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Correspondence Robert Anderson, 1822-1863
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West Point Sept 29th 1829

Dear Sister

Excuse my not writing to you sooner, punctuality after this shall make up for former neglect. William wrote to me some time since, but I did not answer his letter. I would have written but I was uncertain whether he was at Louisville or Chillicothe.

I hope that you enjoy good health; in Louisville, ^{I hear it is sickly} My Father, in his last letter, informs me of the death of Uncle Tompkins, his daughter Jane and Brother Richard & son Louis. How distressing must the loss of such a valuable man as Uncle Tompkins be felt by his neighbours. He was I think, as upright and good a man as ever was.

I have no news, I believe, to tell you. Larry will be in Kentucky in the course of next month in company with Colo. Croghan and lady. I hope he will have an agreeable time of it. In three more years I hope to be with you. Oh, what pleasure, I anticipate in once more returning into society after having been so long debarr'd from it. Excuse my brevity as I have not time to write more. Write frequently.

give my respects to Mr. Latham, and all
enquiring friends (Gen. Taylor if you see him)

I remain your devoted and
affectionate brother

Robert Anderson

Mr. M. W. Latham

Chillicothe

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M^{rs} Maria W. Latham

Chillicothe

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Rock Cottage Sept-22nd 1865

Dear Sister

Papa will probably be with you in a few weeks. I fear Berie will probably at that time be trying about on the shores of the Atlantic. In five dear Maria I leave this country in a few days without even the consolation of bidding you all a long farewell. To part is bad enough but to set off without seeing you is too bad. To morrow evening I take a farewell shake from my relations here and set off for Washington, where I shall try to get a furlough for one year; if this can be effected I join my mother at Norfolk and sail for Carthagena. I had not the most distant idea of his wishing me to accompany him until the receipt of a letter from him two days since in which he requests me to come on immediately. Papa is now on a visit to some of your relations, I expect him home to dinner. I shall not be surprised if he sets off for Oh in a few days - Give my love to Louisa and Mother Allen. Aunt and Uncle and our cousins are all well & join us in love to you all. Write soon I am

Sincerely yours,

R Anderson

Laurel Va
Sept 23rd 1825

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Mrs Maria W Latham

Chillicothe

Via Washington

Ohio

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New York. October 8th 1825.

Dear Sister.

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A few days after writing my last letter to you, I parted with my father and our Virginia friends (with whom I assure you I am highly pleased) and set out for this City. In Washington I found our relations all well as could have been expected; Charles looks much better than he did when we saw him, and Aunt is certainly improved greatly both in spirits and appearance. My stay in Washington was but short, only one day, and I assure you that I was pretty busily engaged during that period, so much so that I had not time to examine the City with that attention which it deserves. At Baltimore my stay was of the same duration, with that at the Seat of Government. Here I had more leisure time to examine the Public Buildings, &c than I made profitable use of, as not being well acquainted with the sites of the

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Buildings worthy of attention, and being too indolent to put myself to the trouble of enquiring, I at length concluded that it would be as well to remain at the tavern.

Brother arrived from Boston night before last; I had been waiting for him since the 1st of the month. Not finding him here when I arrived, a thought struck me that it might probably be pleasing to me to visit my old Castellum, and in compliance with its dictates I on the evening of the day of my arrival in the City left it for the Point. At the Point I found my friends all well, and I do assure you that I really felt better pleased at being on the Point than had been usual with me whilst I was forced to reside there. But this is not at all strange as my presence was at one time a matter of course and all my actions were governed by another's will, at the other it was the result of my own free will & wishes, & I was comparatively

free not dependant on another's nod or sanction
for the minutest acts I might have committed.
Dear Maria what will you think of me
when I tell you that I attended a few evening
since a party in the Great fashionable City of
N. York? Do not infer that I am gay, that I think
not of home or my brothers, my sisters, my friends.
No no— although surrounded by the most
captivating galaxy of beauty that I ever
witnessed; although on every side I saw
beautiful ladies who were laughing
in the most agreeable manner, and by their
winning manners seemed to invite me to
become acquainted with them, still I felt as
if I was not in my right place; indeed I had
so much of the feeling so beautifully expressed
in the Irishman's song "The exile of Erin" that I
did not suffer myself to be introduced to
but one lady in the room & she was the sister
of the lady who invited me. For this I am

indebted to the kindness of Mrs W. Neilson whom I met
in Washington & who gave me letters to his mothers
in the City, as the Party was at Mr Warrens the father
in law of one of his mothers. They have been
very polite & attentive to me for which they have
my thanks & my best wishes.

W. Neilson

Mrs W. Neilson

Chillicothe

Ohio.



Brother is about the same as he was when
you saw him. This letter may possibly reach
you before Cape will. Our best love to him
to Uncle & Louisa. Accept for yourself & husband

P.S. We sail probably on Saturday
next in the William Bayard from
this port, we are not certain.

the best wishes of a
brother R. Anderson

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Washington Sep. 22nd 1826

Dear Sister

I shall leave this City to morrow for Baltimore, where I shall remain one or two days & shall then go on to Kentucky as rapidly as possible. I shall direct this letter to you at Soldiers Retreat, as Mrs Clay informed me, that you were on your way there, when she met you. I hope, that by this time, you have recovered from your indisposition & that I shall meet you enjoying good health. Of your sickness, I had not heard, until it was mentioned by Mrs Clay, that you had just recovered from a serious attack & that you then looked very thin, but in fine spirits. God grant you health & happiness!! —

I had hoped, that I would be allowed to spend several weeks with my friends in Kentucky, but such an indulgence could not be allowed me. I am to report in

person at Old Point Comfort Va on the
25 Nov.

I am now writing at
Genl. Esup's table; the Genl. & his lady
are both attending the funeral of
a son of Mr. Seton (one of the editors of the
Nat. Inⁿ) who died from the cuts &
bruises he received from a fall from
a horse, when he was dragged along
a considerable distance by his foot, which
hung in the stirrup. Poor Mother!
she is, she must be, very much distressed.
The child was only seven years
of age —

Cousin Ann & her two
little girls are quite well, she talks
frequently of our friends in Kentucky
& would be delighted with visiting
them, but from the Genl's situation,
it will be impossible for her to go,
as he could not leave the duties of
his office long enough to go with
her —

My love to Mr Latham, Papa
Mama & all.

I am dear Sister

W.W. Latham.

your loving brother

Robert Anderson

Ladies Retreat

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Mr. W. W. Latham

Near Middletown

Kentucky

The Filson Historical Society

Dear Sister,

Forty Monroe Old Point Va

January 2nd 1827.

Yesterday commenced the
New Year, may it bring health and happiness
to you and all your friends.

Thus, you see, I have commenced in style
formal enough for an address to a king,
I shall now go on at random, giving
my pen free scope to fill up as it chooses.

Not a line, have I received
from any of my friends in Kentucky, or
Ohio. - How is this? is your ink frozen
up; or do you forget that I have returned
to the States? Be it known, to you to
all, that it may concern, that I. R. A.
am now at Old Point Virginia, enjoy-
ing very good health, increasing in bulk
amazingly, in as much as it appears by
actual experiment that I do now weigh 133
pounds, or thereabout, this increase is imputed

by those who are observant of such things
to the great quantities of oysters, ducks &c
which the said R. A. destroys -

January 3rd. Yesterday after having written the above,
I received a letter from Lax, from Washington City,
mentioning, that, he had that morning arrived,
having suffered severely from the cold & unpleasant
time he had in crossing the mountains.

He mentions that my friends complain of my neglect;
by the commencement of this letter you observe that I
complain of them; thus far we are even. He gives
me an account of two marriages - very well. I cannot
follow the example thus set, as I have not yet ^{met} with
any lady who will court me; as to my courting
I can not think of it, as it would interfere too
much with my duties. The arrangements he mentions,
of having petitioned for the disposal of Lands
owned by the Estate, in Ohio & Kentucky, meet with
my decided approbation. Lastly, The arrangements
about myself, do very well; as it is exactly what I
suggested, when I was spoken to about the Office of
Surveyor, viz that I had rather W. Latham should

have it, than to get it myself. Thus you see every
thing goes on as well as I can wish. — With the
New Year I have renewed my resolution to take
every thing easy; to let the wheel of Fortune
present me with blanks or prizes as it may
please her majesty; I shall look on, willing to
make the most I can of her favors, and
determined not vex her with any solicitations
about her acts. — I have determined
to continue in the Army, for the present,
My pay is sufficient to support me and
is all I ask for myself.

I have seen here Mrs. Rebe Carter, she is now a
resident of Virginia — too much affectation — Capt.
Jos. Taylor was here a few days since — he has been
ordered on here and will return in eight or ten
days. — I hope that Mr. L. will come on to
Washington as Lady intimated. I should be happy
to see all of you.

For the present I subscribe myself
C. W. & C. W. Latham
as always yours &c
Robert Anderson

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Ms Maria W. Latham

Chillicothe

Ohio



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Fortress Monroe Va. (May 28-27)

Dear Maria.

