

14 (32) Anderson, Maria Williams { Richard Clough A ---

Born -

Died -

Married to - Allen Batham

Residence - Chillicothe, O.

See -  
2-1-324.  
2-2-32  
5-2-32

1. Oct. 21/21. To Brother Robert - Soldiers Retreat - Family News &c.
2. No date. " Sister " " " "
3. Oct. 136. " Mother - Chillicothe - " "
4. Sep. 1/22 " Mother - Also note by A.S. - " "

at Soldiers Retreat - Oct. 21, 1821.

at Chillicothe, O. Apr. 23<sup>d</sup> 1822.

" West Point, N.Y. Summer of 1837, 5-17-2.

July 19/48 "her namesake" - daughter of 5 - had 4 teeth, sits alone &c. 5-32-17.

Feb. 13/56 at Cin. O. Hopes to be in Child. in the Spring - 32-4-33.

Aug 19, 1826. Had been sick.

July 30/26. " " " 3-5-31.

Nov. 17/26 14+31 better (?) recently at Soldiers Retreat. 3-7-31.

Also Allen Batham - her husband.

1. Sep. 13/26. To his wife - Chillicothe - News + Literary.
2. Dec. 28/26. " " " Zanesville. " of the road, &c.
3. Jan. 12/26. " " " Washington, D.C. " & description of City.
4. Apr. 21/13. " " " Child. " &c. She at Soldrs Rlt.
5. " 7/23. " " " " " " " " " "
6. May 21/ " " " " Bemers town, O. " of the road &c. " " Kingston, O.
7. Sep. 8/26. " " " Child, O. " & directions &c. " " Soldrs. Rlt.
8. Jan. 30/31. " " " Washington, D.C. " of City & " " out of it.
9. Aug. 8/37. Bill - Brown's Indian Queen Hotel - Wash. D.C.
10. Mar. 31/26. " " " Soldiers Retreat - Family News &c. She at Child.
11. Feb. 24/24. " " " " " " " " " " " "
12. Mar. 16/ " " " " " " " " " " " "
13. Sep. 15/26. " " " Child. - news &c. She at Soldrs Rlt.
14. Mar. 23/23. " " " " " " & faces. " " " " " "
15. Sep. 26/26. " " " " " " &c. " " " " " "
16. July 25/31. " " " Fredericktown, Md. News of road &c. " Child
17. " 4/27. " " " Hagerstown, Md. " " " " " " "
18. " 14/24. " " " Soldiers Retreat - Family News &c. " " "
19. May 1/23. " R.C. A - Columbus, O. about his Ohio lands. (Over.)
20. Mar. 2/25. " " " Child " " " " " "
21. Nov. 13/35. Genl. Band of. to A.S. - abt. Va. Mil. Bands.

- 22. Aug. 9. 1823. Will of A. L. - all to his wife.
- 23. Jan. 10/35. Deed A. L. & Wife to John R. Anderson,
- 24. June 12/48. " " " " Sarah Jane Anderson.
- 25. July 5/46. Agreement. A. L. - " " " " " "

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Chillicothe Monday 21. Apr. 1813

My dearest wife

On Friday last I received your letter written on the 8th & 9 which appears <sup>by the post marks</sup> to have laid in the middle town post office till the 14th - I am truly happy to learn that Brother Sam is fast recovering and hope his situation will no longer operate as a prevention to your return - For three weeks past I have been threatening to go somewhere and would most gladly go to Ky. or almost anywhere else if my health and strength were sufficient. On Friday I experienced the 5th return of the chills and fevers and have since been confined to my room - Indeed I have not been able to ride on horseback but twice since I was first taken the weather has been extremely unfavourable - Scarcely a day without rain - I am not very sick except at short intervals during the rage of the chill & fever - When I am shaking & puking my friends are very attentive but as soon as I become composed they disappear attending to their particular avocations & pleasures - I am confident I shall not fully recover till you return & furnish me that necessary diet without which medicine is of little advantage - Do not make any haste that will in the least endanger your health I assure you I am

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paid. H. PAID / S  
Mrs. Maria W. Latham  
Care of Col. Anderson - Soldiers Relief  
by Middletown  
Jefferson Co. Kentucky



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not at all dangerous - I know my own case  
perfectly well and am confident with two weeks  
good nursing I should be perfectly restored - There  
is not perhaps an hour of the day but what I think  
of you - Come home if you can write me word  
when you will be at Cincinnati or Marysville  
or Port mouth and I will send for you or  
indeed if necessary I will send a man to  
Louisville - I sent you 50 dls in a letter  
as expence money if that has not come to  
hand & you should not have sufficient  
borrow - I did hope to hear from you by  
yesterday's mail - The disqual I have at writing  
will not permit me to express my feelings on paper -  
May that God who deals justly & equally by all preserve  
& continue you happy -

I am ever your affectionate and devoted  
Allen Latham

I have the refusal of the Thompson place - It  
will be sold shortly & if not too high I will  
buy it -

P. S. you will ask your father to send me  
the remaining official plats and certificates in  
the name of John Belfield - also the plat &  
certificate in the name of Wm F Gaines &  
the plats of two surveys returned by me in  
the name of Patrick A & John M Erskine  
& in each case state the amount of his  
fees at the bottom of the paper -

Also tell him that he must send me  
a copy of Benjamin Houghs account  
Locker says if I will get the a  
made out in due form that he may  
file it as a voucher <sup>act</sup> for his administra  
tion he will pay it -

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Soldier's retreat Oct 21, 1821.

Dear brother I received your letter some weeks ago and was prevented from answering it, by the illness of Elizabeth Anderson who is now convalescent, she was certainly nearer dying than any other person I ever saw to recover: at one time we gave her up as gone: Cousin Benjamin himself thought chances were against her: Robert what must I think of Lazi's invincible faithfulness, we have not received a line from him for two or three months, while sickness and death prevailed. I was under most dreadful apprehensions for your safety, the reception of your letter was a great relief: there have been more deaths than I ever heard of before, I am in hopes ~~and~~ cold weather advances health will be restored. Miss Hannah and Dorothy Pomeroy died in August, <sup>the</sup> Captain was ill then and has been getting better and worse ever since I suppose you have heard of Edmund Croghan's death, several of the family were ill at the same time they are all recovering at present: William Samuel was very ill when I hear from him. Mr Kingfield Bullen is dead, Mr James Breckinridge, Mr Beal, Henderson, George Knight have ~~have~~ offered to supply the vacancy

Medical town /  
Oct 21 /  
paid. D

Mr Robert Anderson

West Point

New York

Affairs go on here in the usual style. Elias, and little Abe  
as Cousin Harry calls him do not come to Uncle as often as  
formerly but I suspect they will renew their visits as soon  
as convenient, Mr Tenent has been down again an admirer  
of Elizabeths, Francis fell down about two weeks ago and  
broke her collar bone her brother the Doctor has confined  
her to her bed ever since without even permission to turn over.  
I have asked William and Charles what I must tell you, they  
both say (tell him what you please) William is reading  
the satires of Horace and will begin the Greek Testament  
in the morning. Charles at last says tell him I am well,  
you perhaps remember he had a severe spell in August  
I thought if possible my heart would have bursted, you and  
Larg were ever present to my mind and that aggravated  
my grief.

Cousin  
How <sup>do</sup> you and your blanket agree this cold weather. Elizabeth  
is here she gives her love to you and says if you will write  
to her she will answer it. John has just come in  
-he says I must tell you Celia has been sick nearly ever  
since you went away, and Louisa is well, he says you must

write Louisa when you come back, that you will be  
sure to hit.

affectionately

Maria W Anderson

October 29<sup>th</sup>

I have added a postscript to Maria, it is a letter two days ago, merely  
to inform you that the family and friends generally, are well, you matter is getting  
better as well as myself. John is now waiting for his school boys, so to say  
that I am my dear son your affectionate father.

Richard P. Sloan

Chillicothe March 29 1823.

Sunday Evening

My dearest wife -

I was this moment employed in trying to hit  
the outline of your pretty face when Mr. Renshaw  
handed me your voyage down the river - I am very  
happy in hearing that you all arrived in safety -  
My health is very good The cough & pain in the chest  
appear almost entirely to have left me - But  
notwithstanding I am very much at a loss to know  
what to do with myself I could not have im-  
agined your short absence would have had  
such an effect - I am like a lost sheep -  
a stray dog - a goose goose gander - up stairs  
down stairs where shall I wander - Every one  
who sees me seems to be conscious of my feelings -  
Madam R. sent for me to come there for my meals  
I dined with her once - made my bow & have not been  
there since - I eat sleep & drink at the same  
place as formerly - You need not enquire my  
cook as no living creature comes here to cheer  
or annoy me - Even the dog has deserted the  
house - I cannot go to the tavern it is so pregnant  
to my feelings - I cannot let you stay long unless  
I take to the woods - I hope you will employ the time you  
are away to the best advantage - you must fly about  
Mrs. Baldwin like, as tho the dogs were after you -  
Go to Shelly, Henry, Louisville - See every relation  
you have even down to the 14th <sup>Corner</sup> ~~Corner~~ - you must  
not stay too long at a place - for a two fold reason  
that you have but little time to play & for fear  
they become tired of you - Of this last however  
there is little danger as I shall barely give you  
time to make your bow among them - Give  
my love to your father and mother - you need not  
fear tiring them - I venily believe for some reason  
or other I love them better than my own parents -

I am rather merry & sad yet I believe I could with  
very little effort act the boobee



