

Greenville S.C. 7-1-53 (I think the date is Jan. 7, 1953) WRM

My Dear Mary Ellen:

I wish I could tell you how much I appreciate your letter. I spend a lot of my time alone and I get very lonely and your letter gave something new to think about. If I can help you and David in any way I will be more than glad to do so, but you must (get information) while I am here because when I am gone there will be no one that can tell you anything.

You asked about corresponding with anyone in Ireland. I think any folks all come over soon after Dad come. His oldest brother Joseph died at sea and was buried at sea. He had two brothers (twins) and three sisters that come to this country. Mother only had one brother. He come over and lived in Mich. They are all dead but the youngest girl.

When Dad come over, it took him 7 weeks and 3 days to come from Belfast Ireland to New York. Sea awfull rough all the way. They were loaded with iron. It was braced in the hold. They thought it could not get loose; but it was so rough it tore the braces loose and the iron rolled to one side and the ship lay three days and three nights on her broad side. The sailors had to put the iron back on the high side so the ship would right itself. Mother come the following year with the four brats she had. You know there was no steam then. You had to be pushed along by the wind and if you had a head wind all the time you did not get along very fast.

I will get Hazel to type the names and dates of my parents and brothers and sisters on a short sheet. There was only three of us that my folks could afford a middle name for. You know they were poor folks. I wish I could see you. I could tell lots of things that I cannot write. I got a letter from Addie a short while ago. I sent Martha a picture of myself. I think it looks about like me. You can see the map of Ireland all over my face. Last June 12 I was 90 years old. My eyes are bad, can't hardly see what I am writing. I go about everywhere and wait on myself, get in the coal and attend the fire. Addie spoke about being covered up with snow when I am looking out of the front window at flowers in full bloom. We have had no snow yet only freezing a few mornings. If you think of anything else you want to know, let me know and I do my best to tell you. I will stop for this time. Write me often and I will answer them.

Good bye for this time from your uncle S.F. Lowery

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Lowery Family Dates:

James Lowery, Born December 23, 1820 in Ireland, County Down, Parish Dramore, (Township of

Linsnaward). Died December 12, 1890.

Mary Lowery, Born August 15, 1821 in Ireland, County Down (Killmecrew), Parish Girvely.

Married October 27, 1842. Came to New York November 21, 1851.

Their children:

John Lowery            Born Dec. 26, 1843.    Emma Lowery            Born Mar. 20, 1846

Joseph Lowery        Born Nov. 13, 1848    Lizzie Lowery           Born Jun. 14, 1851

Fanny Lowery         Born Apr. 3, 1854     James Andrew Lowery   Born Feb. 5, 1856

William Henry Lowery Born Oct. 12, 1857    Samuel Finley Lowery   Born June 12, 1859

(William Henry Lowery is the grandfather that I knew. WRM)