With a very great degree of pleasure, I acknowledge the reception of your letter of the 11th inst. You had neglected writing so long, that, I had almost given over the idea of hearing from you. — I am glad to hear, that, Louisa is with you, and that she is so well engaged. History is undoubtedly better calculated for storing the mind with good substantial food, than any other branch of reading. Tell Louisa that I wish she would write letters more frequently than she does; not that, I am very selfish on this head, but, that, at the ^{same} time she interests me by her letters, she is improving herself very much by the correspondence. So little attention is paid to letter writing by both sexes, Men would not write better than the Ladies do, if they were not

compelled to write by the business in which they are engaged, but the Ladies not being called on by business to write, neglect it too much. So great is this neglect, that very frequently you will see many words, not only incorrectly spelt, but commenced by a large letter, when they should have been com^d by a small one.

Mr. Latham's winding up his business is about on a par with my leaving the Army, it may yet be a long time before we do either.

I know not, how I shall get out of the Army, unless it be by marriage. I mean that, if I were to marry, & Mr. R. Anderson should oppose my remaining any longer in the service, and had enough to enable me to live out of it, then I might, would, resign.

your observations on William's improvements
are very pleasing. W. has a good mind
and one which by a little management
will lead to distinction. I received
a letter from Larry a week or two since
I hope that has by this time completed
his arduous task. My Brother's children are
as well off as we could wish, they want
now great attention paid to the ^{improvement} ~~formation~~
of their minds; a fortune is a convenience
but an education is a necessity.

Mother wrote me the last of April
from Soldier's Retreat; her letter
filled with heart-rending ideas, indeed it
must be a sad spectacle to her; I wish
she was with you. I need not request
you, all of you, to write to her frequently
you may neglect me, that I can look
over, but do not neglect our Mother,
let us write if she should never answer.

Give my love to Louisa and Mrs Latham
and accept of a large share for yourself,

I am dear sister most sincerely

& affectionately

yr^s &c

Robert Stevenson

To Mrs W. Latham

To Mrs W. Latham

Chillicothe

Ohio

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Baton Rouge la. May 7. 1828

Dear Sister, Brother —

Your letter of the 16th ult. was received the day before I left Kentucky for this place: I arrived here, yesterday morning, having had a pleasant passage down from Louisville, when I left your friends all well on the 28th inst. I assure you, that, it was with great regret I took leave of our relations and friends in that section of the country; my anxiety to remain was increased by a very natural inclination to remain with Lary, until he should be put round in the chains which are prepared for him. But knowing that the danger, which might arise from coming to this place, would be greatly increased by delay, and there being no certainty when the ceremony would take place, I was forced to bid farewell to Kentucky and my pleasures.

I am now at a very pleasant situation, and one of the most delightful winter residences in the country. The only objection, is, that it is not very healthy; but as this is common to all low southern climates, all that I can do, is to be prudent, and to try and prevent disease in that way. If you should visit N. Orleans while I am here, you will of course call and see me; I will then show you one of the finest

gardens you have seen. I do not mean that it is better than the gardens about some of the cities, but, that, it contains more beautiful plants, flowers, and shrubs, than any private gardens.

As to what Judge Scott says about my remaining long in the South, I shall tell you, that he is very much mistaken; my fondness for no lady, with whom I am not more intimately acquainted than I am with Miss M. - will not affect my remaining in any place. My heart is my own, my hand is free. No one has a pledge either on the one or the other; excepting that, which belongs to my love for the family and my esteem for my friends. My right hand belongs to "my country and my country's cause."

I went to see Miss P. several times, she is universally beloved by all who know her, she was recommended to my attention, before I knew any thing of our Brother's pretensions. She has a mildness and gravity in her manners, which with a retiring modesty, renders her more interesting than conversible (I believe I can make use of that word). She is the choice of our dear B., and I have no doubts, but that, the more we know her the more shall we love, and become attached to her. Now to answer M^r's part of the partnership letter —

During travelled about thirteen hundred miles, during the last week, I think I have as good a right to scribble ~~on the paper~~, as any other run-away. But for business first, I have authorized Larry to sign my name, as you requested. Lawyers have so little to do now a days, that I am willing to give them a little writing for fear that they should forget their trade; as when I have an old sword, I use it as a cheese toaster, to keep me in mind of my profession. — You recommend matrimony, I agree with you; — but the misfortune is that some unfortunate mishap always keeps me away from places when it is fashionable to marry, and thus I am always out of season. As I no hand to set fashions, I can't for the soul of me, think of asking ~~any~~ or marry when it is out of date.

I was greatly in hopes, that you and Maria, would have come on when I was in Kentucky, but as my time was limited (indeed I ought not to have remained a week at home) I was forced, very much against my inclination, to come to this place. The situation of the Public works here is a delightful one; we are now erecting a very fine building for the Ordnance Officers; when I shall be fixed as snugly as any person I think I shall try and get married so as to have my lady the Mistress of the fine house and

gardens. I have not yet visited N. Orleans but shall
do so before the sickly season comes on. I wish
you and Maria would come by Louisville and
bring a party down here this winter. I would
go on with you to N. Orleans and return
home with you (if possible). This place has
a bad reputation, but I shall be cautious

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Allen Latham

Chillicothe

Ohio



and must hope for the best. Write soon and
often.

I am dears B^r and Sister

Yours truly

Robt Anderson

3. Rouge, Louisiana,
December 8th 1831.

Dear Sister,

The year 1831 draws rapidly to the close of its existence, & I have been in Kentucky and have seen almost all the family except you and Mr. Latham. I had hopes on my leaving home, that it would have been in my power to have returned to my once more this winter, when Lary had promised that I should meet you. But the "fortune of peace" has decided that I am not to have that satisfaction.

William came down with me, and will, I expect, remain until I am relieved, which, I hope, will be in the Spring. He will perfect himself in French, and for aught that I know may take a French wife, to keep bright his knowledge of her language. At all events, he shall have an opportunity of seeing them in all the relations of life. At St. Rouge he sees them in their domestic avocations, in et Alceus, during Carnival, he will observe them in all the fashionable dissipations of a modern Southern belle. If he should become enamoured with some sweet sugar crystal, who would blame our Brother Phil if he should wish to call the Sparrow his own

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For myself I fear I shall be driven ^{the necessity of} into leading a
life of single misery, unless, on my visit to the land of
our nativity, some kind hearted maiden would listen to
a soldier's tale of faith, and take him for better and
for (perhaps too truly) worse. I have heard that
you and Mr. Latham have sometimes spoken of
visiting Orleans. Why! I really am astonished
that persons of your known good taste have not
before this visited the far famed South. I know
that you would have ~~been~~ delighted to walk
through our charming groves, where roses ever
bloom, and the birds of song make the listless
spirits ever gay and jivous with their notes of
love and hymns of adoration - Who can listen
to the thrilling sounds of the mocking bird,
as he sings his midnight song, without a sensation
of pure and unalloyed gratitude - No, that is
not what I wanted to say, but no matter, you
know what I ought to say, that is, you
can judge of what your feelings would
be, to hear in the still night when all
nature is believed to be quiet and asleep,
the soft sweet notes of the enchanted
songster - That we have thousands of
other inducements to entice you to make a
pilgrimage, I might tell you, but I fear
that when you would awake and
find yourself gliding between the palaces

of our southern nabobs, who are believed to
be reaping a golden harvest without trouble
to themselves, - when on either side of the river
you could discern plain farmer looking
houses with but little attention to neatness
or ornament in the arrangements about their
dwellings, near which you might see crowds
of negroes hurried on at their daily and
never ending tasks, I fear that you would
think you Brother Bobwhite too fanciful
and would look back to the beauties of
our own Ohio winding her way through
her beautiful forests, with beautiful prospects
- the contrast -

But come and see
New Orleans in Carnival. All the world
visit this City of Strangers, to see, to make
money, to spend it, and to be seen - In the
summer it is the abiding place, too frequently
of death, in the winter fashion and
gaiety are as if they had there taken
up their abodes forever - If you are
inclined to moralize you may draw a
good a severe satire from this theme -

My fingers are so completely chilled that it is not worth
"dearful that my letter should be proof positive of the
stagnation of my ideas. We have this morning a cold

a chilling elect. Should you visit Kentucky you may let
our folks know that Bill and I have not, nor can we,
forgotten them. Give our best loves to W. Latham
and tell him if he will come to see us in the
Paradise of America we will send him to Congress
or do any thing else he wishes, we will hunt up
some first rate speculations by which he may do better

