
is the little sewing room and I
like it very much.

The boys keep chickens.

A ~~blloon~~^{balloon} was going to go up on
Saturday but the gas escaped.

This is all good bye from your
loving Daughter, Ada Saunders.



Gettysburg Pa

Oct 2nd 1872

My Dear Mama

We have not received a letter from you since you left us and I would like to hear from you much.

We are well and we hope you are well also.

Jimmie could not write to you last week because he did not know the directions.

All of the children are well. Baldwin is well and sends his love to you.

I have not written to cousin Harry yet.

Jimmie told me to tell you he has got that big slate pencil yet and that card & Georgie gave

him.

The girls are still playing
with their dolls.

Mama please tell Georgie we
are waiting for him to
come back again.

When you write to me
please send me the poetry you
had put up in an envelope
before you came to see us.

Mrs Carmichael desires to
be remembered to you and
Georgie & she wants Georgie to
come back.

From your affectionate
daughter Addah J. Lunder.

1872

Hollidaysbury November 3rd

My two Dear Little ones

I received both your
Letters I answer them now and send
them with your Grandma who I
know you will be Glad to see I will
send ada a red sarge and a pair of
stockings and a pair of stockings for
My Little Jimmy to and I will send
Ada a few patches from aunt Sue
I will send you each a sheet of paper
and an envelope oda your cousin
Harry is waiting patiently on that
Letter you are going to write to him
you will in this Letter some poetry
the two pieces entitled Narrow Gauge
and that True fence Give them to
Baldwin with my Love the stocking
Sermon is for Jimmy Harne in the sand
for ada I want you to Learn them
and tell me if you think they are nice

Jimmy tells me ada made one
of her new dresses it was a very
pleasant surprise to me I am very
Glad my little Girl can sew so nicely
be good children and every body will
Love you

Give my Love to Mrs Carmichael and
Etta and all the boys and Girls remem-
ber me to Dr Bourne I will close my
Letter with Lots of Love for my little
Son and Daughter Good by from your
Loving Mother

Sarah Lunden

P.S. ada you will find
enclosed ~~you~~ 25 cts divide it
between you and Jimmy
your mother S L

Miss Ada & Jimmy Lunden

Orphans Homestead

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Hurrah! for GRANT,
And good Government.

Gettysburg
Nov 20th 1872

My Dear Mother

We received
the things that you sent
us

We are both well and hope
you are well also

Mo other please send me
a pair of skates on
Christmas

We are going to have
a great time on Christ
mas

It is getting quite

Cold here

Frank Hermiton teaches
my class yet &

Addie and I are both
well.

this is all I have to
say this time

so good by from
your affectionate son

Please write soon

Jamie Lunden

Mrs Sarah Lunden
Holidaysburg

Pa

Hollidaysbury

December 25th 1872

My Dear Little

Ada and Jimmy

this is christmas day I
Wish you all a merry Christmas
and a happy New year Grandma
is getting dinner ready while I
am writing to you I am going to
send your Box with this letter I
would have sent it on Last Monday
but I have been so busy that I could
not get it ready I will send you
the two stockings you gave me when
I was down to see you the pink one
is for Ada and the blue one for Jimmy
I also send Jimmy a pair of skates
you must take care and not get hurt
on them and I send you both a
pair of gloves the speckled ones is

for Jimmy and the brown ones
for ada if they are to large for you
perhaps you can get them exchanged
there ada your Aunt Sue sends you
a box of Monkey cards I want you
to ask Dr Bourne of your teachers if
they have any objections to your playing
with them if so send them home to
me again we dont want to send you
anything they dont allow you to have
it is only an amusement for children
you will find the directions for playing
them in the box with them she also
sends Jimmy the gum ball

I think I will not be sure that there
is a Lady going from here to the
home stead you will see her she will
inquire for you her name is

Mrs Sabher I am acquainted with
her I cannot write any more this
time again we wish you all a merry
christmas and a happy New year
ada I send you a ~~for~~ half can of oysters

Get Lizzy to look them for you there
is a little cup of butter in the box
to dress them with this all I have
time to write Love to all
much Love to my little son and
Daughter from your Loving Mother
Sarah S Lunden