

MaReam → Nora +
Bill &
Boys.

Run away marriage
of John to
Amy Erickson

February Chariton Iowa
from your Ma Pearl

My Dear children it has been a long time
since I has riter a letter that I hardly know
how to excuse my self but if you was
hear & see what all I has to do you would
excuse me I cant see very good my eyes
has failed so fast we got your presents
tha was so nice every body Crages on
them that sees them we think tha ar
so nice becas you maid them pa
shoes his hantier chib to every body
that comes doud thinks so much
of his socks that he want wear them
I has let the girl take paterns of
ou my lace but tha cant make
it so nice John is mared to aney
Erickson tha run off last may &
was mared & kept it a secret untill
two weeks ago tha told us pa ofsed it
John that he would drive him off
but he didnt he was forced to come to
you & will

but it is all right now & the
will move on her brothers
place that is one mile south of us
so want give him the watch &
fifty he is feeling bad about
it Edith is still sick I don't
think she will ever get well she
is in charitan doctors this week &
will stay a month will read
that he was going to let you come
home this spring & I wish you
would come I would love to see you
& the little boys doo come &
will come to you ma see us all
if you come this spring but if not
you want see Libby to see us all
how I wish you would come &
see hear while I live so I could see
you often we had had had
luck we lost the best horse began
the best cow & the fine colt worth
one hundred the was send it
you was hear you wouldnt blame
me not to let you visit them folks