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Mrs. Maria W. Latham

Chillicothe

Ohio

Care of Allen Latham Esq

Can be
sking for

than we would have done by our Ohio stock former
formerly talked of

Wm. M. W. Latham

I am dear Maria
Your loving brother
R. Anderson

St. Louis Journal, March 10, 1833

Dear Maria

Alively and warmly, wear the time with you
solitary, Barbara, Mother - Why, fate has decreed, that
nearly all of your brethren should live single (for
the evidence, that, such may prove true with Bob, Bill
and John is beginning to appear quite strong) we have
yet to learn - Never did Boy love more, than we
do, and have done; but misfortune meets us at
every step, we always love the wrong persons - "Those whom
we would have, will not have us - the remainder of the
Massim may be equally true with the past quoted -
Some of my friends have complained of my being difficult
to please - They say, that I look for perfection, but that
like the Philosopher's Stone it is not to be found - that
I ought to take a chance hoping for the best - This
reasoning is good, but I deny the correctness of their
reasoning, and account for the same results, procedentally
different cause - It is, that I am too easily pleased, that
I am allowed to singleness, I find so many charming ladies
that, before I can decide which will suit me the
best, we come some other loves, who, were they are
not gentle enough to let me even hope to marry any
of the bunch, but seem to me to marry without
creating the very girls, I thought could not be won
under a siege of Courtship of less than ten years -

Have you heard how religious our friends in Louisiana are
becoming. The Methodist Preacher, Moffett, has made great
changes there - He is expected at St. Louis this month - I do
not expect he will reap so rich a harvest of souls, here, as
he did in our place - I returned from Jeff's table yesterday
evening, when I go occasionally to sub off the rust which
accumulates on me in my Bachelor den - Our friends
are well - Mr. Atkinson's coat, yesterday morning, one of
the best neighbors Mrs. Phillips, the wife of Maj. P. -
They have returned to Louisiana, much to my regret; oh,
I think it was somewhat inclined to fall in love with
a charming sister of Mr. P. - He may meet again
on this earth, if not, as the singer in "Midnight Mass"
has it "His coat forms her shroud - Should not be mine in
heaven!!" This is some consolation for a desponding lover -

Was Mr. Latham a abandoned Politician - or is he as
sincere as ever! I am told, that, John became a
good Jackson man, just before the election - I expect
John wished to be on the strong side, so that he might
feel comfortable; as Mr. Pope says, a man always feels
satisfied and comfortable when he is on the strong
side - How are Mama and Lizzy, I am anxious
to hear from you, all, and, as I have now
written to them of you, I have good grounds for
hoping that I may receive one letter at least -
Who is John living with, and what does he
get for a reward -

How is the little pet of the flock Sarah? Injunct to
hear from William that she had become very much
attached to her books - The only fault to be found
with her according to Wm's account, was, that Sarah
would eat - Her appetite has not yet become lady like. I
have no doubt, that when Sarah grows up, she will
eat very sparingly - until she goes into the closet, and then
no person will see her - she can indulge a little -

Farm Charles does not like the idea of killing
patients, or gulling clients, and wishes to lead the
retired life of a Country parson. I admire Charles
much, and shall, on resigning, settle down in
him at some Soldiers Retreat - My
sister request you to help to come to
this summer - I have a large house very convenient
as to every thing but furniture, and I will promise
to give you a room, something to eat, and to take
you all around the Country here, when Mr. L -
may have a chance of buying good lands,
and when they will be pleased with a visit from
you - Come, or come if it may only be for
two weeks - I shall be absent (if my Com^{ds} Office
succeeds in getting his pulough) until October - I live
2 1/2 miles from St. Louis & 9 from Leff^{ts} 13 miles.

I am very desirous of getting Mother and Louisa

to accompany you if you will come - Persuade them to do so.

Give my love to all with you's & am dear

Wanna your affec. brother

Wm. A. Scudder

Wm. A. Scudder
Ohio

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Wm. A. Scudder

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Dear Mother.

Fort Constitution. N. H. Sept. 7, 1834

I can not better employ this morning, than by writing to you. This is now, with us, a day of rest. Formerly, Sunday was a day for the inspection and parade of our soldiers - Among the many changes and reforms of the present administration of our government, some of them sufficiently bad, and others good, we have Saturday devoted to the former duties (military) of Sunday - In my previous letters I have stated our distance from Portsmouth; it is rather too far to allow social visiting. We are, however, in the habit of ^{walking to} attending evening parties at the houses of our acquaintances, and church on Sundays. The Easterners are, you know, strict church goers, whether they are much better than our steady sons of the West, who can not attend church; ^{oftener than once a month} in consequence of the inconvenience of having to go so far from home, is not for mortals to decide - I have found them, as a people, polite, wherever no expenditure of money was required to be so, close in making bargains - punctual in their engagements, almost invariably thinking much more of the value of dollars and cents than we do, in ~~fact~~ ^{fact} this they act, perhaps, the most wisely of the two - The ladies are well informed, talk well, but louder than necessary, affable and sociable; making, I have no doubt, excellent wives and mothers. As a general rule, I think I have found less difference in the ladies of different parts of the country than in gentlemen, and am not one of those who think that a good wife can only be obtained from a particular section of country - Do not infer from this, that I have no wishes and partialities to be administered to, for such have I, and my course for a wife would be directed to Virginia or Kentucky. I am perhaps young enough to think of this two years hence.

My letter to Lairy will have informed you of my visit to Boston and Salem. It was pleasant to be received, as I was, by the old friends and acquaintances of my brother. It makes me proud of my white head brother, to have to answer so many friendly questions as are propounded by his rank'd friends. They are very fond of him and would be pleased to have a visit from him. Will you not come on with him, if he makes a voyage this way? I will not speak of the pleasure it would afford me, but hope, that you would be pleased and gratified by seeing our fellow citizens of the far North. I hope you will take it into consideration. I have written twice to Maria since she last to me. I do not, however, insist on letters for letters, from her, as I requested her to write, whenever she felt well enough to do so. Her health is so delicate, that she can not make the necessary exertion at all times when she wishes incline her to write. I wish John was in business. He is disposed to do something good, I fear, will relax his exertions, unless he can meet with success. I wish I had a fortune at my disposal, I think I could use it to good advantage. — You have I hope by this time received letters from William, I did not understand whether he was to return this winter, or not. When he returns, I think, we shall see him a different man, from such a life as he must lead in the rocky mountains hills, if any thing can restore a weak constitution to its proper vigor and activity. I think that my health was confirmed by the encampments and exposures of my Cadetship at West Point, or, perhaps, I would express my meaning better by saying, by the exercise, and frugal mode of living, enjoined at that Institution. You have heard of an unfortunate affair at Saint Louis. I regret deeply that occurrence, as I know the gentleman who has been published as guilty of the offence.

I have acquainted Mrs. French, Sister J. M. Maria to make himself known to the family

I have acquited my friend Secret S. M. Harris to make himself known to the family

should be kept through Linnell - He was a clasp mate at W. Point, and an avowed

brother Linnell in the same

good affection and

see your mother

one like

and all -

M. S. Anderson

If the facts are as they are represented he is much to be blamed, he will be, if not punished by the laws, rendered miserable, and stretched by the torments of his conscience - Papineau's thanks are justly bestowed, dear Mother, on you, and Father, for the course you pursued in bringing up your son. Had not your wise and prudent course followed, I might not have had my temper under control as I hope it now is. How much depends on the early management of children, their minds are pliable, and may be moulded almost into any shape. More depends on the Mother than on the Father, she is more constantly with the children, seeing every action, watching every step of Papineau, even footing and now guiding and giving a new direction to the head and genius of the youthful mind - Truly is good wife above all price - And it is true, you will say, that you should provide roundly for your son. The advice is good and I hope in a year or two to present you with a new daughter, but when the "bonnie lapie line," is more than I can see in the world so many good and pretty that it is difficult to choose - Did you never find great difficulty in pleasing yourself in a jewelless round and tempting with beauty on every side, and I now -

My love to the family,
I am dear Mother your affectionate son
Robert Anderson



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Portsmouth, Dec. 26th 1854

I have written a long letter to Sarah, which is carried by the mail which takes this - I hope both letters may find all well -

My Dear Mother

One week having passed, since I wrote to John, I shall, now, proceed to the agreeable duty, of answering your truly welcome letter of the 5th inst. - I am pleased with the extracts, you have given me, from Mrs's letter - The trip to the Rocky Mountains, although, arduous and not without dangers, is, I am confident, the best thing, which could have been recommended for the restoration of William's health - How often do we observe, that, an all wise Providence conducts the affairs of blind mortals, for the best, when our favorite plans are set aside, and we are thrown into an unexpected train of events! - Thus may it prove with Mrs! - We had designed, ^{I believed,} to accompany Col. Dodge, and leaving Louisville with this intent, changed his plan after reaching St. Louis - The troops under Col. D. were severely affected by the Cholera and bilious fever - some of the officers, and many of the men, died - The journey taken by the Dragoon was so short, that, if Mrs could have escaped an attack of sickness, he would not, probably, have been much benefitted by the march - Now we may hope, that, on his return to us, he will be found more robust, than he has been for years - Health and a sound constitution, are blessings, I pray he may enjoy - My little favorite "Black Hawk" should certainly give to the world a history of his travels - poor little fellow, he is, with a kind master, one who I am assured, will treat him well and divide his scanty moral with his faithful horse - We will thank him, or, I will in his name, for all the kindnesses we & -

