

Feb 19th

Dear Mother

I thought while having a spare
moment I would write you a few
lines to let you know that we are
all well and in hope, this will
find you the same father and mother
will probably not come to see you
until we get moved and then it will
be nearer by and then they can come
enough to make it all up you must
excuse them for they have not made
but one or two visits this winter
and that was quite the forepart of
winter I presume you would like to
know where we are going this spring
we are going to live in Latham's
house at the springs and board him
and Frank. what think you can we

\$7.00

make anything at it they pay ~~\$10.00~~
a week for their board and we rent
the house for 75 dollars a year I think
they sands pretty well we shall move
the last week in this month and then
we shall look for your mother down
to see us and you to me have lots of
snow here and plenty of drifts I shall
go to work on a farm some where if
I can find a place if not to driving team
how is your hip has it got better or is
it worse I will enclose my photograph
for you in return for yours and
this is your valentine for the 14th of
this month it is one that I had
taken last fall in Albany it is not
a very good one but the best I could
get at that time do you know of any
one thots wants to buy a pair of sleighs
up this if you do please send them
here this week and we will trade with
them the price will be 20 dollars
they are talking of putting up a steer

saw mill here in their place
and go to sawing logs the have
got about 75 logs there now to saw
and then Galva is quite a place I
have some news to tell you Lucinda
has gone to the mountains with Mr.
Lay to spend the winter and perhaps
a year he gives her \$200 a week and
boards Eli she has rented her
house to Davis shepherd the finisher
of paper in the mill in the city
the farm we are on now is about
four miles from rock city in the
town of Galva I cannot think of
any more to write this time and you
must excuse this poor writing and all
mistakes I remain your cousin

Henry Bloss