

St. Inigoes  
April 11<sup>th</sup> 1866

My dear friend,

Again I will make an attempt to write to you  
Trusting this may bring to me what my last letter failed to bring  
That is an answer. I mailed a letter last Sunday two weeks  
to you at the Ridge P.O. to which I did expect a reply ere this  
Have you been sick, or have you had a house full of  
company or what has been the cause of your not  
writing I enclose a crop made out the old mulberry  
it was not very nicely finished. I am not a good  
carver, particularly on wood. Yet is sent it, knowing  
by some persons a part of a tree that has formed so con-  
spicuous a part in history would be valued, and you  
I thought might be of that number, as you said you liked  
old places and things connected with the early settlement  
of our State and country.

Easter vacation has come and gone since I last  
wrote, and with it I have passed many pleasures. A por-  
tion of the time I was with my parents and a part of the time  
I was enjoying hospitality and society of dear good friends  
I indeed enjoyed myself very much. My youngest sister was