

My Dear Sister

I recd at Miday,
some days after its date, the letter
you were kind enough to write me
concerning the farm. We feel very
much obliged by the interest you
take in our welfare. & the desire
you feel that we may settle near you.

As to the farm. I do not doubt that
it is a very desirable place - a world
bent us well, if we should go to Dan-
ville. in all respects, except that it
might prove a little too far from
the town, that is, from the schools.
But I have no money to buy it with.
no way of getting any at present.
which is enough said. for you know
it ~~is~~ thought to be unphilosophical
to give two reasons, when one sufficeth.

Was the old Elder on Sunday at church
& a Monday at Lexington - well as usual.
My love to Susan & Col. Sugih. I am
sure affec: Brother. W. L. Burkhardt

Your Pro. Son dined with the old Burkhardt
on Monday evening before his
return home to Zanesville

Feb. 13.

Walnut Hill

March 2nd 1859.

My dear Sister

Your very Kind
letter of the 20th was duly received
we left for under many ob-
ligations for your kindness
and trouble you have put your-
self to in our account - I only
wish that it might not be
so rainy. &c. I fear it will be -

We reached here without experi-
encing any harm from the wet
day on which we left you. Since
then Mr. B. has been chiefly in
Woodford & has just returned from
holding a Sacramental meeting
here the past week - commencing
on Thursday previous to the Sabbath
There were several additions to
the church by certificate. Old Mr. Wm.

Brooks & daughter Mrs Moore
recently come into the neighborhood
she was Mrs Water of Shelly & said to
be a dear lady lately married to
Squire Moore one of the Elders
of the Midway church - There was
a fine congregation out on Sun-
day - you Bro among them - but
Mr B. did not get to his house this
visit - I was sorry not to go down
to the meeting - but was detained
here by the sickness of my Aunt
Mrs Calill Buckridge. She has
been quite seriously threatened
with paralysis - she is still con-
fined to her room & much
better we hope will soon re-
cover her usual health - such
attacks however at her time of
life are very alarming - & I am
constantly uneasy about her -
We have thought it best not to let

Caroline know of it - & hope
from what she writes that she will
get back home this week with Cal-
lill - I was truly grieved my
dear Sister to learn from her
last letter that you were sick
enough to be confined to your
bed. & sincerely hope you will re-
cover your usual health before
long - Beg you to follow the Dr's
directions in all things try
& be careful not to do any thing
which will have a tendency to in-
crease your indisposition &
may God add his blessing to all the
means used - Write often you can -
As Mr B. wants to add a few lines I will
close with this page - I have just heard from
Molly & Rose - who are quite well & ap-
parently very happy - Remember me af-
fectionately to Susan Mr Gandy & the children
^{in which} I am uniting with me - We send Johny & Virginia
a kiss & kind remembrances to the servants -

Evening
Tuesday
Sept 1st 1813.

Walnut Hill -

Thursday Morn

My Dear Sister - I had written the foregoing letter to you yesterday - While waiting an opportunity to write I have got one from Stannard which induces me to add this postscript - He tells me that you continue quite unwell - would like to have Molly & Rose come & make you a visit

I regret most deeply to hear from so many sources of your bad health - & anything in my power to contribute to your comfort will be most readily afforded - I have no objection to Molly's going over to Danville if it will afford you pleasure to have her - I had just written to her a day or two ago that she might stay with Rose as long as it was agreeable to her - there being no special reason for her return here - If you feel able to write

you had letter do so yourself
to Rose & her - I will
also write to Molly & tell
her just what I have told you

But to tell you the truth
I am in constant dread of
hearing of Tagan & Mc Knight's
death - from what I hear this
mutual friend in New Orleans

The family at Louisville
seem to have no such fears -

I had a letter from Rose
a few days ago - in which she
said that they would expect
her brother up in May -

Mr Mc Knight was expected
yesterday - Miss Pitts was to re-
main in N & S some time longer.

Fanny desires me to give
her letter to you & say it will
give her pleasure to control
what to you comfort in any
way - If Molly & Rose can't
go to Danville & she will
take the matter into serious
consideration - but she knows
they will be much more gay & lucky
& do you more good than she could -

Springfield Tuesday Night
March 8th 1859

My Dear Sister

Not a word since I left Danville have I had from any of you - I hope & trust you are convalescing - I made the call at Mr. Farnam & think I got even with the Brigadier thru his fair daughter - Scott came in before I left & as McKim said looked as if he had been ironed all over. Miss Julia was radiant & handsomely attired. We staid all night in Harroldburg. Sister looking well & cheerful. Morgan & Susan in high spirits at a late decision of the Court of Appeals in the Grady Case - certainly a very strong one in favor of his preemptive right to Shawnee Springs. My own opinion is he will succeed ultimately, & ~~but~~ ^{unless} surely Col. Thompson's will -

We got no trees at Shaker Town, all sold out I am starting by day light in the morning to the mouth of Cedar on the Ohio River for a lot of 1200 Forest trees to plant out in my back ground - will probably be gone three or four days & will then go to Glabs near Louisville for my fruit trees. Am now planting out 500 peach trees in what is to be my apple orchard near the grove York in the stone field. Expect to start to Ohio in ten days to be done some two or three weeks -

