

Diary Excerpts of Francis M. Lyman, 1892-1896, Internally Dated

[May 30, 1892:] Mother gave me the first letter written her by Father only 11 days before they married. I copy it here that it may be preserved: Kirtland, Ohio May 31, 1835 Dear Sister: While the mantle of night is spread around the works of nature, I take my pen that through its silent language I might communicate to you some of the feelings of my heart, having been as a wanderer and desiring to enjoy the blessing that would result from the society of a companion who would participate with me in the changing scenes of this life. If you desire or feel willing to converse with me on the subject of matrimony, please write your answer below. It is with the belief that I should be happy in your society that I write you. Receive this from your friend. A. Lyman to Miss L.M. Tanner Please answer this tomorrow.