came here. Well I have got to the end of my paper and not a word said about ourselves. We are all well but Carrie she has a severe cold. Jeff has come to his dinner so I must stop. I have written this in a hurry and I guess you will______ when you read it. I want to send this out by to day mail and it is two oclock______ East.

Eau Claire, July 14th

Sister Bertha and Adie,

I suppose I shall have to start this letter or it will not ever be started. We are all well except Carie. She has been eating some green apples to day. I guess they do not agree with her. She said she did not eat but five. I brought some ice cream home to night and it was splendid. But then we are having so many good things that we don't mind any thing about it. I will tell you what we had for supper. Well we had some bread and butter and some tea and some -- Oh that's all. we had a tip top good feast the fourth. It is awful hot here this summer. I have let my farm to halves. Every thing looks fine. I am to work for the same man, have help build to splendid houses and am at work on a store now. There is now building on the east side ten stores, a very large hotel, and a large bank building oposit Music Hall. Bangs and Fish are doing the most of the work. Houses are going up in every section. There is more going on this summer than ever. Land
is coming up. There is a man that wants to go and look at my farm but I can't get time to show it to him. It will pay the interest on two thousand dollars this year if the crops keep on the way they are now. I did not get any breaking done this spring as I wanted to. Two men agreed to brake for me but the season was so short or some other reason that they did not get to it. It is to bad. I must go to bed. [From Jeff.]

[In Ellen's handwriting:]

Sunday, July 27th

Sister Addie and Birdie,

Jeff wants to know if I am ever going to finish this letter that he commenced two weeks ago. Of course I am. To commence with we are all well as usual. Mira is having the whooping cough but not very hard. We had a call from All and Lizzie to day. ______ to their Church as usual. They go ______

Sunday. All said he had harvested his winter wheat and rye. We are having a hot summer. We have got a nice garden and a large one to. I have got lots of flowers. I have one stalk of gladiolus in blossom now and some lovely double balsams. I suppose you are picking lots of black raspberries these days. If you have plenty, I wish you would pick one quart of large one for me, and dry them in the sun. I want them for seed. If I don't come down this fall, you can send them to me. Write and tell me if Mother's cranberries grew that she carried home.

I am going to plant some in the marsh upon our place next