Effie's friends are all well - Tell her to do all the  
mischief she can among these lazy concerted Whigs  
Give my love to Elizabeth tell her if she has any  
taste for pot wrestling to get an Ohio husband  
As for Nancy I consider her saddled on Tommy  
Miller -

Don't forget to have your father hunt up all  
his old tax receipts as far back as 1800 - I  
put them into your trunk - And beg one  
of his trap scales from him as he has two -

Nothing new wondrous or strange has  
happened since you left -

your affectionate & devoted

Allen

Monday

In calling at the office for the purpose of putting <sup>in</sup> my  
picture I had the pleasure of receiving a long &  
well written letter from Elizabeth - She discards  
the idea of becoming filiafied & says she is sorry she  
did not come here at our request, which I consider  
a better proof of her non filiafying disposition -

It blowed almost hard enough last night to take  
the house down - I hope you were not on the  
river -

Let me hear something from you every day



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*angle of vision*

*at the  
sideways*





*single*

*paid H. PAID / 82*

*Mrs Maria U. Latham  
care of Colo. Andersons  
near Middletown Jefferson County  
Kentucky*

Chillicothe Monday 7th Apr. 1823

Dear Maime - I received your letter of the 20th the last by  
this days mail - Mr. McArthur had previously informed  
me that you had arrived safely - I am very sorry  
to hear of Brother Larr's illness & hope you will  
not leave him till he is out of danger - It is  
more than probable I may come for you - but not  
certain & for fear I should not I will enclose  
you a \$50, <sup>bill</sup> to meet contingences - For four days  
back I have been shut up by the fever & ague  
which seems to come as a rider on my fall  
sickness - I have within a few days taken 70 grains  
of Calomel - The doctor thinks the fever broke &  
if it does not return on me I intend going on  
by the way of the blue lick, & will spend a  
short time there and drink of the water -  
Holt writes that he will be certain to have \$1000  
or 1200 dol in money for me in a few days -  
Give my love to Effie & the family -  
It is 18 days since you started - I hope before 18 days  
more pass over I shall see you either here or at  
your father's - I love you dearly - I am agreed with

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James and Keeler have just called on  
me with your letter of the 1st of April -  
I am glad to learn that Lane is recovering -  
I see Effie that she is not forgotten Thomas has  
recently called to talk with me about her  
& says he is somewhat sick for the want of  
her company -  
Mrs. Younger has nursed  
me since I had the fever and ague -  
She sends you her love - says you must  
not be uneasy - as she now considers me  
well -

you in leaving the house we occupy & will do  
everything in my power to make you happy - You  
must never leave me again I am so lost - My  
pecuniary affairs are very much brightened & if  
we can only have good health with your society  
I know nothing that can render us unhappy -

Give my love to your father and tell him that  
I will do everything I can to raise money out of his  
lands - Ask him to write me about the title to the  
Mill tract in Adams County whether he has a deed  
for his part - Andrew Ellison tells me he thinks  
his title not perfected and that many of the  
purchasers under his sale withhold the money  
on that account - This may be well enough  
as I prefer they should do so rather than pay  
over to him - he has become so sottish -  
Also ask your father where the notes are he  
holds against some purchasers of land near  
Greenfield in this county -

I am my dear ever your affectionate  
Allen Latham



Mrs Maria W. Latham

Ohio Street -  
By Middletown

Jefferson County Kentucky  
Care of Gov. Anderson

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Soldiers Retreat January 14 1824

My Dear Maria -

I am not yet started - your father  
has recovered from a pretty severe illness & to  
gratify him I have promised to stay a few  
days longer probably till Thursday - He is  
the most anxious man about his little  
matter now the ice is broken you ever saw  
and nothing but his extreme solicitude  
has detained me here for the week past  
I had every thing packed up & prepared  
to start last week and conveyed to Louisa  
your quilt and an Apron of Apple leather  
from Cecelia into the baggage - I have the  
pleasure of informing that all here are  
again well - The Colo is sending express and  
has given me but a moment to write  
The object of his express is to bring Mr. Lopez  
down from Shelbyville the most obstinately  
attached to his home of any man I know  
I am exceedingly provoked with him  
as he has been the means of detaining  
me here a week or ten days at least  
I am very dear affectionately yours  
Allen Latham

Filed at Town by  
March 15<sup>th</sup>

1852

Mrs. Maria W. Latham  
Chillicothe  
Ohio

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Soldiers Retreat February 24. 1824

My dear Maria -

I have been very contentedly employed  
untill yesterday a snowy cold day which  
produced a high lome fever in my feelings.  
If you were ~~on~~ on my knee I should bring  
you very close - your father's business has  
almost entirely engaged my attention -  
The mismanagement of late is surprising.  
His agents who have sold land for him and  
all nearly in arrears without being called  
on - Tom Bende has money of his owing  
2000 dollars - Neal has about 4000 -  
John Ellison 3000 - George C. Light  
a large amount Galloway some and  
General Lytle a considerable amount  
not known as also Vincon haller about  
6 or 700 dollars - besides other debts  
in our state & none of them ever  
called on for payment - I have by  
piece meals sifted every thing I  
could out of the old Gentleman,  
but his ignorance of his own concerns  
has at times incensed me - His property  
and debts due so far as I can learn  
are worth about 100,000 dollars & he  
owes about 20,000 - He has given up the  
disposal of every thing to Mr. Logan Love  
and myself but I discover the manage-  
ment devolves wholly on poor Peter -  
I have put every thing that could be

propose to act in motion - Larr will come  
home with me - Your father has given me  
all the old surveys and very kindly offered  
anything without reserve - How long I shall  
be detained is still doubtfull - a fortnight  
longer at this place at least; some time at  
New York and Cincinnati - & some time  
in Adams County - I see your Cousins  
almost daily, all well all as usual -  
Louisa I have not seen, she is at Beintown  
your Mother looks finely - handsome - and your  
Father well - William has grown to a man -  
John & Charles two or three pegs higher -

And little Sarah engrosses a heap of attention  
not handsome by the bye - Cassian is quite  
pacific - has your quilt made which will  
appear to you - all as usual, Negroes lazy &  
shiftless as the devils; I am sometimes pleased  
sometimes mad sometimes indifferent -

If you were here I should take things  
more leisurely - tho I do not work hard very  
little at the books - My health is good, regular  
well - sleep a heap - no night noises except  
one by sleeping with Tom Miller -  
Books letter came to hand with a very  
satisfactory account of affairs in Adams  
& Highland - I hope he will stick to  
business like his old name like the  
nailer who is dead and gone -

Tell Effie the young people have a  
heap to say about her - all seem to admire  
you will hear from me often tho I shall  
not expect you to write often this reaches home

I am my dear affectionately yours

Allen Latham



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Meadowtown Ky 18<sup>th</sup>  
July 25<sup>th</sup>

Mrs. Maria W. Latham  
Shillicothe, Ohio.

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1824

Dear Maria

I had calculated on being able to start for home the beginning of next week but your father being somewhat unwell so as not to be able to make out my papers will detain me some days longer - For the week back your Mother has been almost distracted with the head ache or she says she would have written to you. She has recovered of it -

If you have an opportunity to see the corn even at 20 cents each do so - There will be no foreign demand for it. I shall probably go up the river as far as Mayville & may want Mr. Cook to meet me there or west union. If I conclude on it I shall write on leaving this.

Eliza has moved to town. Eliza is waiting - your Mother proposed writing or I should have written sooner and more fully - I am perfectly well - Take some of the advice you give me to your Country self on this change of weather as it will be likely to affect those who have heretofore been inviolate. I am impatient to see you I Ramble in the direction of Can Spring like a love sick boy

I am my dear affectionately

Yours -

Ellen Latham

Olden Retreat O. Marsh 1824

Middletown Ky  
March 8<sup>th</sup>

1822

Mrs. Maria W. Lathams  
Chillicothe  
Ohio

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Dear Sir

Soldiers Retreat Feb'y 26<sup>th</sup> 1825

Yours of the 16<sup>th</sup> Inst was received by due course of mail  
and as it was necessary to make some enquiry about the  
check you spoke of - an answer has been expressed until  
I could see my Brother. The check was received, by him  
and he desires me to inform you that he would have ad-  
vised you of its arrival, had he not supposed the bill  
had done so. William asked him about the check time  
the check arrived, if he had received it, and he supposed  
the enquiry was made for the purpose of informing you of  
it. The Bill has been unwell for some time past, he is  
now gaining strength rapidly - and will be entirely  
restored in a short time if he will abstain from all kinds  
of business. Buckner and Lawrence & Halls execution are  
located upon Mr Andersons lands in Louisville, the place  
where John stem lives at and two hundred acres below  
are adjoining Mr Bullitts. The 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> of March they  
are advertised to be sold. I wish you ~~would~~ could either  
by sale of land or collection prevent this property from  
being sacrificed. I know you will effect all in your power  
till the prospect of a canal in your State advance the  
price of land any. Miss Francis Comptons was mar-  
ried a few days since to Doct Black. The parties ap-  
pear to be well satisfied and are now visiting their friends.

My love to Maria.

