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 Marion Simm Co On March 3<sup>rd</sup>

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 to Morrow on the street car  
we are going. Meeting here for  
a week our 2<sup>d</sup> 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~~ <sup>so much</sup> 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 Eliza & N. G. little girls.  
I have no more

Mary Crawford

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R. M. Dear son yours of 10th received  
as I expect to see you home to stay I write  
I will write to you again you asked  
that the weldens My Grand Mother  
My Uncle Wilson her Brother  
Joseph Weldons Farm joined My Father  
Farm he had several Sons I visited one of My  
Cousins when we went back Easter 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 Man is respectable & lives  
in the Free Church so I Visit with them  
while we stay here Russel you say you would  
like to be where you could give your Children  
a better 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's 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