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John and Jane Curtis to their mother, Bridget Dunne Curtis

July 21, 1845.

Included in the letter is a note from Mary Dillon to her sister, Bridget Dunne Curtis.

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My dear Mother

I now you will think long until you here all particulars about all your brothers and sisters I would have wrote sooner but oportunaty did not permit me I am very well and John is in very good situation and is very hapy I thank God I am in as good health as I ever was in all my life I hope dear Mother you and all the family is as we and all friends are at present I received the stocking you sent me (?) for John or for me you wished to now how we found our Aunts Mary Margaret eldest daughter and I got aquanted after I landing and we were for along time conversing together she happened to be teling My Aunt Mary and her Mother about Me and when the hereing my name sent for me I went to see her not thinking she was any relationto my great surprise it was My Aunt Mary she was so overjoyed she could harly speke to me she of corse asked for you all she is very well and the presents My Aunt gave me was some handsome clothing altho my Aunt is will to do she canot do as she pleases is she could do to her wishes she would not be to this time without sending a token of her save to you My Aunt soon got married after coming to this country which prevents people from saving any thing for those they left behind if person could remain single for some lenth of time that us the only chance of sending there friends some help when any one gets married here they have so much troble on ther minds the first thing My Aunt Mary showed me was a little silver knife you gave her when she was coming here it is as nice as the day you gave it to her she says it the only thing she has belonging to you and she will keep it as long as she lives dear mother I got a letter from Aunt Ellen and grandmother I was glad to here from them you say William is thinking of coming here in the spring it (?) enough for him to think of that when John (?) I says something about it Dear William you might get along very but it is to soon for you (to) think of coming this is one of the warmest summers has been this Eight years the men and horses droped dead in the street with the heat of the sun I sopose you heard of the great fire was in Pitsburg and New York I send My love to you My father and all My Brother and sisters and all friends to old (?) little Bidy and all the neighbors John joins my in love to all you must not wonder our not writing soo(n) as you expect it is not convenit John send his love to Patsy Dunne Wilham young he will soo(n) write to him Bidy and John Cullon and all the neighbors are well and there love to you all and all there friend (?) at present
From your loving Children John Jane Curtis

My Dear Sister

I now there is no use in me excusing myself to you for not writing but if you were to now as much of the world as I and you in my place you would not blame Me when young people comes to this contry they have many tricks to meet with we were not long in this country until we were separated far from each other I have not seen Timothy this 19 years nor John for 15 nor sister Margaret for 14 Brother John was in delicat health when he came to see me he died in a few weeks after he came to me that is about (?) years since May the Lord have mercy on his soul dear sister were it in my power you (should) long before this have a (?) of Afection (from) me but I canot do what my heart would wish Margaret does not now I am writing as she lives a few miles from the sitty I will send her Best Love to you dear and all the Family I will let you now how I am situated and family Afarse in my next letter

I must conclude my letter as Jane has not time to delay (?) at present from your affectionate sister
Mary Dillon

I send My best Love and respect to Willy and all the children