Yours affectionately

Chas. P. Gwathmey

My dear Daughter

I have postponed writing a long time indeed I have had a great deal to do, and I think every mail I would write but it is a bad way to think so much, well I waited until Sarah is really married, to the Doctor, they gave them a party last evening at Mr Peavers. Louisa is gone to it, and Eliza Samuel, and I suppose there were great doings, I can assure <sup>you</sup> we had fine pair, at Sisters, your Father was unwell at the time, Betsy and Cecilia did not go, so I went and thought I would stay until after supper I can tell <sup>you</sup> I began to think they would be eating all night supper was handed around, one course after another from nine until after twelve, Frances was dressed in Swiss Muslin <sup>striged</sup> with a black muslin Spencer trimmed with white tulle and she real, looks very pretty, her attendance, was Eliza Samuel, Mary Bullett, and Louisa, Doctor Croghan, William Pope, & Doctor Tompkins, there were about 20 ladies and <sup>30</sup> gentlemen, they intend living near Lexington, I heard from Mr Logan to day they are all well but Mr Logan, Nancy has another Daughter she calls her Mary Betsy's son grows finely and I think he will make a handsome man they are here yet, I suppose they will go as soon as they can get a house put up, Cousin Fitzhugh is very low the Doctor says she cannot live long I was to see <sup>her</sup> a few weeks ago, she has been sick ever since you were here, Mr Bezor Satham stayed with us several weeks I never was better pleased with a stranger, than him, we would be glad to see him again, we have not heard from him since he left here, until Mr Satham informed us he was better, I hope he may recover his health, and have a happy meeting with his relations well here, wish <sup>you</sup> & Mr Satham all the good luck this world can afford I had a pretty good show but have trials withal, we have

not heard from any of your Brothers very lately I hope we shall hear soon if good luck attends me, dear son Larry we shall see him shortly poor fellow he had a tedious journey, Robert has not written lately I shall write to him to morrow - William was well and doing well I heard from him last week we are trying to get him in at west point I do not know whether we will accomplish it Mr Anderson has received two letters from Washington city one from Mr Colby and Mr Johnston they say they will do what they can Mr Johnston observed he thought your Father had as great a claim as any man but spoke as if there was a difficulty in getting him in I wish you would write often altho I am slow about when I begin I do not know when to stop, my love to Mr Sattone and receive the same from us all, I all join I hope they wish it, and believe me your ever affectionate Mother

Sarah Anderson

my dear child how  
often <sup>knovisid</sup> I was able to do  
something for you when  
I speak of it, before William  
he says Maria, Sister Maria  
does very well, and will do  
well, I dont doubt it, but still  
I wish you and Mr Sattone was  
near us, or could be with us in  
sickness, but there is a god will  
protect us, and bring us safe through  
I hope for Christ sake amen

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Widdletown 13  
Maine

1872

Mr Allen Latham

Chillicothe  
Ohio

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Washington City January 12<sup>th</sup> 1826

Dear Maria

I reached this place the day after I wrote  
to you from Haguetown and met at the tavern  
where I stopped with Bro Lutz you have since  
that both occupied the same room —  
Lutz is likely to obtain on your brother claims  
for his children from 12 to 15 thousand  
dollars — Then is due your father's estate  
on the fees of his office between 13 and 14  
thousand dollars. we have had an interview  
with the Committee of public lands on  
the subject of appointing a successor  
and have <sup>every</sup> good assurance that the  
fees shall be secured to us —  
We should have no difficulty <sup>about the office</sup> but for the  
interference of Genl. M<sup>r</sup>. Arthur — and I  
think we shall <sup>succeed</sup> in despite of him —  
William Croghan is here I have several times  
seen him and have called at Genl. Phelps  
house & he has called here but as yet  
we have not seen one another —  
Yesterday I dined with several of

our members at a most splendid  
dinner given us & am to day invited  
to another but being a little indisposed  
have declined going — I have very little  
fancy for this city — It is the most inconvenient  
place I ever was in — it seems to be composed  
of four settlements one at the capital  
one at the President's house and one  
on the avenue between, another at the  
navy yard — From the capital to the pre-  
sident's is two miles — to the navy yard  
about 3 — From morning to night you hear  
the noise of hack wheels constantly, it seems  
like being in a mill — and they mill us  
pretty well as we pay \$10.50 per week for  
Board — add hack hire 20 and it will  
make about \$15 per week —  
I shall stay no longer than to learn  
the fate of a Bill I have submitted  
relative to the office — Lutz sends his  
love to you — I am my dear Maria most  
affectionately Yours

Allen Latham





*Mrs. Maria W. Latham*  
*Chillicothe*  
*Ohio*

*Filsofical Society*

Mrs Maria W Latham.

Chillicothe

Ohio

Favoured by

Capt Rogers

Carys Brook, April 29, 1826.

Many years have rolled around since I have written or received one line from you my Dear Cousin or any of our relations in Kentucky, numberless things have occurred since that time but the last and most distressing, is the Death of our dear Uncle, which I expect you will hear of before this reaches you, it appears that he was only spared to behold his dear Brother and then to bid adieu to this troublesome world. The inhabitants of this State have generally been unhealthy this winter, we have all had very violent colds but thank God we are all tolerably well at this time. I have three fine Children and have been uncommonly blessed with good health in them, Judith my youngest is the best and finest Child I ever saw she is not eleven months old and says several things so as to be understood by any one. I hope you will write to me soon and tell me something of all my friends in your part of the world, I regretted very much that I could have so little of your dear Fathers company the time was too short for me to make but few enquiries about my dearest friends there. I heard from brother Madison last week

he was quite well he lives upwards of forty miles from  
us Mr Royter has just arrived and cannot stay but  
a few minutes which hurrys me to send my letter with  
our best love to you and Mr Latham and all of our relations  
and friends your truly affectionate cousin.

Martha Gay

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Waltberry July 26<sup>th</sup> 1826

Dear Sister I scarce know how to apologize for not answering Mr Latham's letter and in which I received the draft of \$ 300, which I exchanged very easily for \$ 301, in specie, I am a thousand times obliged to him for the loan of it, and shall make every exertion to replace it as soon as possible, when I receive it, and went to pay the debt I found Mr Logan, had paid nearly all with out taking receipt in stead of paying \$ 350. I had only 20 \$ to pay, I have settled some other debts with part, the ballance with some brother Rich and sent me I intend purchasing my self some hogs for market for the next year, I can get young hogs at this time very low for money. Richards upproing I was in want as I really was sent me \$ 250, as for collecting, I have not collected 50 \$ my dear sister if I was only near enough to my relations to enjoy their company some times what satisfaction it would give me, if we had a carriage or some good way of conveyance I could go to church often and pass of many tedious hours, as it is, I am too proud to pack, and too poor to walk hope keeps me alive still looking forward for a better day there will be a vacation from the first of September untill the first of October if a favorable opportunity of company occurs I intend sending John over to stay 2 or 3 weeks with you I wish Mr Latham's advice about John we have a

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Chillicothe  
July 28<sup>th</sup>

Mrs Maria W Latham

Chillicothe

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very good schooll at this place I suspect not, <sup>a</sup> much better in the  
state but the society and company of children, and ~~to~~ large  
boys are intolerable, there habits are ~~and~~ bad whether it is best for  
him to remain here, or go from home, I know not I wish to give him  
as good an education as he will receive if he goes from home. I wish  
Mr Latham to send me word where to send him. Robert and Betty  
goes to school in the country close by us, except myself the family  
are all well my love to brother and receive the same from your

affectionate sister  
Ann Logan

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Chillicothe Ky  
July 28th

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Chillicothe Sept. 5th 1826

My Dear Maria

I have just seen the Baltimore Patriot of the 28th of August announcing an event if true of the most distressing nature. From an examination of the paragraph I am left to think and to hope that it is founded in mistake - It states that a letter has been received there announcing the death of Brother Richard - It does not state the time - or any particular circumstances or the name of the writer nor does it state by what arrival the information came, or give any other items of news from that section of the country - From these circumstances I am induced to think that the writer of the letter alluded to may have heard such a rumour and that that rumour may have gained circulation without cause as is not unfrequently the case -

If true there ends our poor brother's grief in ours and his country's loss - I know of no man of his age whose reputation stands higher or whose loss would be more sensibly felt, but I cannot bring my mind to believe the fact as stated -

I believe nearly all those who have been sick here are getting about and the country ~~is~~ is said to be more healthy than is usual at this season of the year - Poor White is still

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Ms. Maria W. Latham

at Bro's residence

Middletown Sept. 10. 1826

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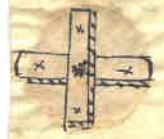
very feeble - I do not see that he looks much better than when you went away -

I am anxiously looking for a letter from you - I suppose by tomorrow or next day I may expect one - Write me everything about yourself - I am glad you are among your relations - Still if you should be the least unwell do not fail to let me know it - I pity you all & feel deeply for you - But do not grieve - It may not be so & if so remember it is but the end of our journey -

Adieu my dear Maria  
Yours Affectionately

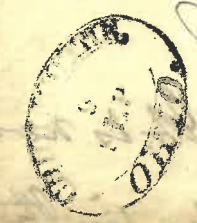
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Mrs Maria W. Latham  
at Capt. Andersons new  
Middleboro - Jeff. Co  
Kentucky

Chilliatha Sept 8. 1826

My dear Maria -  
I received this evening your letter  
informing me of your safe arrival at your fathers  
which has greatly relieved my anxiety - I feel  
exceeding grateful that your health is become  
so much better and hope you will continue to use  
means for improving it - I may have given you  
a great many unnecessary and some disa-  
greeable precautions as to what you should eat  
drink or do & tho it may have had the appearance  
of quackery I proceeded I assure you from a  
different notion than a wish to shew my own  
consequence and learning as in the case with this  
faculty as to what that notion was your own  
feelings will probably disclose - I have still  
one request which I shall continue to repeat  
which is that you ride more or less every day  
Whenever you shall discontinue this exercise  
I shall order you home - I have myself  
rode more or less every day since I left you  
and in my little excursions have been  
on the look out for some little place  
in the hills that we can retire to till I close  
up my business - After suffering so much  
and coming so near to being separated I think  
we shall feel disposed to spend more of the