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My letters from Kentucky came about the same time, & I have deferred answering some of them, as I thought it better not to write to all of them at the same time - I have two to answer this week, and the next, one, to Charles, another, to Sarah - I hope Sister Maria may continue to improve - her last letter was much longer, than she has usually written, thus, I thought, a favorable sign - As I wrote to John last week, I have no message for him, but the presentation of my love to him and Sister Margaret, and my best wishes for their prosperity and happiness - I do not know what to do with the Ohio land; for the present, it may be as well, to leave it, in the hands of my Agent, as he may have decided on making some disposition of it - If any interests of the family will be bettered by selling it, I have no objection in the world at having it disposed of. I presume, however, that my share of the lands in Ohio, is at present worth but little - Money is low in this part of the country, and can, I am told, be obtained in Portsmouth at less than six per cent -

You speak, my dear Mother, of the trial you have in parting with Sarah - I know what your feelings must be, and give you great credit for sacrificing your own wishes to the interests and desires of your children. Sarah will, I hope, learn rapidly, and so improve, that we may look on her with love and pride - She has lost much time, but, as she is now fond of her books, I hope amends will be rapidly made for hours devoted to thoughtlessness - I confess, that, I do not like to see much of the staid lady like deportment in a child, & I have no objection to a display of that effervescence, with which Nature has, doubtless, for wise purposes, endowed the young -

From Sarah, I have only received

few lines, in Sarah's letter - I wrote last week to him, and shall not expect an answer, until he has been some weeks enjoying the comforts of his home - Charles and Sarah are my most regular correspondents - Louisa has not written - I have more than once threatened her with a letter, and will not delay much longer -

I may not have it in my power to enjoy your company and that of the family, and can hardly now hope for it, except in occasional short visits, Under these circumstances you may readily conceive, how much pleasure it affords me to converse, by letter, with the family - and nothing adds more to this satisfaction, than learning, that my dear Mother is well, and happy - May you enjoy many years of pure and true happiness such as only is bestowed, by a kind Providence on the worthy - None of your children are making fortunes, but they are all such as we may not 's call brother and sister before all the world in this bad world (at least, when there are any who are not good - the world is good enough) is much - That we owe what we are to our dear parents, is a truth, for which, gratitude is but a poor offering - I am not certain, whether, I am to remain here this winter - Should I be ordered to another Post, you will be advised of it in time - My health is now good, my spirits as, by the blessing of heaven, they nearly always are, neither exalted nor depressed, but flowing in a calm quiet channel - My love to Mr. L. and Maria -

Accept, for yourself, the offering of
a son's best love and affection
from
R. Anderson



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Mr Sarah Anderson

Cous of Allen Latham Esq. }
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Ohio

My dear Mother.

West Point N.Y. Feb. 5, 1850

My letters, in the last two weeks from all the branches of our Family in Ohio, give me the pleasing intelligence that, with only one exception, all are well and happy. Sarah alone, writes that she does not feel well or happy. I hope however, that her indisposition is but slight. The unhappiness, may be, and perhaps is, owing to her not feeling well. Perhaps a removal from her present situation for a Month or two, may have a favorable effect on her. I say well, I hope, ascertain the cause of her unhappiness, and if it can be done, I know he will apply the proper remedy.

Charles and his Wife are among my correspondents. I am very much pleased with the letters rec^d from them, and have no doubt but that Charles has made a fortunate choice. You bid me not to despair because my younger brothers have married before me. I am too much of a Kentucke to give up for trifles. Hoping and scuffling to the last, a man may accomplish what would otherwise be impracticable for him. I may remain single a year or two longer, at least until after we give Heaven a good doubling, and then, I can, with a quiet conscience ask the hand of some fair maid. Having been so long in search of a Wife, I fear that the expectations of my friends will be raised too high. They will probably think that, as I have been so long making up my mind, if ever Mr. R.A. must certainly be something uncommon. So she should be, if I only had to decide the question, but, as I can only take the one who is willing to take me, I do not consider that I can be held strictly accountable for my selection —

The last news from Washington look more like Peace than War, at least as far as France is concerned. If the mediation of Great Britain has been accepted, I presume that we shall have no war on the disputed question. The agitation of this question should produce one good effect, viz. that of placing our Country in a better state of defence than it now is. It is disgraceful that a Nation of our wealth and strength should not have the means prepared to resist an invasion at any one point which might be selected by an Enemy for this purpose.

Even in our Indian warfare, how shameful that no adequate preparations had been made to put down at once the threatened hostilities. Oh we must keep quiet until the blood of our butchered Brothers and their defenceless families calls aloud for vengeance, and then and not until then do we put on our armour and repair valiantly to the blood stained field. "Whatever is, is right" - is I think a comfortable but a very dangerous doctrine as far as Nations are concerned -

My last news from my Ky friends came through a letter from my fair correspondent Elizabeth. She mentions that all were well. I regret that my news from Missou are not equally gratifying. My good friend Genl. Atkinson writes me that he has not been cured by his last Summer trip. I fear that an entire cure would demand more time and attention than he can very well devote to it.

The winter has been and continues to be remarkable for its coldness and its uninterruptedness. The thermometer was this morning at 8 o'clock - $9\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ and it is now 12 o'clock at 0 - Thus you see we can have cold weather. The ground has not been entirely free from snow since about the 24th day of Nov. - it is now about $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet deep in the woods not far from us in those situations where all that has fallen yet remains -

My school master duties do not now call me to the
excitation rooms. I am now preparing myself for the com-
mencement of my Academic course, which will begin
about the middle of March, from which time until
the 1st of Sept. I shall have enough to occupy my
hands and head —

I have tried changing my pen, but
find that the ink will not run clear. So that
perhaps you will gain by my now coming to a
stop. I hope my dear Mother that you will
continue in the enjoyment of the health with which
you have been blessed.

Give my love to Mrs. Maria
Louisa Wm. John and their Ladies.

I am dear Mother
Your affectionate Sⁿ
Robert Anderson

Mr. Sarah Anderson
Leicester
Ohio —



Mr. Sarah Anderson
Care of Alex. Lathrop Esq. } Chillicothe
Chillicothe } Ohio

West Point N.H.

Sep. 27. 1837.

My Dear Mother

So, in a few days after the reception of this, you will probably see a party from K. Lilliothe, who saw me but a few days since. I will write but a few lines, referring to Mr. McArthur and his party for an account of what they saw at W. Point. I regret that the party remained so short a time at the Point, as being engaged during their stop I had not an opportunity of showing them what was interesting and worthy of attention. — When Sister Maria left I promised that I would write you informing you of our having met &c. The promised letter was commenced but not forwarded. Thus adding another item to my long score of neglect — I really fear that I am becoming a miserable correspondent — not that I love my friends less but that I dislike writing, perhaps because I know that I have to do much more of it for N. Sam. than I can do well.

Whether silent or not you may well suppose that in my thoughts I am often taken to my family & that I hope ere long

To let them see that I had changed neither in
heart, nor face being as spry and handsome as
ever. My hair to be sure threatens to show
the effects of frost - but a few grey locks you
know add to the effect of black hair, and
if accompanied by subtle deportment may answer
a very good purpose -

Present my love to Sister
Maria - Mr Latham - Lou Larch - Mr John
and their families -

I am truly and
Sincerely your
affectionate son
Robert Anderson

Mr S. Anderson
Cillicothe
Ohio -



Mr. Sarah Anderson

Chillicothe

Ohio

Care of Allen Lathams Esq
Chillicothe Ohio

The Filson Historical Society

1838
Cherokee Agency Aug 28, 1838

My dear Mother

The Cherokees are about commencing their change of home. The first party is nearly ready, and will I think start in a day or two. Thus commences an important interesting and novel exhibition, that of a Nation abandoning at once its ancient home, and journeying to the wilderness to seek for another. Families, and sometimes nearly all of the connexion, have frequently moved to a new Country to better their conditions. How what sobs are heard, what sorrows swell the heart and moisten the eye at the idea of leaving the old family residence, the garden from which so many fragrant roses have been plucked, the school grounds where so many bright & sunny hours have passed rapidly away - There are griefs that all have felt, and some felt of keenly. - But they are transitory and slight when compared with those which agitate the breasts of the Cherokees. They go, not by their own free will and choice - The Treaty under the provisions of which they are emigrated, was not approved by this people - they go, compelled by stern unyielding necessity - their homes are required by the Whites - and they must seek others in a distant and strange land. With a heart susceptible of friendship and perhaps love, I can not but feel warmly for this poor people - ~~And~~ - Would to heaven that it was in my power
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to aid in exciting in their bosoms the kind feelings which I entertain for them. The Country, to which they go, has many things to render it preferable to this; and after a few years, I hope that they will be convinced that they have been benefitted by the change. They have made considerable progress in civilization - Woman is with them rising above the mere menial pursuits, with which she is solely occupied in savage life. The men pay them little attention, which mark civilization - I have seen a Cherokee, stop in the road and tie his wife's shoe - Here, I have seen the husband assist his wife in carrying the child.

There are trifles, but "trifles light as air" show the approach of change in civilization, as well as in weather.

