

Letter from Lida Lyman to daughter Cecile in Park Falls, Wi.

FAMILY HISTORY

South Haven, Apr. 28, 1912

My Dear Girl,

Just getting dark, the wind is very high and it has been raining since noon, commenced when we came home from church. Flora B. with us but the janitor, Theron Cady, had a good umbrella that he brought to me, for some reason the Cady's are very nice to me. Mrs. Cady walked over her the day of the aid, very seldom she comes to our aid, she goes to the old church you know. Pa and I alone, our freak of a hired man went to Grand Rapids over Sunday. He does his work fine and we let other things go. It has been lonesome here since Ed went away, just us two old folks. We are so glad he is coming back if you were only all coming, life at best is short, families should be in driving distance at least, don't often see each other then, it has been quite a while since Anna has been here to stay, and can't hardly remember when Grace was home, don't get over to their house very often, I am tired when my work is done and more of an effort to go than it used to be. Nina can't come now that they are running the Disbrow place, hope they will do well. We will get down there sometime this summer. We go in the morning Saturday and back Monday forenoon. It makes a nice little visit. Got a nice long letter from Etta yesterday. Our letters mean so much to us, you will have to write more after Ed is gone. I suppose Gene is with you, Pa saw Mr. Paquin in South Haven yesterday and had a little visit with him. Wish I could see Jennie and the children, Nick Paquin was at Bangor so I suppose Jennie won't be up this way. I would like to have her spend a few days with me, I always enjoyed calling at their home in Park Falls. Haven't heard anything more about George and Anna moving over this way but it is not settled yet. Mrs. Bri, senior wants to come here and the Elder wants to preach somewhere else, so don't know how it will end, the last we heard from Mrs. Bri she was better and able to be downstairs and expected to go and visit her brother Mr. Bly soon, it was at her brother's section of the country he was to go preach but Elder don't want to go anywhere until Eva is done school. I don't know whether she graduates or not this year. The whole change is sort of a mix up, it would seem good to have Anna near us. I must get our lunch. Just imagine you drop in and lunch with us, my appetite not very good. Our hired freak won't eat bread without it is toasted, don't eat butter, leaves most of the crust of his pie. Lunch over once more. It is still raining fast, but rain was needed for the

grass, tho it was nice and green we had a great dust storm the other day did not last long but never saw a worse one in this section got a letter from Alice Young a day or two ago and will enclose it to you. Poor Lib it is so sad to think she has to suffer so, to me it is a very sad letter. Isn't it strange that Alice lives in the same town with them and has not seen Rank or Minnie for sometime. For some reason they dont have much to do with each other, I dont know who is to blame. I wish John Young would come and see us. John and I grew up together and I think a lot of him. Strange to me to think he is a grandfather, he looked old the last time I saw him tho. We will go to Regimental reunion this summer in Jackson if all is well I will see him if only for a day. I dont often go to the reunion but will sure go this time if I am well, and am very well now. I think it comes in July, thr Reg. Reunion I mean. To change the subject wasn't that ship going down dreadful and how grandly those men died for women and children. I hope they get their reward in thw world to come. May's farewell party was nice. I am afraid May will be lonesome here but there is many nice things said by different people about their coming. I will stop and read a while before going to bed, have a book from the South Haven library. Have to pay 5 cents to take them out. First have to buy one and keep that or anyone I please. I often see you in the library and nearly every move you make I am so glad one can see things with the mind's eye, tho there is many things in one's mind that one can see that they would like to forget after the years have gone, and so many have fallen asleep. We will look for Ed this week, Pa is so pleased to think he will have one of his boys to talk to. We hope Roy will come later, Rank no doubt will never come to stay. If all goes well we will visit him this summer sometime. We have not a word of fault to find with the sons in law but your child is always yours,

love to all from Mother