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little time that is left us in another society - I never felt myself much of a worldling and can live every day about it - There is too much labor, too much restraint, and too little sincerity in what is termed fashionable or genteel life - If we could have a few friends when our confidence should be mutual and unlimited when we could express our sentiments without reserve and throw off the dull formalities and nonsensical ceremonies in our intercourse <sup>with one another</sup> it would ~~relieve~~ relieve us of half the burthen of life and add forty fold to our social enjoyments - But we need not trouble ourselves about this with retirement reading & reflection we possess a fund of resources to entertain ourselves - I can I think be happy with you alone - This is not the language of a heated youthful imagination counting his beloved only, it is the language of several years experience which has taught me to seek happiness solely in the bosom of my family ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> reading good books and conversing with sincere & intelligent friends if at hand - I should add another great source of happiness - that of contemplating the works of nature and of Providence & in endeavoring to approach

the author of our existence which may be either a social or individual enjoyment - When there is a unity of sentiment the social enjoyment must be great but in these matters few persons are so fortunate as to agree in every particular - This however may not be material when all agree on the essential points - Our object in life is happiness - We have travelled abroad in pursuit of it and found it not - We have even found it at home and then let us seek for it in future - a pleasant little valley in an elevated country with a bold gushing stream of water - plenty of fruit trees, a cottage with about 3 rooms, two horses, two cows, a few sheep - dog & gun a good library of books, one or two domestics attached to us otherwise none at all a few good neighbours - Does this picture please you?

I will give you love to the young ladies Eliza M. Arthur is still very weak but better Mr. McKay was buried yesterday without a relation to follow him - You know he has been embarrassed - Mr. Leonard found \$3,000.00 in the belt he wore round him - The town is said to be getting more sickly - I believe all our friends continue well -

Adieu my dear - It is now late & I have to start out early in the morning - Enclosed is the survey Cousin William writes for -

affectionately yours  
Allen Latham

Chillicothe Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> 1820

My dear Maria

I presume you begin to think it was needless in you to endeavor to extort from me a promise that I would write often - At this time I thought I should not but it is as impossible to refrain as it is for the needy to forget their wants or the mother to forget her infant young - and the same feeling that prevents our forgetting renders us impatient lest we be forgotten -

In this lonely fabric at the hour of 9 I write not because of an itch for writing Tired of solitude involuntarily & from habit I seek to entwine my arms about my child that is far away and to listen to her lullaby whisper, when nought is heard but the gentle motion of the leaves, or the shrill voice of the lovely cricket - Ah methinks of what avail is all this life and all its pomp and grandeur - One interchange of congenial souls is worth a world of noise parade and clatter - If I have you not present thought carries me back to the past and hope leads forward to the future - we have seen much happiness & to a degree been prosperous & on the contrary have suffered a great many misfortunes and losses - It is a life of hazard, and the fewer risks we run the fewer losses will be sustained -

O dulce, dulce domum!

Holdis - I was upon the point of urging your return but I value your health more than months and

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Ms. Maria W. Latham  
at Cow Anderson's near  
Middletown - Jefferson Co  
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years - Stay my dear as long as you have inclination  
or think yourself benefitted - During the day I ride  
and am engaged in business, the vegetative paper busi-  
ness I am heartily tired of this - It is this that sepa-  
rates us - Good by sheepskins and musty papers and  
rusty acres - Night, blessed night, the season of repose

"Get not alone dost thou

Visit my slumbers nightly or when morn purples the east

Heaven oft tears the bosom chords

That nature finest string"

Wipe my dear those palid cheeks and dry the fountain  
of thy tears It is the will of God and heaven

Tender remembrances dear - sad objects of attachment

fare well - <sup>To our friends</sup> God in heaven has said come - come to thy home

This life is but preparatory to another - The object  
accomplished and our form is changed but for the better.

Tell us ye dead!

What tis you are & we must shortly be?

This we cannot know but resting on divine protec-  
tion we have every reason and assurance that our  
condition will be bettered that instead of these  
diseased bodies we shall put on the wings of the  
morning the radiance of noon & the calm of even  
and released from pain and labour enjoy the society  
of the <sup>our departed friends</sup> blessed and as our minds expand draw nearer  
and nearer to the author and giver of life light  
liberty and love -

The health of the town is better than it sometimes  
is but still bad enough - A number are sick  
& but few very dangerous - Doctor Mills is the only  
one I know at this time dangerous - Several of  
your acquaintances have had chills &c - And  
poor Sally Ann I am told is taken ill - but not  
violently -

It is past my usual bed time my dear  
so good night

"I look to the west when I go to rest

"That happy my dreams and my slumbers may be

"For far in the west is her I love best

The bonnie sweet lap that <sup>ever</sup> ~~is~~ dear to me

Good night my love that you may be well  
and happy is my most sincere desire -  
I have not one letter from you as yet - Do write.

Give my love to all the family

Your affectionate husband

Allen Latham

Ami is a good deal better —  
Your gal Eliz<sup>a</sup> has not been able to get on  
plan in town — I have not seen Old Miss Sally —  
The Miss Wades have had a touch of the chills & fever —  
I saw Eliz<sup>a</sup> Cates she looks as mischievous as the  
Sultana Hamukary — The nights are becoming  
quite cool so much so that last night I adjourned  
from the matrap into the other room to big beds —

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Mrs. Maria W. Latham  
at Col Andersons  
near Middletown - Jefferson Co  
Kentucky

Chillicothe Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> 1820

My Dear Maria  
I have a leisure moment which  
I cannot employ more agreeably than in answer  
ing your kind letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> which came by  
this days mail — This being mustered just  
one year from the one you and Sister Louisa  
with us when it rained so comfortably I  
have absented both from Mr. Sawyers & Green  
who have come back again & the ranks to  
read your sweet lines over a few times and  
in reply tell you that I am as well as  
ever I was in my life and that nothing  
gives me greater joy than to find you are  
so well — as to any pettishness if any there  
was on your part which may be and was and  
quickly returned by me I forgive all  
nay I thank you for it, it being the first  
evidence we had of you being out of danger  
I think it likely we may keep house  
till spring, or board if you like, I can assure  
you it saves a vast deal of trouble —  
But as we have so many things on hand  
perhaps we had better keep house until  
the lease is out i.e. April —  
Peaches are abundant here & I will  
have some pressed made —  
Mr. Sawyer showed me the other

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Day to do it - I will get some one -  
Eliza M. Arthur is still very weak  
scarcely able to walk up stairs - in other respects  
she is comfortable - Porter Scott looks well  
has as much as he can do - his family started  
about 4 days ago for Kentucky

Mr. Leonard is also well and all Mr. Kendrick's family  
I see Mr. Hendry & I may say  
most of the neighbours not excepting old  
Head who has got back into our neighbourhood  
in the house where Lewis lived -

We have had but two deaths of the fever  
of adults that I recollect - Mr. W. Ray and a  
stranger - and no one that I know sick that  
is looked upon as very dangerous -

Sally Ann Delano has been pretty sick  
of the intermittent fever but I believe is not  
dangerous - Porter Mills has been pretty sick  
& Emitt but they are all better -

By the time you answer this I  
suppose you will say something about  
returning - I can't go for you till after  
could say middle of October, or later -

It would please me to see Modest  
Cous. Wm and Modest Cous. Sidney Ann

embarrassed with the views of neither -  
Tell the poor children not to be too afraid of coming  
to an explanation -

I suppose you will bring some one  
of the children home with you - You know  
any additions to our little circle will not be  
disagreeable to me -

Give my love to the children &  
to your parents and accept for yourself  
as much as you expect for me - I can't  
be without you a great deal longer  
I am altogether too lonesome -

I am my dear affectionately

Your Allen Latham

P.S. I have broke the seal of my letter to tell you  
that Andrew Kendrick has found your little dog and  
says that he will keep him for you till you come  
home - Mrs. Kendrick says that she will make  
you preserves for you - Tomorrow will be Saturday  
Market day - I shall move in the fruit -

Mr. White is down in Adams County riding  
about - I saw Eliza Scott a little while ago she  
looks a good deal wasted but is well - says Sally -

Chill. Sept. 26. 1826-

Dear Maria

I drop you a line lest you should  
 imagine from my silence that I am unwell -  
 I have at length cleared my business with  
 Messrs Sawyer & Greene which gives me  
 about 17,000 acres of land for labor & vegetation  
 It is the last I hope I shall have to do with  
 I expect to recover of him a few 100  
 acres he still owes me - I am now  
 endeavoring to close the business of Mr. Hough's  
 estate - The work commences on week from today  
 I wish from this I can probably have a little  
 leisure if you should want to return so  
 soon - I do not wish to hurry you as I suppose  
 your parents may wish to have you with them  
 as long as possible & you may feel inclined to  
 stay - You will I presume write me your  
 wishes on the subject and give me sufficient  
 time to comply with them - I find myself  
 involved in an ocean of business & the more I  
 do but disclose more that should be done -  
 It is the only substitute I have for your company  
 You will be disappointed if I do not  
 inform you of the sickness of the town - if this be  
 however enough but none dangerous -  
 Doctor Scott is confined but not dangerous  
 Sally & Mrs is so that she sits up -  
 and Eliza M. & others begin to look chafey  
 I believe there are no later cases of bilious  
 fever - fever and ague & chills so -  
 in all - Mr Doctor Cud. is getting consid-  
 erable fame and practice - He attends Judge