You would not expect, after my professions of interest in this people, that I shall return to you with one of their belles as your new daughter. My sympathies have not taken that turn. Sorrow and commiseration may be near a kin to love, and undoubtedly often give rise to a kindred feeling, but as I am not yet a marrying man, I shall, as in duty bound, defer until I see you the momentous question of getting married.

Why in the world it is that the ^{society} ~~society~~ can not regard a Bachelor otherwise than as a cross, ill-tempered, free poor devil, having no peace of mind at home, and wearing into company a countenance which kills and withers all the laughter loving hopes of childhood, I know not. Was he
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not a heart capable of love, has he not a hands open
to friendship and charity - is he not gifted with the same
faculties as other men, or, is the reverse only true,
and that he has none of those affections with
which his more fortunate Brothers are blessed?

At home, when a boy, I was fed, clothed,
physicked and, sometimes (not often, my dear Mother)
whipped in the same manner and fashion with my
brothers. The same fire warmed, the same frosty
morning chilled us, - We seemed to have had
the same sensations - We are grown, my brothers
are all married - and I - I alone, am a
Bachelor - How to account for it, I know
not, unless it be from the fact of my being
the only one with black hair - This is an
important, grave fact, I shall have it investigated
by the next Phrenologist, or decided by the next
debating Society, I find at a loss "what subject to
choose" -

I am, however, in good health &
hope that my being a bachelor will not prevent
me from seeing my dear Mother & the family
before the close of this year.

My love to Mr. L, Sister M
and all the family, within reach -

I am sincerely y. aff. son
Robert Anderson



M^{rs} Sarah Anderson

Care of Allen Latham Esq.

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1839

New York. Aug 15. 1839

My dear Mother.

My letter to Louisa, some two weeks, since gave you the last accounts of me; since that time I have been kept busily employed in the city. I have nearly completed my task, and shall leave to morrow for Trenton. How long I shall remain there, or, when I leave, when I shall go, are questions I do not even venture to put to myself. It would take a very shrewd soothsayer to predict some of my movements.

I hope that you have returned from the Springs in good health. I regretted deeply the loss sustained by William and sister Eliza. Our relations, hereabouts, (I should say relations, for I believe our family has no other representatives here but Auntie and myself.) continue well. I received, two days since, a charming letter from my dear little Net. I had written to her a few days previous, when, I had taken an Uncle's liberty in talking of her in particular, her answer is exactly what I desired. Heaven bless the dear child, she will prove to me, that all girls are not spoiled by an education in a fashionable boarding school. She says, in her letter, that, "as soon as I have finished this letter, I shall write to dear grandma."

In my letter she sends ^{her} a great best love to you, and to the family.

I have been so remiss that I am behind hand with nearly all my correspondents. I have no objection to employments, but I should like to feel that I was sufficiently settled, to think that I would remain at some given place long enough to receive answers to my letters.

I shall write again to you, or to one of the family,
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with you, when I ascertain what I am to do next.

Joseph Longworth, Larz writes me, is at the north. I have not seen him, he called to see Auntie about five weeks ago. He may have been in the City, but, as I live at a private boarding house, and am but little at the large houses, I may have missed him.

I am very desirous of being present when my dear Sister marries, but fear that it will not be in my power. Something may occur which will render it practicable for me to do so.

Genl. Scott returned to the City last evening, from a trip along the North Western frontier. I have not seen, and shall stop for that purpose, at Elizabethtown, on my way to Trenton.

Give my best love to Sisters, Maria, Louisa, Margant, Eliza, and to my brothers.

I am dear Mother
your affectionate
son

Robert Anderson.

Sunday afternoon -

I arrived here Friday evening - will remain, perhaps, ten days, then return to N. York.

Mrs. Sarah Anderson

My dear Sister Sarah.

I have only time to say a few words.

You see by my letter to Mother that I have rec^d. a letter from your dutiful niece. She speaks much of you in her letters. Are you a correspondent of hers? I expect that you are like some other members of our family, not fond of the pen. I regret to learn that your health has not
been

good for some time, and hope that relaxation from school may be of service in soon restoring you to health. Be prudent (but not so much so as not to leave the house) take moderate exercise, and do not give way to low spirits. If you feel like having the blues, jump up and avoid them as you would bad company. They are the worst kind of company as once encouraged it requires great caution to get rid of them. Take care of yourself my dear child, when I see you - I want to find you with a cheerful countenance and a healthy step.

Yours affectionately
Robert.

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care of Allen Latham Esq.
Chillicothe
Ohio

Mrs Sarah Anderson

Chillicothe
Ohio

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Elizabethtown, N. Jersey, May 10, 1839

My dear Mother.

Here I am, at length safely fixed at Genl. Scott's Dead Quarters. — I am glad that there is a prospect of having a little respite. I shall soon begin to feel a little like being once more settled. — As to my present position, a few words will suffice — I have good room — our landlady is accomodating, does as well as she can — and, I therefore, am pretty well satisfied — good intentions go far towards making one satisfied. Elizabethtown is a small place — rather on the decline, as it has been for many years, but it has some pleasant families, and, I am told, pretty ladies.

I have not been to N. York since Saturday (this being Friday) Mrs. Lohmston & her bigger half were pretty well, Elizabeth complained a little — Anita was well and in fine spirits — her sister had just rec^d. a letter from her —

I wrote a short note to Lou, a few days since, in which, I mentioned, that I had not succeeded in getting an appointment as a cadet for Benj. Swannum — I hope, that, as my application has been placed on file, he may receive an appointment for the next year. The appointments had been made some weeks before

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I write about him.

Are any of the family planning excursions for this summer? I do not promise that I will meet any who ^{may} come North, but think that I may remain either at this place or in its vicinity, during the summer. I hope that I shall be kept advised of the movements of the family, in order that I may so arrange my affairs (if it be possible) as to allow me to join them.

I have, since my return to New York, from Maine, paid several visits to West Point. My kind friends there are all well.

Give my loves to Brothers Allen, William, & John and to my sisters and families.

I am dear Mother

your affectionate

son

Robert Anderson

Mr. Sarah Anderson

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Mrs. Sarah Anderson

Chillicothe

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Care of Allen Latham Esq
Chillicothe Ohio

Plattsburgh, N.Y. May 29, 1839

Dear Mother,

If it be true that a rolling stone gathers no moss, how free from all such incumbrances should I be — I leave this place this evening for Trenton N.Y. where I expect to remain two or three weeks — On arriving here, I expected that I would remain about three weeks, but as Gen. Easton has been ordered to the Camp of Instruction to be established at Trenton, and as my business is with him, I must leave with him — On finishing my task (translating a book on Artillery drill) I will resume my proper duties with Gen. Scott.

Elizabeth Robinson is now on her way to the West, I hope you will soon see her — The trip will I think be of service to Elizabeth — Annetta will remain at school another year — I shall endeavour to make a pleasant excursion during the vacation with Annetta — Whether I shall have time to do so, and when I am to go, are points yet undecided —

Give my love to my sisters, Brothers and their children —

I am dear Mother
your affectionate son
Robert Anderson

Mrs. S. Anderson
Chillicothe
Ohio

New York
May 31, 79

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Mrs Sarah Anderson

Chillicothe

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Elizabethton 17. Aug. 17. 1840

My dear Mother,

I shall direct this letter to Cincinnati, where, by my last advice of your movements, you were staying with Louis — The all absorbing subject, politics, makes such strong demands on the time and exertions of all, that I receive, now, but few letters from any but my business correspondents — The fault lies partly at my own door, as I am not as punctual as I should be.

Some of our western friends have passed through New York without my having seen them — of Genl. L. Taylor and his family, I heard nothing, until after they had left — I shall endeavour to see them on their return — Genl. Scott is absent on a tour of duty and pleasure along the frontiers — He is, probably, now at Saratoga Springs where he will remain two or three weeks, and then, I expect, he will return to this place — His family are in Europe — They are expected to return this fall.

Elizabeth Whiston I have not seen — she is at some one of the summer retreats around New York, but at which I am unable to find out — I shall go and see her as soon as I ascertain her whereabouts —

The coolness and freshness of our nights remind us that the summer has nearly passed — With us the weather has been generally pleasant — and in addition to the bountiful crops with which the farm yards are filled health has shed his blessings upon nearly all — How much have we to be thankful for and how numberless are the sources of happiness from which, thoughtfully,
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we daily drink! With such a country and so many means of prosperity within our reach, why is it that we are not a united and happy people? Whence this deep steady resolve to change which seems to pervade the whole country? I am no politician and must leave the asking and answering of these questions to those who make it their business to enlighten the people - something is wrong - I hope that the proper remedy will be found -

Charles, I see, has entered the field of politics. I hope that he will remain as decided, as he has been thus far, in resisting the claims made on this point - If he enters as a politician now, he will keep his family poor as long as he remains in public life - He is young enough to make a competency at his profession and to serve his country as a public man afterwards - The politicians of the present day are not the class of men he would like to associate with - they are not statesmen, but men who act on the rule and that all is fair in politics - they speak of their country - the rights and liberties of the people - but act for place and power for themselves and their party - their acts tend to demoralization and anarchy - A few short years, and these men will be forgotten, or remembered only as unwary demagogues of the retribution which awaits them -

Annita told you, I presume, in what a quiet country town I live - Hardly any thing occurs to change the regular routine of our daily duties - Writing & reading employ nearly all my time - I am thus always with company - and have

have too an opportunity of selecting my company - if tired with one I resort to the other and by a change give the mind an opportunity of relaxing and recovering from the fatigue.

