

Letter to Horace S. Lydick from Mother [Mary Jane Wheaton Lydick], dated April 11, 1917
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Envelope
from 15 Clark St
Milltown me

Mr Horace S Lydick
Louis
Minnesota



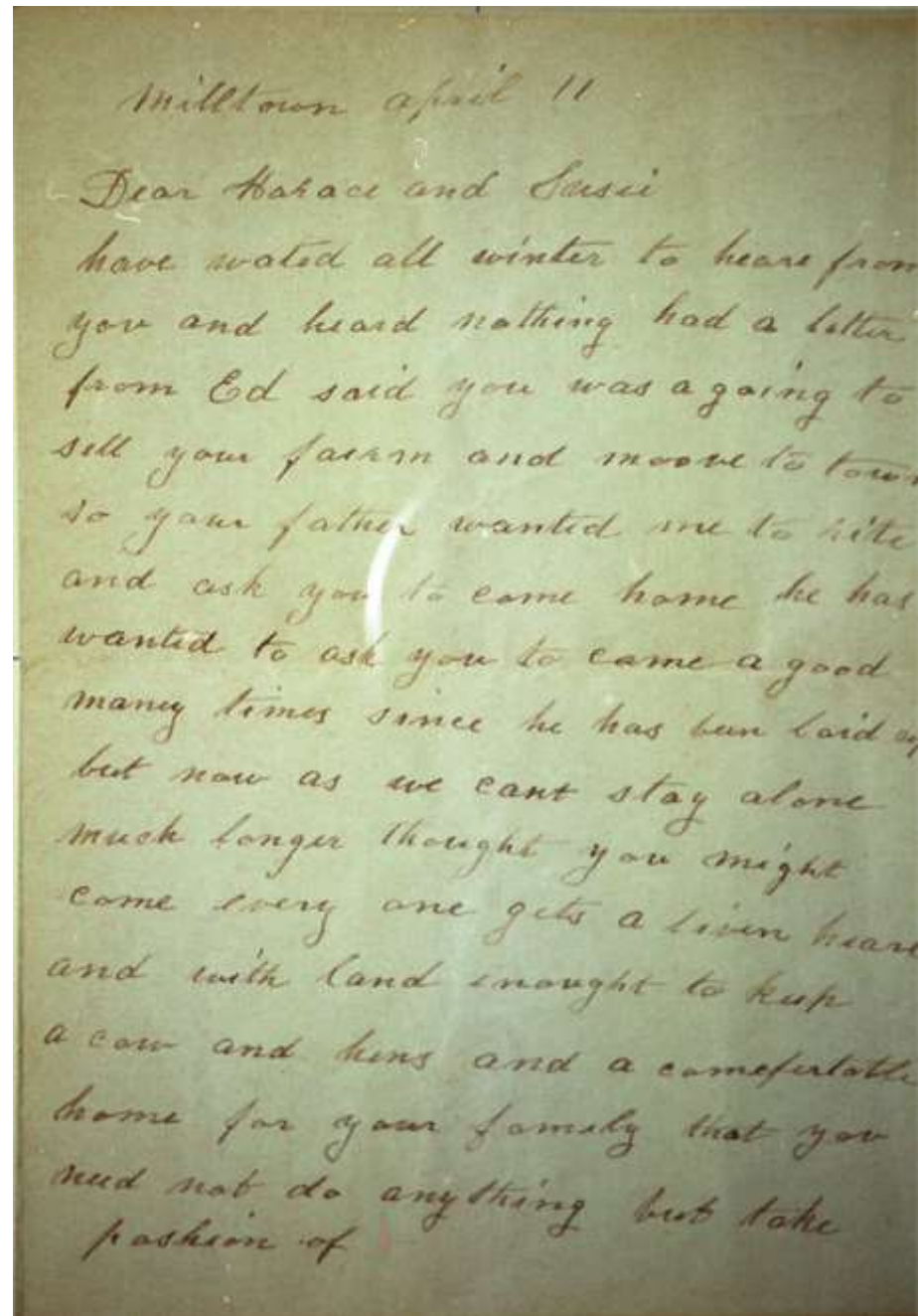
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A photograph of a handwritten letter on aged, yellowish paper. The handwriting is in cursive and matches the typed transcription on the left. The letter is dated 'Milltown April 11' and is addressed to 'Dear Horace and Susie'. The text of the letter is: 'Have wated all winter to heare from you and heard nothing had a letter from Ed said you was a going to sell your farm and move to town so your father wanted me to rite and ask you to come home he has wanted to ask you to come a good many times since he was been laid up but now as we cant stay alone much longer thought you might come every one get a liven heare and with land enought to keep a cow and hens and a comeferable home for your family that you need not do anything but take poshion of'.

