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[Letter from Henry Bruce, Jr. to Nannie Alexander & Henrietta Bruce, July 1891]

"Prior Lake" Minn [Minnesota]

Sunday July 26. 1891 [July 26, 1891]

My dear Daughters Nan [Nannie] + Ret [Retta or Henrietta].

Notwithstanding it is now a great task for me to compose and wright [write] a letter at my advanced age.

Yet I cannot resist the temptation on this Holey Sabeth [Holy Sabbath] day. And also my Eighteth Aneversary [Eighteenth Anniversary]. having been born before the teenies [teens] commenced in the years of this century. To tell you. how thankful I am for having been thus spaird [spared] and also for the great blessings, I have and am still enjoying in the possesion [possession] of general good helth [health], surrounded [surrounded] by the best of kind friends all the necessary cumforts [comforts] of this, life.

I have improved in Strength every day since I left home. And am enjoying

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hugly [hugely] my new fishing boat, with my Rod + Real [Reel]. And I do wish that I could send you a great big mess of fresh and beautiful croppies. Which is my favorite Lake fish.

I must beg you to pleas [please] excuse brevity, and my maney [many] errors. and I will close with heaps of love + kisses from your Octogenarian Pappa,

H. [Henry] Bruce

The wether [weather] is cool and windy. but I have plenty of warm fleueus [?] and with two coats, manage to keep comfortably warm. H.B. [Henry Bruce]