Do not think, my dear Mother, that I am become a misanthrope - and that I care nothing for society - You must not judge me by my letters - I find that the young girls regard me as an old fellow and take with me liberties they would not towards one of my experience; but, having for years regarded myself as an old bachelor, I must expect that others will regard me in the same light - My hour will, I suppose, now when perhaps I least expect it - And then, you will receive a letter telling you that I have gained a prize, that my dearest is one that you can not but love - all amiability intelligence and love - in fact, just such a woman as all sweethearts are - Mind, dearest Mother, I take no oath against matrimony - but modestly say that as yet your black-headed boy thinks of remaining single a while longer -

Give my love to Lay, Sisters Eliza, Louisa the Judge and all who are near you -

I am dear Mother

Mr Jacob Anderson
Cincinnati

Your affectionate son
Robert Anderson.

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There is every prospect of my remaining here for the winter - at least I see now no chance of my having to go elsewhere

Kept open till the evening of the 18th -



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Mrs. Sarah Anderson
Care of Lay Anderson } Cincinnati
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Elizabethton N. Jersey

February 3. 1841

My dear Mother.

This morning's mail brought your letter of the 26th of January - I have been too unwell in my correspondence. I might plead justification, by saying that I do as my correspondents do towards me, but, their omipions can not excuse me, to myself, for my not writing to you. Sarah has been kind in writing before I had answered her last letter. I thank her for it. I am so much in the habit of writing uninteresting copies for the office, or in executing tasks nearly mechanical, that I do not feel in a writing mood as often as duty and affection tell me that I ought to write.

I was agreeably surprised, ^{the week before} last week by a letter from Judge Wall, informing me that he would be in N. York on last Monday - I went to the City with him, joining him at the rail road depôt at this place - He returned with me on Tuesday, stayed all night, and left the next morning for Philadelphia. He is now, I presume, on his way back. He expected to reach home before the 10th inst - The Judge was in fine health. We paid Elizabeth a short visit - She is very comfortably fixed in Brooklyn. There are no other boarders with them - Their little family is as quiet as they would be in a house of their own. Sonita grows finely - She walks, says a few words - and is as fat as a little partridge - Mr. Johnson and Elizabeth are both well.

When last in the City, I met a friend of Charles' - he is a brother of Lieut. Gas. Schenck of the Navy. Mr. Schenck is stationed in the N. Carolina - a ship used as a school ship for enlisted boys - I would never have known that Mr. S. was the brother of my friend James - They are as unlike as Charles & myself -

I find by Sarah's description of your winter that you have had weather as changeable as it has been with us. We have had more snow and rains than usual during the same periods, but have not had much cold weather. The ground is now covered with snow about four inches deep, but as the sun is shining brightly, the snow is rapidly thawing.

Say to my stock raising brothers that I purchased at auction in New York a full blooded filley, 5 years old this spring, for \$76. I ride out whenever the weather permits. I look on my purchase as a very lucky one. Even though I did not wish to keep her, she is worth the money I gave, as a saddle horse for the time I remain here. When I leave, I shall make arrangements for some person to keep her for me. To Brother Allen, say that I have made some excellent purchases of books. Gorse's Antiquities (Ten ye aught o' Capt Gorse) Illustrations, 5 vols for \$12. Musée Royale, 2 vol. folio - superb engravings \$92. Thus you see I am gradually procuring a library, I may never have leisure to read, but which will be of service to others.

In matrimonial speculations, I do not yet indulge. Not, my dear Mother, that I am not fond of the ladies - but because I think I ought not to marry "till the wars be o'er". Then, when peace smiles sweetly on our land - when Sam Jones has ceased skulking in the Florida swamps, and John Bull has laid aside his blustering tone - then, if the ladies smile on me, I shall make a bold stroke for a wife. But, if it be a decree, that our family must have a bachelor for life in it, I shall endeavour to bear my lot with becoming resignation. As you will have a disinterested witness, Judge Wall, to tell of my health, so I shall say nothing more about it than that I am as fleshy as I ever was. I am, dear Mother,
Your affectionate son, Robert Anderson

Dear Sarah.

As I write more on one sheet than most other persons do on three, you must not complain of the shortness of my reply to your letter of the 26th ultimo - As Tom has a fondness for pictures (he takes after his Uncle Bob in that) I shall send him such as I think will please or instruct him. I will send a copy of the New World, containing the wild turkey, by the mail which takes this letter - it will be addressed to William.

By the bye ask that younger brother of mine why he does not let me hear from him. Judge Hall told me that he (Wm) and sister Eliza speak of visiting Europe this year. If so, I presume, I shall have the pleasure of spending some days with them in N. York. I take it for granted that no person of taste would sail from any other port - William, should he decide on sailing, must write informing me of the time he will reach N. York, so that I may meet them there - My love to Wm & his family. I am glad to hear that Brother John is in his new house & hope, from your not making particular mention of her health, Mr. Sister Margaret's health is much better than usual. You will find by my letter to mother, that I had Judge Hall one night with me - The Judge was in fine health but anxious to return to see Louisa and little Alice - I have not heard from Annetta except through Elizabeth - she was well at the last dates from her -

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My dear Sarah
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Continue to write to me frequently my dear sister - I may not always reply so soon as I should - but shall, I hope, show you frequently that I can be sometimes as punctual as I have been to day - Give my love to Brothers Allen, John & to Sisters Anna and Margaret -

I am dear Sarah

Your affectionate brother Robert

My dear Sister

New York. Dec. 28. 1841

That you will, on opening this letter, and seeing my scrawl, think that something terrible is about to happen, I doubt not - To expect consistency of man is what we are taught not to do - To think that, in a family, any one member will continue to stand in opposition to the precepts and practice of all the rest, is asking too much of the buckles might - unless he be ~~so~~ devoid of love and affection for his family, and be as fully imbued with spirit of obstinacy as John 2. Adams is on the right of petition.

In our family, I have, for years, stood alone, firm as a rock - unmoved by your practice - listening to and receiving kindly your precepts and advice - You know that I have - not a word of murmuring has ever escaped from me - at the attacks which have been poured upon me from all quarters - Old and young have all had a fling at the bachelor - till the very name, old bachelor, has become as fat in the mouth of the little brats, as though I were a doll or play thing for them - There must be a limit to all things - I have determined to show a proper spirit of resentment and independence, and now, announce to you (though my heart bleeds

blends at the idea of saying any thing that will
injure the feelings of you, my dear Maria, who never
did taunt your poor brother for not marrying
that I am engaged - yes, sister, I have thought well
of the term, engaged to be married to Miss Eliza
Bayard Church - she is the daughter of an old
and valued friend Genl D. L. Church, formerly of
the army - and is one of the noblest of our ones -
in fact, to say that we are engaged, is to show
that I find her all I desire in my partner for
life -

My dear Eliza is now confined to her sofa,
by an affection of the spine - The physician, Dr. Hook,
says that he hopes in a short time to have her
on her feet -

You may tell this news to Sarah &
Brother Allen - no one else near you, has any
interest in the matter or any right to know any
thing of it.

I am dear Maria
your affec^d Brother.

Robert Anderson

Mrs Maria W. Anderson

Columbus

Ohio

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NEW-YORK
DEC 20 1857

Ms. Maria W Latham

Care of Mr Latham Esq Columbus

Columbus Ohio

as it would be inexcusable for him to be so near us without coming to see us. Charles wrote me that Mr. intended coming to Boston, but I thought that it was a visit talked of, not determined - We shall be most happy to see him - I have been expecting a business letter from him for some time. Like many of our family, he always thinks he has so much to do, that he has no time to write friendly letters. In other words, we are not very fond of the pen.

