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My dear Cousin Emma
Mayville N.Y.

Your welcome letter
was received ^{also} the Photograph and we
think you may well feel proud of a
daughter who possesses such a "noble face,
"goodness" throws its reflection over the whole features
of one worthy to be respected & loved

Your mentioning the time when I lived
with Uncle Harry, has set me to thinking over
the days of long ago - It will be forty years
in July next since I left Cornucant

You & your sister Jane were going to school
at the old school house on the Lake Shore
Millie was a chubby happy little girl with a
face that many might envy - Alanson &
I had a good old fashioned boy visit down
on the lake beach and it was the last time
we ever met - I can see him now just as
he then looked - a frank kind hearted boy

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full of pleasant fun. Without an evil thought
and while reviewing my boyhood - Memory
fails to find another companion possessing
all of the same good qualities -

Your family were then all at home - Edwin
was home on a visit - Edwin Augie Emma
& Uncle Harry Gals - Helen Jane & Bro Andrew & I took
kliner at Rowleys July 9th 1851 & I left that night
by boat - The last time I went to Coumeant we
landed to leeward of the piers & went onto the beach,
but that was a good many years ago

Emma the young people who were with us then
are most of them in their silent graves. If we who
are left are fast silvering over with the frosts of time

I have been a thief today & stole an old photo
of Emma & sent you so you can see how she
used to look - She did not have any of late date &
would not consent to let this one go out - but I
thought you could return it with your own if
one of the Judges which you desire to obtain & then I will
return one of Emma's of later date - Love to all
over truly yours
J. S. Kirk