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Mrs Maria W. Latham

at Col. Andersons

New Middleton - Jefferson

Kentucky



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Scotts Mr. Craytons & divers other families  
I has been quite successfull

Bela & Edw. Stenitt have had a quarrell  
The old man by abusing B. to filicide & represen-  
ting his cruelty to her so - has several times  
produced a little family disturbance -

In a late most abominable & shamefull  
letter addressed to Eli - he raised so much  
of a pumpap that Bela has sworn off from  
ever speaking with him or suffering him to  
open his doors - I have a copy of their  
correspondance which I will show you when  
you come home -

Mr. Kendrick has made you a quantity  
of very fine bread pieces of loaf and of  
brown sugar - They will not be a miss whether  
we keep house or not -

I have procured a tract of about  
5000 acres of elegant hill land 14 miles  
south of this place well calculated for a  
sheep range if you have any fancy to  
turn shepherds - This makes me recollect  
to inform you that Mr. Leonard is well & I believe  
at this time free of the sheep fever - The election  
being at hand - The little judge will get severely  
peppered - Mr. Kendrick, ~~my~~ my Mother &  
Mr. Handy's families have been well -

The people are frequently enquiring about  
you - Mr. M. Atkinson returned to day  
I have not seen them -

Give my love to your father & Mother  
and our other connexions -

I am my dear affectionately yours

Allen Latham

To Cousin William Samuel

I am very much gratified by the receipt  
of your two letters enclosing my plots & certificates

In one of the Entries No. 12779 in the name  
of Greene & Kirkpatrick I made a mistake  
and have entered man warrant on No. 6623  
than it contains -

The original is as follows -  
Surveyed for Thomas Green and David Kirk-  
patrick 2869 acres of land in several military  
warrants Green 1535 acres 860 on No. 6512  
231 1/2 on No. 6657 & 444 8/9 on No. 6129 and  
"1000" on No. 6123

Kirkpatrick 1333 2/3 acres on No. 6123  
"and 333 1/3 on No. 6124" on the waters of Sea

I have interlined the plot you sent in  
this manner & wish you to correct the  
need and send me a copy of warrant

No. 6624

Yours truly

Allen Latham



Lanesville Dec. 28. 1826

Dear Maria -

I changed my plan of travelling when I left Columbus and bought what we call a jumper or one horse sleigh & put my horse in it and have had a most charming ride your company only was wanting. The sleighing is excellent and I calculate on being able to drive my jumper as far as Cumberland - We are four in company - Trimble, Bond & Scott - The snow appears to have put the whole road in a jollification - we have already run a foot of three balls and I am now writing in the sound of the fiddle. My company appear to have ~~all~~ forgot all their troubles and are now laughing at the expense of Madam Marguaret - She praised her tea to which she replied that it was the best of her endeavours; that when she made tea she made tea and when she made water she made water -

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Mrs. Maria W. Coltham  
Chillicothe  
Ohio

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I shall expect Mr. White to go onto my tract  
of land East of Washington and instruct  
Oakley Wright how to make the fence  
I contracted with him to put up soon  
if he has not already gone up —

I shall probably write to you again  
soon — I have felt very well since  
I left home & find that riding agrees  
with me — I bought an over clock  
at Columbus which with the red  
necks stocking has kept me  
very warm —

You must require Bille to keep  
you a good fire while the cold weather  
lasts and try and make yourself  
as comfortable and happy as you  
can — I shall make all the haste  
I can so as to return as soon as  
possible — I am my dear wife most  
affectionately yours Allen Latham

Wagontown Jan. 4. 1827

Shreibleys stage office —

Dear Maria

I reached Wheeling on Sunday from whence Judge Scott wrote and sent you words how we were getting on — Monday night we staid at Brownsville at old W. Gibsons where I left my jumper and horse and took the stage and arrived at this place 141 miles in two days. Judge Trimble & Bond went on in this mornings stage — Scott & myself will go tomorrow morning — we expect to reach Washington tomorrow evening or next morning to breakfast — altho the weather has been exceedingly cold I have had a very comfortable ride — Yesterday we had in company a W. Lane partner to W. Knight, Ann Logans husband of Shelbyville — he, Spring of Shelbyville & a W. Fitzhugh came in company with Lary — Lary is at Washington — They came up in the steam boat Cincinnati and had to land 9 miles below Wheeling on account of the ice — Judge Trimble is a real Kentuckian and one of the finest old fellows to travel with I ever met — He is full of good nature and anecdote — our ride has been one of roar and laughter, every body & every thing that came in the way has passed in review before us —

I expect that Leonard will overtake me tonight if he started Friday in the stage and comes directly on — When I get ready to return it will take me about 9 days to reach home 3 to Brownsville & 6 to Chill. —

I will write again from Washington —

I am not determined on going to Phila — If I should not you may expect me in about 4 weeks — I shall make as little delay

as possible - Charges have been presented  
against the Vice President Mr. Calhoun for  
peculation in office, when Secretary at war,  
which has produced great excitement at  
Washington & will no doubt extend thro'  
the country - The subject is now before  
the house of representatives and will  
~~no doubt~~ give us <sup>an opportunity</sup> of seeing the  
materials that body is composed of -

I saw Robert Neilson at Laneville who  
called to see Colo Croghan at Phil<sup>a</sup> -  
as he came thro' - The Colo was doing pretty  
well - In his derangement being left alone  
he attempted to bleed himself by cutting his  
wrists with his knife & then on one side  
of his neck - William <sup>Croghan</sup> has gone on  
& is now with him -

You must not think that among  
this rattling of wheels and roar of step horns  
& hurry of passengers that I forget you -  
I love you too well - Make yourself as  
happy as you can I will soon hasten back  
to you - I am very dear most affectionately  
yours Allen Latham -

P. S. send judge Scott's family word that  
he is safe this far & well with the  
exception of a cold & cough contracted  
<sup>by travelling</sup> in the spawker from Phil<sup>a</sup> to Lancaster -  
In addition to our stocks of clothing we  
all bought blankets & may have  
repects for Indians on the road  
Bond looked like a real Squaw - Scott  
like neck jacket - Crimble flat foot  
& myself the Interpreter -



Mrs. Maria W. Latham  
Chillicothe  
Ohio



Louisville Dec. 29 1828

My Dear Sister

Various and almost num-  
berless have been the times which I have set apart  
for writing to you. Some indisposition or acci-  
dental interuption has usually prevented  
me. Now I have taken up the pen & think  
I may safely say I will write. It had  
intended to have done it in time to have sent my  
letter by Major Wadswell but my usual inde-  
pendence & care have lost that opportunity.  
I do not know what to say.  
We have no news of interest, no sickness, no  
deaths, no marriages, no changes in the  
the order of things, except perhaps  
that Religion is gaining a little among  
us. In fact I suspect that as soon as the  
Presidential Election is decided there  
will be nothing else to get talked of but the  
election of a life and death with the  
Presbyterian, we can do no great things  
in the State. - particularly about Frank-  
fort & Shelbyville. Some of the ones I have  
known of our Quinners, have been converted  
from their evil <sup>ways</sup> and have forsaken  
the gambler's board, or the con-  
demned Anderson.

noon table. In a Company Tom & Henry  
Crittenden Mark Harrison and numbers  
other worthies of the same stamp have fallen  
under the scepter of grace and are now re-  
siding in the Paradise of Religious Dead.

Among other recent converts, you may  
have heard that Cecelia Bass is in her  
self a slave. Nancy has been a Methodist  
for some time.

No relation to other things!

First. I have been making  
considerable traction and to some effect to  
redeem our estate from debt. I have  
sold part of the town property to the  
amount of about \$4500 -  $\frac{1}{4}$ th pay-  
able in 3 months - the residue in one or  
two years. There is still remaining in  
town property of the value of about  
\$10 or 12000. I have also advertised  
home place for sale but as yet have had  
no offer. My price is \$20 per acre. Bury  
offer that price for about 100 acres. I  
wish some of the farmers could purchase  
but I fear that is not to be done. If it  
were advisable I could easily raise it  
by selling property in town for which  
there is great demand. But this I

do not wish to do on my own responsibility. I wish very much that Mr Cathers  
were here - that we might consult on the  
subject. I would derive great advantage  
from his counsel in very important mat-  
ters. In truth, it is, we are much better off  
or rather we will be, than I had ima-  
gined it possible for us to be. The price  
of town lots is much higher so that  
we may get through by a little wisdom  
very advantageously & without the slightest  
pecuniary loss. You can possibly see all  
on Mr L's come this fall - by all means  
do it: both for your & our satisfaction  
and for our mutual interest.

That some famous speculations have  
entered into by us. Had he been a  
sale of lots he might have made a fine  
return. Our City - you see we are  
gathering for a piece of ground for a  
City hall & Market house just next  
door neighbour to our ship. This loca-  
tion will enhance our property 100 per  
cent or more.

The Bank debt which is now on my  
hands has been abated, since my admin-  
istration by \$2,200 and will soon be  
more reduced. I have made a



purchase however which I am afraid  
will break me. I got Mr Gray's house  
for mother to move to - provided I sold her  
out in the country for \$5000.

The other debts are diminishing a  
pace. I hope soon to bid them a last farewell  
but on the subject de. I will soon write to Mr B.