I suppose that this Spring and Summer, your little lot is looking very sweetly. As both Mr. Kendrick and yourself are fond of having things well arranged, I picture to myself a perfect little garden and every thing neat and snug about your house - Why hasn't Sister Maria paid us the visit promised us by Brother Allen? We hope that they are merely waiting for the Cholera to burn out, and that we shall still have the pleasure of seeing them. The little namesake is pronounced a prodigy by all who see her. Even Benjamin Swathney, who doesn't profess to care much about little squallers, and whose opinion, being flattering of course, we regard as disinterested, says she is the most sensible child of her age, that he ever saw. She lost her heart with her Uncle Charles, and would go to him from her nurse or mother. She is now very good company, has four teeth, says several words, sits alone, crawls like a little monkey and wears no caps - I only wish you could see her - Honestly & truly, she is a sweet & remarkably intelligent

child - Our eldest looks now very well - poor darling,
she has no one to play with, or amuse her. As soon
as we get into our house outside the Fort, I must
let her run about, and play out of doors more
than she does now. Thank God, we are all
pretty well - Your Aunt is not as well as I hoped
she would have been by this time - but I think
as soon as we can get good servants, for which
I have been exerting all my wits since we came
here, that she will improve rapidly and soon
be entirely well - She can not write like of ordi-
nary length without feeling badly for some time
afterwards, and is thus nearly deprived of one of
her greatest pleasures. And unfortunately I have not
always leisure at my disposal, to allow me to
act as her amanuensis, so that, by a seemingly
unpardonable neglect, she gives umbrage to, and
loses, many valued correspondents. I shall teach
little Eva to write, as soon as practicable, so
that she can assist her darling mother -

As Mother is again with you, she will,
I hope consider this letter as partly to her. Charles
mentions that Lou and her children had gone
up with Mother. Did they leave Cincinnati
on account of the Cholera? If so, they are
probably still at Chillicothe - Do give our
best love to her, and say that we are
delighted to hear that her health & that of
the children is good - The Lady, I was sorry to hear,

is complaining a good deal this summer. I am satis-
fied that unless he takes more out of door exercise &
does less office work, he will soon injure his consti-
tution seriously.

I hope that you will entirely escape the cholera.
If you have had any cases at Chillicothe - they have
not been mentioned in any of our papers - all of
which seem to take pains to record the ravages of
that fell disease as it advances on its march.
St Louis and Cincinnati have thus far suffered
more severely than any parts of our Country.
Louisville seems to have had very few cases, & or
they have been better managed than in the other
& rival western Cities - That is Mr. Kendrick
doing in the way of business - I hope that he
will not expose himself in any part of the
State where the cholera may be raging - I expect
to have to ask him to sell some of my
debt this fall - I am tired of having property
that is lying idle - and think of making some
arrangement this fall, for disposing of what little
I own in Ky & Ohio - I recd a letter from Sister Maria
and a long letter from Eva some two months
ago - I hope that ere long I may be in a writing
humour, when I have a day or two of leisure, & will
give showers of letters upon all the family. How
come a John & Margaret? - Do give our love to
Mother, Sister Maria, Br. Allen, John, Margaret & Sister Eliza
accepting our best love to Mr. & Mrs. K. - or aff. R. & Anderson

from me again later than 17

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Trenton N Jersey

Oct. 21. 1853

Daniel Gregg Esq.

Dear Sir,

Yours of 16th Oct.
offering me \$100 for my Warrant No 4493, provided
you can succeed in getting a patent upon it, was recd.
by yesterday's mail - I am sorry to hear that Mr
Kendrick has not attended to that matter for me -
I have no doubt that you offer me as much
as the Warrant is worth, but, as I have now
on hand an unlocated Warrant, I would prefer
getting this additional 100 Acres one, if I can, & having
the two located together - I under these circumstances,
would not wish to sell - You will confer a favor
on me by letting me know what arrangements Mr,
K - made with Mr Meier about my Patent lease entry -
I authorized him to make a settlement of that, but he
did not inform me whether he had done so
or not -

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or not - as I have not heard from either him
or Mr Mapie on that subject -

Yours very truly
Robert Anderson,

The Filson Historical Society

Major R. Anderson
Jan'y 9. 1856.

Trenton N Jersey
Jan'y 9. 1856

Dear Sir:

(Business, & the heaviest of domestic affliction must plead my excuse for not sooner replying to your last letter - As I shall be in Washington, some time during this winter, when I will be able to attend, personally, to the surrender of my land Warrant and the procuring of scrip for it, I think that it will be best for me to do so - And more especially, as this may save me the expense attendant on procuring it in any other way -

Trenton, N Jersey.
Jan'y. 18. 1856

Dear Sir,

Mr. Andrew Hendrick about 18 months ago made a proposition from you in reference to my withdrawal of my Land Warrants. Not having heard ^{since} either from him or from yourself, on that subject, I am uncertain what agreement was drawn up between you —
I am

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I am very desirous of
closing all my unfinished
business and will thank
you to inform me what you
have done in this matter.

Unless I hear from you
very soon, I shall be
compelled to take steps
to perfect my Survey, so that
I may get a report from the
Surveyor showing how much
of my Grant is interfered
with by the older entry &
thus be enabled to get
scrip for that quantity.

Yours sincerely

Robert Anderson

Mr. Mason

Chillicothe

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Ro. Anderson.

P.S. I send the accompanying
letter open, so that you can
see what I have written.
I do not know whether Mr
Hendrick has closed his office,
or is still Surveyor — If Mr
Moyer does not act promptly
& satisfactorily on this matter,
I shall direct the survey to be
made at once — Could you
tell me what the land in
question is worth, per acre, or
else. Mr. M. in the event of his
not having sold, may make
me an offer of cash & it would
be important for me to have this
information & wish that I could
also ascertain the present value
of my land in the lower part
of the State —

Trenton, N. Jersey.

Jan. 18. 1856.

My Dear Sir.

Accept my
thanks for your kind
favor of the 14th inst. It
was very kind in you
to give me advice in the
matter in question, and I
thank you warmly for it.
I wish that I could
have as attentive & con-
siderate an agent to look
after my interests as
you are — I know that
I should

be quietly the gainer by it.

I shall write to
Mr. Mapie, to day, and
urge him to close this business
at once. By the by, as I
am uncertain which one of
the Brothers made the
agreement with Andrew
Hendrick, I shall have to
enclose the letter with this,
& will thank you to direct it
to, if you please, drop it in
the P. Office. If he has
not sold the land, he
may, perhaps, make some
an

an offer. If so, I may
take the liberty of consul-
ting you before I return
him an answer.

Mr. Anderson desires
to be kindly remembered
to you - as does, also,
your former pet Eva
Yours sincerely
Robert Anderson

To
Daniell Gugg, Esq.
Cincinnati
Ohio

Whereas Entry No 2105 for 100 acres (in the Virginia Military District of Ohio) founded upon Virginia Military Continental Land Warrant No 4493 for 100 acres was set off to me in severalty as one of the heirs of my father late Colonel Richard C. Anderson decd - in a partition of his estate in Ohio made in the court of Common Pleas for the County of Cos. and State of Ohio.

For values received I do hereby assign and convey unto Daniel Gregg his heirs and assigns forever the aforesaid Virginia Military Continental Land Warrant No 4493 for 100 acres together with the entry founded thereon and request that a survey be recorded in his name and that patents be issued to him ~~or by assign~~

Witness my hand and seal this 25th day of March A.D. 1856

Witness

A A Allen

Wm W Clapp

Robert Anderson

Seal

2 witnesses as required

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fill blanks & write name in full

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Trenton New Jersey
May 22. 1856

Paul Gregg Esq
Chillicothe O.

Dear Sir.

Yours of 20th inst
enclosing Check on N.Y. for one thousand & Twenty dollars, in
payment for the warrant, I assigned to you March 25/56,
has been rec^d

Please give my love to my Sister, Mrs
Latham, and say to her that Mrs Anderson is reported
to be doing well —

Very Respectfully

Robert Anderson

Post. No. 100
Post. No. 100

May 23, 1855

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London the first
May 23/1855

Prob Probate Court Monday May 19th 1856

In the matter of the Heirship of
Major Robert Anderson

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court by the testimony of Allen Latham and John R. Anderson credible witnesses and to the Court well known, that Col Richard C. Anderson deceased late of Jefferson County in the State of Kentucky died on the sixteenth day of October in the year Eighteen Hundred and twenty six, intestate, seized of Virginia Military Continental Land Warrant Number 4493, for one Hundred acres upon which was founded Entry No 2105. That partition was made in conformity with the laws of this State, of his estate of Ohio, that the aforesaid Warrant No 4493 for one Hundred acres, together with the entry No 2105 founded on the same were set off in severalty to his son Robert Anderson now a Major in the United States Army,

It is therefore ordered that record be made that Major Robert Anderson is son and heir at law of the late Col Richard C. Anderson deceased, and as such entitled to all the right and property in said Warrant No 4493 and Entry No 2105 which the said Colonel Richard C. Anderson would be if living."

The State of Ohio
Prob County

A. Samuel F. M. Coy Judge
of the Probate Court in and for the County of Prob

late Col. Richard B. Anderson deceased, and as such
entitled to all the right and property in said Warrant
No 4493 and Entry No 2105 which the said Colonel
Richard B. Anderson would be if living."

The State of Ohio
Prob. County

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I, Samuel F. McCoy Judge
of the Probate Court in and for the County of Prob
aforesaid do hereby certify that the aforesaid
Entry "In the matter of the Heirs of
Major Robert Anderson" is truly and correctly
copied from the Journal of said Court.

In attestation whereof I
have hereunto set my hands
and affixed the Seal of said
Court this Nineteenth day of May
A. D. 1856



Samuel F. McCoy
Probate Judge
Prob County Ohio

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In the matter of the
Heirship of Major
Robert Anders on

The Filson Historical Society

New York,
Dec. 16th 1862.

