

A5.2 - Letter from Mary Jane (DeWitt) Manuel of Elizabethtown, Ontario to Rebecca (DeWitt) Jack, 22 November 1874. Transcribed 1 October 2015 by Alison Mitchell-Reid. Page one of three

Elizabeth Town November 22nd
1874

My Dear Sister,

I was very glad to hear from you that you were well. you ^{never} mentioned anything about either of the children. we received your letter all right. Mr. Shepherd left here three years ago. his signature never shall go on any paper or anything that I have anything to do with. so if I can't get what little is coming to me from poor father's estate without so much fuss or expense, it may as well stay as it is. what do I want to be paying people for to receive my share. I am willing to give you a receipt in full, free of all demands, and that is sufficient at least I think so. I don't think that man can have anything to do with it, at all. I would go down & see about it ~~and~~ but I have no money nor no way of getting any. it is almost most more than I can do to get enough to eat.

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by this time how much each one share
is. please write me all the news you can.
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and the children and many kisses from
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good bye dear sister hopeing to hear
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