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Ms. Mass. Hatham

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Received from Miss Sp. 11/3/44 - well!



Ann - Louisiana who is now staying with her  
Mr P's send you & Mrs. abundance of love &  
desire to visit her this fall. We the  
franklinian want to migrate south  
war - Charles & I no work at nothing having  
just quit school except have quit then  
Sarah is at home with mother - she well &  
I am quite happy & desirous of seeing you to

Cleveland July 20 1830

Dear Mrs Latham

It was my intention to have written you immediately on my return home, but unavoidable circumstances have prevented until now. I have been wishing to apologize for disturbing you, as we must have done, the morning we left you. I was really vexed at the driver for getting us <sup>up</sup> so early, as I saw there was not the least necessity for so doing. It would have been very gratifying, could I have seen you once more by day light, however I thought you made a very interesting appearance by moon light, or candle light rather. I hope Sarah did not break friendship with me, when she found I had gone. We arrived in Columbus about three o'clock. I had a violent head ache, but after having drunk a cup of Mrs Watsons coffee for my dinner, I was quite relieved. It was our intention to have left C<sup>o</sup> the day following, for Newark, but unfortunately, we went out for a morning walk, with a wedding party from Danville, and the time passed so much more rapidly than we had anticipated that we were to haste for the stage, consequently we were obliged to stay until the next day, a circumstance which was not very pleasing to me, as I had begun to feel extremely anxious about my children. I was nearly beside myself, as the time drew near when I expected to see them, for I had imagined a thousand misfortunes which might have befallen the dear little creatures. Minerva has been very inquisitive about Miss Sarah Latham, she wishes to know what colour her eyes are, how tall she is, if she wears very beautiful

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Mrs Maria Latham.  
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and if her sister was willing to have her send those pretty presents,  
furthermore she would like to know how I came to name Allen  
after Sarah's brother, if I was not in love with him & so on —  
Do tell me if Mr L — still continues to pore over those books  
yet, if he does, I fear I shall never see him in Cleveland.

I have often thought of the anxiety you expressed, with regard  
to his health, when I was with you. It is to be hoped ~~it~~ <sup>his</sup> ~~condition~~ <sup>condition</sup> has  
improved. You are now probably enjoying the benefit of the country  
air, in your cottage. I have heard of love in a cottage, indeed I  
think I have had a little experience in that way, though not since  
I was married. I must very much to see you, do write me soon  
and say if I may not indulge the fond hope of seeing you  
in C — this fall, if not when I may. If Sarah is with  
you, please kiss her for me, and tell her she must not forget  
me. I must ask of you, to present my very best compliments  
to Mr Lathrop, but do not, I entreat you, let him see this.

Yours sincerely,  
D. P. Mills.

Mrs M. Lathrop.

now for the D. She learned Mrs Lind  
passed through this place a few weeks  
on her way to New York. D. B. 22

Cleveland August 9th 1830

Dear Mrs Lathams.

Will you please accept these coaset rings. I send them by Judge Davis. He attended a small party here last evening, and said he would carry any communication to Chillicothe I wished to send. Your husband will laugh at the idea of my sending rings to loose his delicate little wife, but you know I would not care, even were I there to see him. Please tell him I wish very much to see him, and his Maria in Cleveland, it is so delightful, you cannot, but be charmed with it. The Judge is now waiting for this, and as he is an old bachelor, I must now detain him. I wrote you a few lines, some time since, but I do really hope you will not receive them. Remember me to Mr Lathams.

Yours in haste,  
Shoeb.

P.S. Do let me hear from you soon.

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Exchange of George Brown

17th March 1841  
To the Chairman of the York Co  
Ohio



Fredericks Town, Md. Thursday

Jan 4. 25 1831

Dear Maria -

I arrived at this place this morning to breakfast with less than 5 days travel and am within 40 miles of the end of my journey untill last night I have not had to pay for lodging. then for the first time I went to bed and slept from 12 to 3 o'clock - This morning I laid by to recruit, and have slept about 7 hours <sup>this the day</sup> with the exception of a slight cold, I took last night, feel remarkably well - It has been so cold that for the last three days I wore all my clothing 2 p. drawers 2 flannel jackets two coats & cloaks &c. &c. and was tolerably cool at that some times - The snow here is about 2 feet - Crossing the mountains we encountered several drifts & upset once on a drift <sup>that</sup> we shovelled this was 15 feet high I am surprized at our luck in getting on so soon & so safe - In crossing the Ohio we barely escaped by the skin of our teeth - The ferry men were alarmed and sent for a Mississippi Club (who by the bye was as brave as Jul. Cesar) & myself I believe the boat =

accept my Dear Maria assurances of my love - you have all my affections - Take good care of yourself and let me repeat what we ought and must put in practice do take a good deal of out door exercise - you & <sup>must</sup> John ride every day if you can - never mind the house - Devil take the idea that anyone is to be a slave to an inanimate shelter or house - it is refinement with a vengeance - I say let the house alone & take care of your health -  
Yours truly Allen Latham

1831  
Mrs Maria M. Latham  
Chillicothe  
Ohio  
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would have gone to David Jones'  
At Wheeling we took in a Tuckapee pench  
man and at Brownsville who should come  
aboard but Monsier Murray the pench  
music Master - The driver had filled the  
stage with bags & trunks. Four of us had  
stowed ourselves in the far end of the stage  
When Maury came aboard he raised the  
blankets at the fore end mounted up onto  
the bags & trunks, the driver put off at full  
speed and Murray, the trunks & bags began  
to tremble about - Mr. hallowed stop driver  
the horses only went the faster <sup>I never saw</sup> - a more  
indiscreet ~~tripping~~, tumbling & hollowing  
old Ben - ought to have been with him to  
join in the chorus - At Frost town he  
got made with a snow drift and left us  
on this side our other pench man got  
made with another drift and left us  
very much to our satisfaction - 3 of us  
then had the stage to ourselves - and the  
cupers of Mr. Tuckapee & Mr. Mackebaw  
afforded us fine subjects for laughter -  
They reminded me of cake bays - I am  
almost forced to <sup>the</sup> conclusion that all foreigners

in this country are suspicious & very care-  
less - I intend going to Washington in the  
morning by Montgomery Court house, tho I had  
once almost sworn that I would never  
again travel that road in the stage on  
account of the badness of the accommodations,  
But men I to abandon ~~stage travelling~~  
the route for that reason I might foresee  
stages altogether or scarcely one of them  
studies the accommodation of comfort of  
the traveller - If one could get a morphine  
himself into a bag a leather trunk he might  
stand it, but the present arrangement exposes us  
to all the ills <sup>that</sup> flesh & blood is heir to -

I can form no idea <sup>yet</sup> when I shall take the  
backwards track - I shall stay at this  
city no longer than on interest requires -

Give my love to John -

The town clock is now striking the hour of  
9 - I wish we had a good one in our place  
This appears to be a very fine bell - It re-  
minds me of my boyhood in old Massachusetts.  
If we had a thundering big bell and clock to  
strike out the time it strikes me that our  
town would not be so disorderly

No 81. Browns Hotel  
January 30. 1831.

Dear Maria

I have arranged my business in  
Conn and as soon as I can obtain my scrip I shall  
return - I spent last evening with Mr. Hayward  
who informed me that he had yesterday made  
out \$8,000 - of scrip for me - If I can get  
the balance soon I shall wait for it - If not  
I will return without it - I am interested  
in some with Mr. McLane of Delaware - If  
it can be obtained I think of going to Wilmington  
to <sup>make</sup> ~~obtain~~ a Division - The river here is frozen  
over, and the snow is still deep for this country  
If the water should break up in the course of  
a week I intend going to Philadelphia - but  
no further East - I am tired of stages - Ever  
since I arrived, I have had a very bad  
cold, and suffer more or less every night -  
I think I shall go to Indiana some time in  
March - If you have any little fixments to get ready  
have it done before I return - I wish you would  
pay particular attention to the horses & see that  
Monie feeds and waters, salty & curries them  
sufficiently - It would not be amiss to look to

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Chillicothe

Ohio

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our carriage at the kills - I have not received  
any intelligence from you since I left - I do not know  
that it will be worth your while to write as it is uncer-  
tain whether I shall stay long enough in any one  
place to receive your letter - If any thing however  
very important should happen you had better write  
as I may be detained longer than I anticipate -  
At present I feel very strongly inclined to the  
backwards track - I have not been to any  
proceedings and do not intend going - Indeed I  
have as yet seen no signs of disipation - Either it  
is less common than when I was here before or I  
am lacking in a "pointer" to smell it out -

I am my dear Maier, most affectionately  
yours

Allen Latham

Chillicothe, Tuesday  
Oct. 1836.

