

News in General 1870

Some Genealogy-

Mary Reed Luffin, my Father's
Susan daughter of Jobeth Luffin -

Barnard, Jan. 22. 1870

Dear Willard

Your kind and welcome letter
of October 22. came duly to hand
and like all those received from
you in past years gave me more
real pleasure than any other
earthly ^{thing} has or ever had the power to
bestow. I would have replied to it
before this but waited for suitable
weather to go down to Barnard and
have my likeness taken for you
I went accordingly, the first pleasant
day, but took cold on the way and
was not able to go out during my
stay of two weeks with Ellen Pottenger
who is certainly one among the nobles
of women. She has four children
Whiter about the age of your daughter
of that name, McDonough the second

child now in Kansas. Her, and Frank
the two youngest are at school in London
Olivia Carroll seem to be again enjoying
society though for several years after
the death of Mr Carroll she lived in
almost entire seclusion. Her income
amounts to six hundred ^{dollars} a year. She has
of late become an active member of the
Universalist church a beautiful
church of that denomination is just
finished, ^{in London} it stands opposite her dwelling
and adds greatly to the appearance of
the street. Owing to the irregularity of
the mails I received no later letters
from Kansas. all were well at last
accounts. Victor, Decatur and Frank
who are equal partners had sold
their ^{best} stock at sixty dollars per head
and bought another head. Wilson Petty,
and Jacob Campbell are in the
same line of business, also Andrew
Port who married Priscilla Cregg
and his Brother James who were little

boys when you went away.

I will now proceed to answer those
enquiries about your old acquaintances
Samuel Mitchel has been twice
married, his first wife was Maria
Walters dead now twenty years he has
one child living he resides in Dayton
and is looking venerable with his white
hair Sam Elsbode who married Jane
Mitchel has been many years a widow
and also looks a very old man. Harry
Edison's wife Lucy Mitchel has been
dead thirteen years. he married a second
wife from whom he separated he resides
in Illinois. George Jones has been a
widower twelve years lives in Camden
~~has~~ has three sons all grown lost one in
the war. Mary Mitchell married a
Mr. Muckner Methodist minister twenty
three years ago, was left a poor widow
with two children soon after married
John March her Brother in Law now
living in Mexico President of the Bank

her sister Ann married C. Walker
 of Camden has been a widow a
 number of years has three children grows
 resides in Logansport Indiana.
 Sam Gray still lives in Peily universally
 known as a dishonest man in his
 way he has managed to make a fortune
 has the same ridiculous features squinting
 and shrugging his shoulders, which he
 tries to cover with the cloak of religion,
 or more properly speaking his dishonest
 deeds. I can never cease disprising that
 man than any other living creature
 because of the wrongs you sustained
 at his hands which I was powerless
 to redress. My heart still aches when I
 recall it ^{to} mind, but I know that
 you in your conscious innocence
 and unsuspecting good misplaced
 confidence whatever your circumstances
 may chance to be possess an inward
 happiness to which he with his ill gotten
 wealth must ever be a stranger.