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Marion Simm Co. Va. March 3rd

R. M. Crawford Dear Son This Morning
while Mary is at Sunday School and Father
is out at his appointment I will write you
we are not very well some six weeks ago
Father had his team run away with him and
hurt him badly he was up set and dragged
under a covered buggy was confined to the
bed and house a long time and is quite
lame yet in his left hip I think it will
be a long time before he gets over it if ever
he walks with a cane now did use crutches
awhile, I have been sick with gonorrhoea well
I don't spell it right but it is cold on my lungs
am better now, Mary has all the work to do
if it was not for her I don't know how we
could keep house, she has been suffering with
catarrh this winter she is using Dr Sykes sine
cure now thinks it helps her so you see
we are all mending and I think when the spring
weather gets settled we will all be well

Father says he will write to
Moody when he gets time. Father did
write to Captain Harriet a long time ago
he did not help him but gave him
the adress of some of the Company
he wrote to several but failed to hear from
any only of ~~John~~ I don't think I
would like to fast until Father gets money
from Uncle Sam, but I guess we will
live through all the same. I read the
other day what makes a man poor is to
feel poor so I am not poor for I never
feel so, well we are having some
snow here now but spring is
~~due by and then we will forget~~
the past. we got a letter from Eddies
wife today they are all well now.
I think the Wind bird will twine
a long ways if it covers all of the
steps since he left and I feel some
for them. Jennie is a nice girl and
she has a hard life I hope they will

More where she will have some
society) Father Drove his horses today
to Cedar Rapids for the first time
since he got hurt I feel uneasy for
him but Mary and I are going
down tomorrow on the street car
we are going. Meeting here for
a week our 2^d Meeting is next
Saturday there I wish you could
all come over and make us a visit.
I could talk better than write but it
costs so much to car ride. Father
has a half fare ticket on "Three Roads"
but he dont travel much he has
not time to spare well I will
stop for your patience will fail before
you read this I wish Lois would write
and tell me all about how she
likes Dakota by this time and about
her boys and whatever else she can
how is the health of her Parents were
good bye from (Father)

Mother says give them my
compliments. Well to tell the truth
I am about as nervous as I could
be yet, I have had two collars, have
~~been here for the last two~~
just yours, and I wish the other
would go. I have ~~so much~~ ^{so much} I want to
do. I have got to iron and do so many
things between this and two
morrow. Mother is entertaining colles
two for me. Just think of me over
in a while and give us the best
news you have. I have it feel in
the spirit of a child and have plenty
of time will give a better account
of my self. I think prairie is a
real nice little girl. She looks some
thing like Elsie & N. G. little girls.
I love so ever

Mary Crawford

Worcester Pa March 14th

R. M. Dear son yours of 10th recd
as I expect to go soon home to stay 3 weeks
I will write to you again you asked
about the weldens My Grand Mother
Gibson's sister Wilson her Brother
Joseph Weldons Farm joined My Father's
Farm he had several Sons I visited one of My
Cousins when we went back east also the
welder that kept store in Wilmington his
wife is My Cousin. I often Meet with
Distant Relatives there are Gibsons in this
city that are Relatives of Mine I think second
Cousins the old ones are respectable & live
in the Me Church so I Visit with them
while we stay here Russel you say you would
like to be where you could give your Children
Collegiate Education that is all Right but
My Experience is that good Country
Schools are as good as City schools where
they have so much Grading.

I expect you dont hear from D. G. much
More than we do when he wrote last his
Family were well Mr. M. Barton was
still verry sick. I talked with one of our
Ministers a few days ago he had just came
from Atlantic he says D. G. is trying
to sell out his interest in the farm he has
rented there and is going to leave there
but we dont know where he intends
going Father wrote him trying to encourage
him to go to Dakota Our neighbors that
are going from here to Dakota this spring
go to Huron some 40 miles west of you
they think it is the best country they ever
saw but they say there is no timber they
they depend on coal for fuel I should like a
little wood with it. Russel I wish you would
write and tell us whether the people
in your place had good crops last year or
no Iowa was the greatest failure last year
it has ever been we have had the warmest
weather this winter only one

little snow and that only lasted one week, there has been much sickness and many deaths and it continues still when we heard from Mrs Sharon Ollis wife had been very low with Lung Dyeing was getting better Eddie has lost their baby little Clyde he was six months old a very large baby he died of Lung Fever Frank Crawford is at Mount Pleasant he gets \$20 per month and his board and washing he drives a carriage to the Asylum Henry is not very well when he wrote last, I would be so glad to hear of him getting away from that hotel business he wrote me he would if he had managed to go in any business for himself, the house joining the hotel burned down this winter I would not have cared if it had been the one he is in then they would have been out Orel's Father was here last week we live at the County seat he came here to pay his taxes they had a late letter from her they over

All we will send some papers to
to you all. I would like to see you
my shed is full I will close it for some
well they have not written to us for some
time Nancy is well is getting along nice
her step Daughter was Married a few weeks
since and went to Leadville Colorado
so she has one little girl the age of her own
left Sarah writes that they have built
a large house out where we found them
the old folks are in Minneapolis and
Erna Sarahs oldest Daughter stays with them
and goes to school she will graduate
in one year more but Sarah has her trou-
ble with all Johnny has been from home
three years and last October Jimmie
left they dont know where he is he did
not want to leave school and go up
on the farm so he put out for him self
Will Wade his Brags when we were there
if one of his boys left him he would follow
them to the ends of the earth but it seems
he cant keep up with them