Dear Mother

I received your second letter last night. Sarah's things shall be sent as soon as a safe opportunity presents itself. William said, he would enquire today, as the races have just begun here, ~~the day~~ he thinks it probable some one may be going all the way to Dayton —

Eliza

I & Thomas were here yesterday, they went to the hill in the evening. William stayed all night with me, Mr Latham was shiponed to Cincinnati, & started at twelve o'clock the night after the election; he will be gone at least a week longer. Margaret stayed with me last week, she is as well, rather better, I think than usual; I could <sup>not</sup> stand wearing my old faded wrapper after Mr Allen was so woefully beat, so Margaret went to Jones's & got us both quarter calicoes. & made mine for me it felt very comfortable indeed —

I believe all the people here are about as you left them except Mrs Mc Arthur who is dangerously ill her recovery is, I suspect very doubtful —

Eliza does not say much about her trip, her nurse was of

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Mrs Sarah Anderson

Dayton Ohio  
in the care of  
Mr Charles Anderson

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no use, & she had some little trouble taking care of  
Tom; he was very sick for a few days while she  
was gone - they all looked very well when they  
returned & do still -

Our relations in Kentucky  
were all well when they left there - Mr  
says he thinks Aunt Sampson's spirits are  
better than they were last fall - Richard  
has grown a good deal & improved very much -  
I would have written to you sooner but  
Eliza said she intended writing - her mother's  
being so ill I suppose has prevented her  
she is out there nearly all the time &  
wishes to stay there this winter - Mrs  
McArthur has gone for Mary -

I hope  
Mrs Lavin is getting well, I regretted very  
much to hear that she was not well - give  
her my love, also to all the rest - I am  
glad you are well & happy & hope  
that no anxiety about us all here will  
hurry you back sooner than you would  
otherwise come - Pally & Monk & the  
cubs her child are still here - she don't  
cry quite as much as she did -

Tell Sarah  
Miss Lehar & Pop both enquired very  
particular after her, Miss Pop perhaps  
a great attachment for her - she

is going to Portsmouth very soon if not  
gone already -

Mrs Sterret is down &  
have not been well enough to go to see her  
for which I am very sorry -

William says Liz  
& Catherine talk of coming to Schiller's  
this fall -

Dr Scott came yesterday  
he has been to see Mrs McArthur & say  
there is very little probability of her being  
relieved -

Charles & Eliza must for-  
get my supposed neglect in not answering  
their former letters I hope they may never  
have the same apology for all omission  
of the performance of duties that I  
have -

I must request you to remember  
me to Mr Peabody -  
Write soon & often  
while you stay -

affectionately  
Maria W Lathrop

Sister Eliza intended to have written to you forthwith upon  
the receipt of your letter - acknowledging the receipt of the hand-  
kerchiefs, but I persuaded her not to write - told her I  
would write as soon as I returned from Uncle John's.  
Hastily

Chillicothe. February 5. 1842

Dear Aunt

It was certainly my intention when  
I promised to write to you soon; to do so, but  
I have such an aversion to letter-writing that  
I always defer it until the last hour. You must  
not infer from my saying that I do not like to  
write, that I have no affection for my relations  
and friends; not so, I love them, and nothing gives  
me more pleasure than to hear from them. But I  
cannot conquer my aversion to the mechanical process  
of writing. Indeed Aunt Abigail I don't know what  
to say first - there is not much of importance  
going on, but enough of such as there is to fill a  
larger sheet of paper than this. Parties are generally  
suppermost in young girls minds - they are in mine I  
am sure, & involuntarily turn in that direction when  
I write a letter. I was at a small one on last  
Tuesday evening at Mrs. Breightons, (Julia is not at home  
yet but William is and he had a party) there was  
but eight ladies and ten gentlemen there, but it was  
very agreeable notwithstanding, and would have been still  
more so to me if I had not have been dressed so tight.  
I was not very well and had to wear long sleeves,  
and had but one dress of my own that I could  
wear, and it I had worn a good many times, and as it

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Mrs. Maria W. De Mann  
Care of Allen Lathrop  
Columbus  
Ohio



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was too not very becoming. I accepted the offer of Aunt Eliza to lend me her black silk, and you may depend upon it it was tight - Uncle had to squeeze me in to make it meet, while Mary Ann looked it. I was afraid all evening it would burst, and if it had you might have almost heard the explosion in Columbus. There is great talk of Mr Mospie's marriage, which I am told comes on next Tuesday week - he is to be married to Miss Sally Smith of Hillsborough - a very amiable lady if report be true, and will be quite an acquisition to the town, Mrs Simble intends giving her party, and like wise Mrs James, if Mr Woodbridge is not mistaken - he told me this morning it was her intention - I have not heard any one else speak of it. I am very sorry for the lady, I don't think Mr Mospie is a man that can appreciate her goodness, it is thought she would have discarded him had she known him better, she had another Beau Dr Tholms of Hillsborough, and it is thought if he had been a Challo-cotheian, and Mr Mospie a native of her own place the thing would have been reversed - that the Dr would have been the favoured Lover. I suppose you have heard of the great revival in the Methodist church here, upwards of three hundred persons have joined. among others Margaret Morris, Mrs Atwood, Miss Siemza, Jones, Mrs Jones and John Mc Donald (also Mrs Mc Coy (Pety Mc Donald that was). I have just come from Uncle John's, I was there several days - I enjoyed the visit very much, Aunt Margaret's girl has left her, and Elizabeth Woodbridge and I had to do the cooking - I wish you could have seen the Biscuits we made, and the fannel cakes, but not when

you were hungry - for if your appetite had been very good you would not have had near enough, we insisted on Aunt Margaret not going in the kitchen to show us anything at all when we made the cakes - she complied with our wishes and thereby had barely enough supper to satisfy the cravings of her appetite, and as to Mary and George they had to make their supper on cold bread. Have you heard anything more of Uncle Roberts marriage - when it is to be, we have not. I have heard from home about once a week ever since you left - if not directly - through Sister Jane, Brother Richard and Rebecca. I received a letter from sister Sarah a few days since informing me that ~~she~~ Mr Gamble was going to move to Troy Indiana, she is fond of her child, and husband or I would fear she would lead a very dull life. Mrs Simble is very well, so are our friends and relations. Aunt Eliza is in very good health since Mrs Simble's health has become so much better - better than when she seemed to be declining, a fast - and where she anticipated going to Cuba, an idea I am glad she relinquished on Aunt's account as well as her own. I hope to see you in March, I expect to go home then, and will go through Columbus and Dayton, I wish to see Uncle Charles wife, I have seen the wives of all my uncles but her. We received our handkerchiefs safe - they were the same of Miss McNamee's. Give any love to Uncle Latham and accept it yourself.

Your affectionate Niece  
Catharine M. Logan

Tom says he wants to see you very much, and sends his love to you, and tells me I must be sure and tell you he has some pretty Berkshire pigs and a pony.

Louisville May 22<sup>th</sup> 49

My Dear Aunt

We heard yesterday through Joseph  
 Dunstall that you were in Cincinnati, and we hope you will  
 come to us for fear you might be afraid to come on account  
 of Cholera. I thought I would write to let you know  
 that there has not been a single case of it in this place  
 for the last ten days, there has never been much, and  
 it was confined to disappated persons, or those who were crowd  
 ed in houses and the streets in bad order, we have been looking  
 for Lou here for the last few months. She wrote me a few  
 weeks ago that nothing detained her but fear of cholera  
 that she did not like to leave the Judge, tell her it appears  
 that they have more of it there than we have ever had here,  
 and they had better all come down for their health.  
 I hope you and her will certainly come before you return  
 to Chillicothe. we have heard that Mr Kendrick had gone  
 to Green River and Sarah with him, if it is so I shall feel  
 very much surprised that they did not stop to see  
 us, but I hope they will as they come up. I shall not  
 give you a long letter as we expect you here. If I  
 did not expect John Parks here who is very low  
 with consumption. I should be prevailed on by Joe to go to Louis  
 with him to see Mary, he says it should not cost us a cent and I have  
 promised Mary to have some time ago, but I cannot <sup>but</sup> feel an interest



Mrs Sarah Archerson  
 care of Semmes Hall Esq  
 Cincinnati  
 Ohio

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in John and must wait and see him, and do all that I can for  
him, as badly as they have treated me, I yet feel an interest in  
them, and regret sincerely that they have acted as they have  
since their father's death. but his suffering, this winter at home  
a long time has been such that he often wished for me, so says a lady  
who he is just from there. he had the cholera when it was so bad  
in New Orleans, and after it with impudence went in to <sup>the</sup> rapid  
decline, and went to the plantation, and could not leave till the  
weather got warmer here. his sister has been teaching school  
all winter in a family in the neighborhood. Fanny has a fine  
child and is in good health so says others, but she writes that  
she is in wretched health and spirits and can not live the  
winter through. I often thought last winter I would go down  
but I was afraid of cholera, and got out of money, and then I  
could not see what advantage I could be to estate by staying,  
and laying myself to be insulted at any time, but yet if  
I could have made up for the trouble enough. You ought to have  
gone and seen the negroes, and whether Fanny was happy  
or not but she writes that all she wants is the forgiveness  
of her parents to make her perfectly happy, and  
that I expect she will never get; they are all well at  
St Charles, and will soon have Ellen and Mary at home  
who are very pretty and I am perfectly satisfied.  
I suppose you saw Cousin Diana Powell as she passed  
up the river and she told you that E John was about  
to settle in Racine, we are all well except Eliza both

she is a little unwell with a cold. Cousin Betty's fam-  
ily are all well except herself but she never thinks she  
is well. Cousin Cecilia is in fine health and spirits.  
She has just received two hundred and sixty dollars  
for land sold. she came directly for me to go with her  
to get a bonnet and dresses. I — as we hope to see you I  
will not write any more particularly as this badly  
written and comes now. I feel unhappy and bewildered  
this morning, so you must excuse it and either  
write or come soon, give our love to all of our relations,  
we would be glad to see any of them at any time