Mr. Gregg,

My dear Sir,

My husband
received, a few days since, a letter
from Alexander Wilson of Wil-
mington, Ohio, wishing "to know
the price, per acre, of the land,
3 or 400 acres, south East of Wil-
mington, about five or six miles in
the woods - and offering to pay
"one half in hand, the balance
in

importance to us and our children, who, now, own
my little share in the world, you will oblige us
very much, if you will advise us what course
we had better pursue in relation to it.

Please let us hear from you at your earliest conve-
nience. My address is 109 West 14th St. N. York City.
The General & your former letter promise to excuse
me in kind remembrances.

Yours very truly
E. B. Anderson.

one or two years, or, two thirds in
hand and balance in one year".
Now you will do us a very great
kindness, if you would inform
us what that tract ought to sell
for, and whether, in your opinion,
Genl Anderson ought to sell at
this time - also, if you know any
thing about the Capt Alexander
Wilson, whether or not he is a
reliable, responsible man.
General A. is entirely ignorant
on all these points - has even
forgotten the name of his agent
there; and, as it is a matter of
vital

New York.

March 1st / 1863

Mr. Gugg,

Dear Sir,

General Hudson

and I owe you many thanks
for your kind letter, received
some weeks ago. It should, I
assume you, have been acknowledged
immediately, had not both of us
been, for some time past, more
than usually unwell. You
were kind enough to say that
you would advise with, and aid

us

John Anderson, whose name he (Gen A.) has entirely forgotten. We are both satisfied that the advice was good which you gave us, not to sell at this time; real estate being in fact, the only safe investment in the present unsettled state of the country. Can you tell us, by the bye, who would be a good person to appoint as agent? Hoping that you will pardon the trouble we are giving you, with the sincere regards and thanks of my household,

I am yours very truly
C. B. Anderson,

in our little business matters. We therefore enclose you a letter from the refined and literary gentleman who made the offer for the land in Ohio. It is in reply to one I wrote him, in which General Anderson refuses to sell. Can you find out, for us, whether his statement in relation to the depredations which, he says, have been committed on the land, cutting timber &c., is true? Also, (if such a thing be possible) who General Anderson's agent is in Wilmington? He is a lawyer there, who was recommended to Genl A.
By

Cincinnati Sep. 29. 1841

Dear Robert

I am just gaining strength after an attack of Bilious Fever which I am recovering from, and today being a rainy one, which keeps me from exercising in the open air, I have determined to devote it to my correspondents. With you first I will begin. Have you heard that you have another nephew? a fine, large boy with a black head? I suppose not. So I will give you to know that on the 10th Inst. a third son was added to our list, who now rejoices in the name bestowed by his mother, of William Pope. He is the largest, of his age, and by much the finest looking of our children. His hair though not now black, (being a fine auburn like his uncle Joe's) promises to be so in time; so that I hope you will not be quite alone in our family hereafter. Kate is doing very well, having made her appearance in the parlour yesterday, and is very proud of her Willie. She thinks she has three of the best and noblest boys on the face of the globe. Richard was with us until about a week since, when his grandfather came and took him home to resume his school going. He is very well and improving very much. Master Nicholas is now a great talker, calls himself a "log-cabin-man" and hurrah for "Lippincott" on all occasions.

Ms. A. 9. 29/41

Wm. A. 9. 29/41

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Speaking of Lippincott reminds me of a great Convention which we are to have here on the day after tomorrow. Unless this rain holds on and spoils the prospect, a great one, no doubt, it will be. Flags are already floating in every part of the City, from house-tops and upper windows. The people are in the very spirit of having a people's gathering; and they will be greatly disappointed if all their preparations are rendered futile by bad weather, as they were, in some degree, in Chillicothe. The main news has surprised every body here. There was no expectation of such results, then with either of the parties. What a cause of exultation it is to see the whole country thus rising, as it were one man, against the misrule and corruption of this Administration! Heaven be thanked for the hope we have of a thorough Reformation!

Were you not delighted with the comeback of old Kentucky? A glorious State that - ahead of all others in patriotism I say! I trust Ohio will prove as worthy, but do not expect quite as well of her. She will certainly, I think, do half as well - that is will give a vote which in proportion to her population will be half as large as that of Ky.

Our friends in this State and Kentucky have been quite well. I believe this summer with the exception of John Logan who, having

moved to Union County, has been undery-
ing an excruciating ty fever & ague.
I have not heard from him lately - but hope
he is well or at any rate recovering. You
have been apprized, I supposed, of Annita's
engagement. The young gentleman is very
promising, being a man of talents and of ex-
cellent habits. The only matter of objection is,
I fancy, the age of the parties. H. is at present
at Jeff. Bonaparts but is expected in Louis with
every day. I do not know when they are to be
married - perhaps in October. You know
the young gent. do you not? John J. Gray Junr.

How Chillicothe I have not heard
lately. Mother talks of going there in a
short time. She and Lou. & the rest at the
Lads is are very well. The little Alice grows
finely now and is quite pretty.

We are all anxious to see you here,
can you not come out this winter?

I have written a pretty long letter, for
one sitting, so I will close, with sending
you the affectionate remembrances of
all around me. I remain as ever

with the kindest regards

Yours
L. Anderson

in Lays

Sept 29. 1840

Lays children

to
Robert Anderson

Birth of Mr. Pope Anderson

10 Sep. 1840.

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Capt. Robt. Anderson

Elizabeth Town

New Jersey

Adms. Oct 29/40

Smith

Cincinnati Aug 24. 1842

My dear brother & sister -

I love to address you as one, as I think of you always together - How delighted we ever are to hear of you! Your letter of last month however dashed our pleasure with uneasiness at the recent illness of our dear sister. We trust that Sea-air & bathing have before this restored her.

We have for some time been in a good deal of trouble ourselves. Little Nicholas hurt his knee while we were at the Springs, & on our return we found it highly inflamed & swollen. The doctor has been in attendance on him for nearly four weeks, during which time the poor fellow has been confined to his couch, & suffered very much from blistering. He is now happily much better & our fear of lameness is ~~entirely~~ entirely removed. He cannot walk yet from weakness, but he stands perfectly well & can use the joint, without pain. Little Alice Hall has been another sufferer & in much more danger than our boy. We have for a month nearly been daily expecting to hear of her death - until within the last few days. Our last accounts are that she is better than father thinks, her convalescent. We sincerely hope it is so, but fear that it may be otherwise. The Judge with Louisa & Alice are at Dayton - we have had no letters for three days.

50 A few days since we were agreeably surprised by the arrival of Mr. Latham & sister Maria - on their way home from Dayton. They are still with us, but intend leaving for Chillicothe today. William had been here but the week before. So that we have been peculiarly fortunate of late.

Richard has been spending part of his vacation with us. He left us yesterday. His teacher is Mr. Goddard - a veteran instructor, who taught his uncle William. Rich^d is learning very fast. He is already in Cosas - besides being quite a proficient in Arithmetic & Algebra. He does not grow rapidly - nor promises to be a larger man than his uncle Charles Pope was, whom I suppose you remember. Nicholas on the contrary, is very large of his age - Willie not so much so. The latter is a great chatter box, and can say any thing.

I received a letter from Auntie lately. She is so much better, that she has persuaded Eliza both to go to the Mammoth Cave with Eliza Longworth & Major Carneal, who were to have left down with for that place today. The Cave is in great vogue at present - & visited by almost all who travel at this season. I have heard nothing from sister Nancy for some 5 or 6 weeks. She was then with Richard at Carrollton - which used to be "Port William" at the mouth of the Kentucky.

Sister Betsy's boys are still at school

at Bloomington.

I saw some of your old Army friends a week or two since - Gen Armstrong - Col Long & D. Lawson - & paid them some attention on your account. They will be here again in the course of a month. They all spoke kindly of you.

Capt. Macrae also, whenever he sees me, enquires about you & desires his respects to be presented to you.

We find that the Boat in which Mr Latham was to go, does not leave until tomorrow - so that we have their Company for another night at least. Sister Maria looks as well, if not better than when we saw her together. She seems to enjoy herself too, more than formerly. Mr L is well, with the exception of a bad cold. - Mother is at Dayton

whether she will return when Louisa does, or not, do not know. She is not in good health, nor in very good spirits. I trust however that her improved health will exercise an equal influence upon her spirits.

We all unite our good wishes for our sister's & your health, and look forward, with hopeful expectation, to the time when we shall meet. God bless you both!

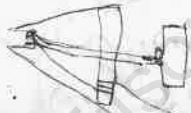
I am truly your Brother
L. A. Merriam

It is with regret, my dear brother, that we are compelled to decline visiting you and our new sister this fall. In the Spring we shall hope to see you both and we will visit our relations in the interior with you - Sam has told you of our great anxiety on account of our dear boy - we are now entirely relieved - Our little Willie is one of the most lovable little boys in the world - Your Sister Kate -

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Lay Henderson

Aug 24/42

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[Handwritten signature]

Capt. Robert Anderson
U.S.A.
City of New York

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