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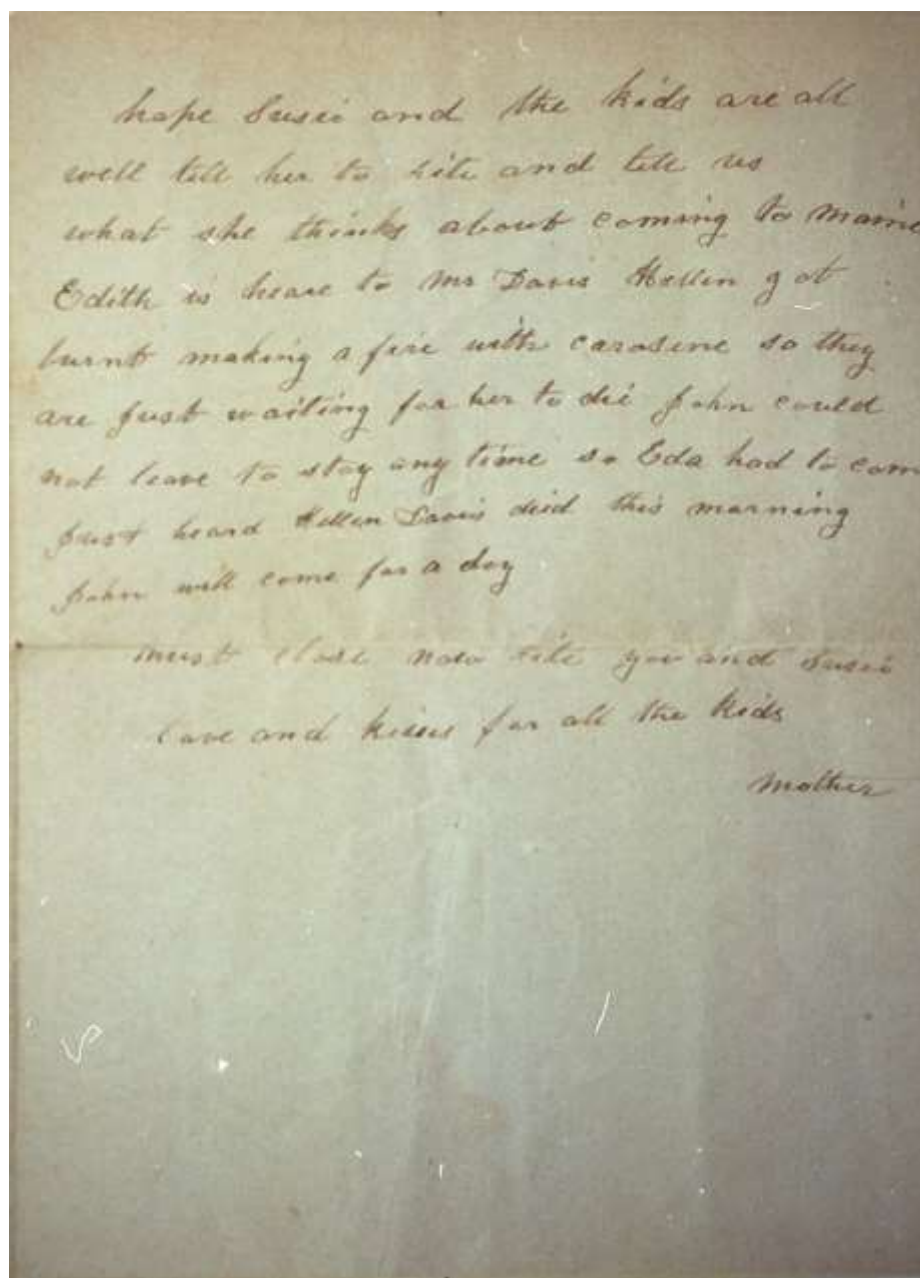
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love and kisses for all the kids
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Notes:

- Postmark: Calais, ME; Milltown Sta.; Apr 11, 1:30 pm; the year 1917 is barely visible above the "2" of the stamp.
- The Post Office at Louis opened Oct. 4, 1904 and closed Nov. 30, 1933. It was between Pimushe and Little Moose Lakes in Beltrami County.
- Susie = Susan M. Roy Lydick (1889-1957), Horace's wife
- Ed = Edgar Lydick (1883-1932), Horace's younger brother
- Father = Michael H. Lydick (1835-1919)
- Edith/Eda = Mary Edith Lydick Davis (1876-1967), one of Horace's older sisters
- Mr. Davis = Henry Davis (1849-1920), Edith's father-in-law
- Hellen = Helen Ida Davis, Edith's sister-in-law (died April 11, 1917)
- John = John T. Davis (1874-1951), Edith's husband
- Mother = Mary Jane Wheaton Lydick (1938-1929)
- all the kids = Mae, Maynard, Verona & Irene Lydick



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