A. M. B.

Louisville July 16<sup>th</sup> 1846

My Dear Aunt

We arrived here two weeks ago and mother has been at me ever since to write to you, but I have deferred it from day to day. until I have resolved this morning to make an effort, I am now at Doctor Clarks, the family are all in fine health, and mother in unusually good health and spirits, she must weigh at least twenty more pounds than I ever saw her, and as active as a girl of sixteen, she must have walked at least six miles after dinner yesterday, say tell you, that she called at four places before she could find any one at home, in the evening she extended her walk so far, and she would give the world if you were here to take the rounds with her, that she is only waiting for you to go with her to see Aunt Webb and that you must come very soon so that you can make the visit before the weather gets cold. I wish very much you would come, for I should be delighted to see you, and that you would go home with me. I think that your health would be improved by spending the winter, you would find it rather pleasant, but if you could not be convinced you could at any time return, but it is my impression you would like it and get as fat as mother, eating wild meat, and the pleasant climate in winter, she heard from Aunt Webb a short time ago she is well and all her

Mrs Sarah Anderson

Chillicothe

Ohio

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children. I see no material change here since I left last summer, no deaths or marriages that would interest you. John Gray is married, a lady from Washington CT and just arrived here with her, they say dear little Annetta is in fine health and beautiful. the exact likeness of her mother I wish they would give her to Elizabeth. she is at Paduca and it is supposed will remain there till her husband comes, Elizabeth is a great favourite of mine mother is sitting by and telling me so fast what to say that she puts it all in confusion, say every time she meets Mrs William Bullitt she says she wishes you and her would come and spend another week with her, it is believed that her oldest daughter is to be married to Mr Weisinger very soon, tell Cousin Maria that as she was not here when she came she must come again. Elizabeth says she promised her to be here this summer. I wish you would all take a notion whilst I am here, they have been looking for Louisa ever since I have been here, I would prevail on Mr Brink to take me to Ohio, but we should be too deep to know what to do with our servants he is now at the Blue Lick Springs. I was prevailed on to remain here by my relations we made our dining months summer before last to visit you from the springs. but Mr B concluded that the trip by stage would be too fatiguing

William is such a favourite of his that every summer he talks of going to see him. but William is so much changed that he perhaps would not enjoy his society as he used to, his health is bad this summer, was extremely ill before he came up, if he does not improve and returning soon I shall go up. we think of leaving Kentucky the last of next month and going to see Mary, you would be amused to hear mother tell of her visit to Miss she thinks it is the last of the world pretty much like little Kentucky was when we moved there. Mary is not pleased with it at all. mother thinks Mississippi is far preferable to it, Cousin Cecilia or Betty have not either been to see me but mother saw them a few days ago they are well. Cecilia in fine spirits as she has plenty of money, but Cousin Betty wants to move. it is said Richard is to be married. tell Sarah I should be very much pleased to get a letter from her or that she would visit me. mother says write as soon as you get this and let her know when you will be here, tell Sarah mother says Mr Todd has left these parts. I must stop as there is so much to be done and the paper nearly filled, by having this will find you all in good spirits and health. my love to all my relations and good wishes and that of Frances and her children and mother Elizabeth. health is much improved but she is much brackish, Mr Peter Funk is very ill and mother is crazy to go to see her this is a very unconnected scroll, but mother talks so much that I can not do any better. your truly affectionate Niece  
Mary M Brink

Linden Wood May 25<sup>th</sup> 1847

Mrs. Maria Latham,

You may be surprised my dear friend, when you find who has written these few lines. Ever since the arrival of my brother Cap<sup>tn</sup> Langdon Easton, I have been intending to write to you. Some time before he came I was looking over some old letters and found one of yours written to me soon after I returned home from School. It reminded me of "by gone days" and when Langdon told me he had seen you in Chillicothe & that you had enquired very kindly about your old School mate little Mary Easton, I determined when a convenient opportunity occurred to write. My brother had permission to spend a short time in visiting his friends, previous to reporting at his post Fort Leavenworth. We have brothers & sisters living in Palmyra a town about one hundred & ten miles above this and as I was not very well, I concluded to go with him to that place. We took with us two nieces the Misses Gamble from St. Louis, and had quite a pleasant trip. The scenery on the Mississippi above the mouth of the Missouri is beautiful & picturesque. The water is clear & the bed of the river filled with clusters of little green islands every few miles. You can go from St. Louis to Palmyra or Hannibal in twenty four hours. The boats are fitted up very elegantly and you can live on them as well as in the best city Hotel. How different from what I knew of the river & boats when we were little girls. The first time I went up the Missouri river after I married was in a small keel boat. It was consid-  
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Mrs. Maria Latham

Chillicothe

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too a tip above common - for as Maj.<sup>r</sup> Sibley was Indian agent  
and in the employ of Gov.<sup>t</sup>, he had the direction in building  
the little craft and had a Cabin about eight foot by six  
fixed up in it, for the accommodation of his bride - It took  
us exactly a month to go to Fort Osage where we were sta-  
tioned - In St. Louis where I used to play when a child  
in the gullies, streets are now built up with fine houses  
reaching miles in length - we have been living for the  
last fifteen years on a farm one mile from the Town of  
St. Charles - our situation is as pretty as any in the State  
of Missouri - and it is also considered healthy - Langdon  
tells me you have no children, in that we are alike - I have  
never had any. I am bringing up some orphan children  
but not as adopted children - I am happy to hear that the  
Lord has prospered your house & that you have much of this  
worlds wealth - as you are not encumbered with young  
children why can you not come over and make me a  
visit? We should be very happy to see you & your husband -

Tell him he has never seen the great West unless he  
has seen St. Louis - I meant to have told you in the  
beginning that I am writing this in bed. Since my return  
home I have been confined to my room with a low fever  
and this must be my excuse for cutting short my  
letter - Where is your sister Betsey to whom I was so much  
attached when at ma<sup>r</sup>kets - Do you know that I have  
never met with one single one of all the girls I was at  
school with in Kentucky - Do<sup>r</sup>. Drake of Cincinnati told  
me all about Sally Worthington & some others -

I must close as I feel fatigued - your affectionate  
friend Mary C. Sibley

Dear Sister I am very glad to hear that you are so well & more particularly little Louisa - I was fearful she would not be well this winter from what Eliza & Sarah said - Sarah is quite happy since her return - Eliza was here yesterday the children have the hooping cough - & Ho very very badly - Minnie is much reduced by her sickness yesterday the first time she was in town - I saw John today he seems as you may well suppose in bad spirits -

Mamma says if she had known Mr Grey was going she would have sent some thing to the children - it is now Saturday night the weather bad & none of us very well - I heard him say a day or two ago that he intended going in a few days but did not think he would go so soon as he has just returned from his northern tour - as you are up to your eyes in business I will not write any more at present - indeed <sup>Mrs Hall</sup> my eyes are so weak I can scarcely see - I have a ~~very~~ wretched cold in my head - You did not say a word about Sarah Gamble <sup>Mrs Hall</sup> when you write you tell me something about her - Tell Willie I have not forgotten his name altho you omitted to leave his card - my love to all

Good night  
M.W.L.

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I promised a colored girl by the name  
of Mary Pabl - to request you if you should  
happen to see Sawyer - to ask her if she  
wanted her - but this miserable

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Newmarket on Washington  
36 miles East of Taneyville

To love to fear to hope to happiness to misery  
3<sup>rd</sup> day absence from ~~all~~ I love —

The first night I reached Lancaster  
second Taneyville 6<sup>th</sup> day Dolus only  
Maggie of the plain & me — Today we  
had company enough in all conscience  
a real caravan & asking the at noon  
where we were — Tonight it  
looks a little like raining some say  
it does — Thanks to god for his liquid  
blessing I think if we all people  
can agree in wanting rain it is  
at this time — At Taneyville we  
eat and sleep with the Governor of  
this — a rusty old cobbler who describes  
beds a visit of the great duke of  
distinct in Germany of a distinct not  
quite so large as one of our counties  
to his excellency — The duke found  
his excellency acting vulgar — spotted  
and blowing — and as Mappa Gubernator  
say could not suppress his surprise  
at finding the chief mag-istrate in  
the predicament — Mappa Gubernator  
was not altogether in fix however  
the old man said they managed to  
give the duke of the County in Gen-

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many tolerable cheer. On the road  
I have seen nothing but what you  
have seen before - a few Betty's faces  
excepted. From the looks of the wo-  
men I should think they had plenty of hiring  
gals - Last night I got fair news  
doubtly twinged by - go to night  
we are at the sign of the Bare  
only 16 of us - Tomorrow if  
Sunday should not be in the  
way we shall reach St. Clairville  
Monday morning breakfast in  
Wheeling - to the right about  
lock again - as my brother  
Paddy at the Elbow would say  
and have you seen any thing  
<sup>1320</sup> of James Miller the paic or  
Bill & Miss Mary yet  
know have gone on - to Phil  
fal. - a - My quaker friend  
Aboard travelled with them  
and says Bill that there is  
not the like of Chill & the  
world over - all the way

from sweet Ireland -

I have half a notion not to send this - but any post in a storm - a letter you say you must have - But in lieu of a better I will send you myself in a few long days & some longer nights - all - all - such as am be - not and bignity for I believe I am as big of you as you are of me - but none of that know

W. Ba - begins to bowle for beds - I have however written a heap for the time allowed and as you must allow most elegantly - such as a gentle man would send his sweet heart - sweet - pretty

W. fr - good bye - good night go to bed in a fit - sound sleep rosy cheeks - good health and <sup>oft a little</sup> a big belly to you in all the harm you but friend wishes you Allen



Washington Ohio  
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Mrs. Maria W. Telford  
at M & C Satchers  
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