William Burkhards & cousin Francis had called
at my house & spoken on to Frank Kinkaid
about ten minutes before I got home, he pre-
ached in Midway Sunday morning old father Gwyn's
funeral at the Woodford Church in the after-
noon. Robert Alexander has offered him a hundred
Charles Alexander old residence for hundred
dollars to preach at the old Woodford Church
that is addition to his Midway Salary. I hope
will be a living for him - in returning from the
Woodford Church just as we had entered the line
Terrell driving Black Storm in my Buggy, a gang
of young horses rushed by us, the reins a bit
broken and away we went, down into the sink-
hole Terrell trying to hold me in, I told
him to look out for himself & let me loose
as we soon the opposite of the road I made
a terrible spring carrying Terrell with one end
hit all right in rear of the buggy. The horse
ran two miles in a narrow lane with all its
crooks before he upset the buggy breaking
the shafts stop without himself. This you would
say ought to satisfy any moderate man but not
me. It was Terrell's fault that the horses
I will mail this in front but a part
thereof -

Off 37.00

when you wanted
me to come to you,
you must allow
me to use my "pin-
money", to show
how much I loved

You. Rose is sitting
by me and sends
a great deal of love.
Please let us hear
from you as soon
as you are able.

Give to Uncle
Robert and all
friends and keep
much for yourself
from your nieces
Excuse haste } Phoebe

[1859?]

Edgewood March 31st
Monday night

My Dear Aunt
It is bed-
time, but I must
write you a few
lines before I retire,
as I expect to be
busy this week and
we want to hear
from you so soon
as you are able
to write. Rose and
I both write to you
as soon as we

Lend thong to Stanny
that you were not
well and wanted
us to cheer you up.
We thought a trip,
change of air and
recreation in addition
to our good company,
would benefit you,
and hoped you
would come down
to Somerville. Before
we had time to get
an answer, we
heard that you
had been and were
still quite sick with
fever. We knew
that under those cir-
cumstances we

would probably be
more in the way
than we would do
you good. I have
seen Joe Shelby
and Addie Welch
several times since
they came, they said
when they first
got here that you
were much better &
I hope you have
continued to
improve. I enclosed
the money you were
kind enough to
send me, in a
letter to Stanny,
and told him
to tell you that

[1859]

Locust-Hill April
^{2d}

My dear Cousin,

I was in Lexington last week and was very sorry to hear of your illness. If I had been alone I should almost have been ~~tempted~~ tempted to have asked Cousin Sally for a seat in her carriage and gone over to see you, but Preston was with me and expected to leave for his Columbus home the next day to be absent for a long time perhaps all summer, and I profited coming home with him and going to see you another time. I do hope when this reaches you, it will find you convalescent; and a short time will restore you to your bright looks, and buoyant spirits, and come amongst again as the lovely and beau-
tiful Virginia Breckinridge, you know.

Write to let us know
how you are - etc.

or ought to know dear Cousin that we
have all given you the palm for all that
is lovely and good, and well you deserve it.
You have many dear friends who will be
glad to hear of your recovery, and a return
to our part of the country and a visit to
our house. We received some weeks ago
that Mr Gristy was very ill, but was
better, I hope he is now well and all
the family in good health, give my kin-
dest love to Mr Gristy and Susan, the latter
I understand will rival me in flesh if
she goes on as she has been going for
the last year. Tell her not to be uneasy
for Mary has returned from Nashville
weighing 150 pounds, and says 110 pounds
more would not be amiss, I suppose
John in Robert is deeply engaged in his school
give him our kind love and greeting &
tell him I hope he will not let another
year pass without coming to see us.
How are your children, tell Johnny that

his Cousin Mary has taken very good
care of his daguerreotype, but would
rather see the original often, and when
his school is over he must come and
see her; I went with Mr Gacy and May
Scott to Cousin David's last week, found
only Cousin Sarah & Mary at home, the
latter appears to have all the care of
Lucy's children, she is still beautiful.
Cousin Betsy is still in Louisville, but
will return sometime this spring, as
she has not sold her place. We have
a new neighbour and one that I hope
will be an acquisition to our family.
and our neighbourhood, we have
so few neighbours, that a clever one
is hailed with joy. I hope dear Cousin
you will excuse this hurriedly written letter
but my eyes trouble me again, and when
I write have to gallop on without looking
back and leave that for you to do, hoping
you will have as much pleasure reading as
I have in writing. I remain sincerely yours. Chas. P. Scott

[1859]
Saturday April 10th

My very dear friend

Mrs Young has just called and delivered your love and kind message to us - for which, we were much gratified - more especially, that you should have remembered us - amidst your sickness and suffering. We heard that she was in town yesterday - and sent immediately to inquire all about you - (having heard through a letter from Mr Lacy - that you were sick) but was not prepared to know that you had been so ill - as she tells me this morning - You were ^{she left Danville} ~~so~~ ~~she~~ ~~was~~ ~~not~~ ~~in~~ ~~yester~~ ~~day~~ when we sent - but was kind enough to ride out this morning to see us -

you poor girl have so much life

and energy and such a cheerful spi-
rit - that notwithstanding your disease
may be constitutional (as you have thought)
it) old age and infirmity will have to
come with its wither'd hand, before taking way to you - and then dear Susan
it will overcome you - and I feel that will sooner - if she has time and let me
if you will exert yourself and keep hear from you very particularly - if
your elasticity of spirit up - that our not Miss Shelly or any one - will have
heavenly Father will bless you ever our gratitude for the trouble -
time - and spare you, yet many years but my dear Virginia - I will not
longer - to your dear family, and may believe that your illness will turn
loving friends - myself and my daug. mate as Mrs Young tells me you ap-
pears claiming that title in your affection her friend - surely you that have
both Virginia and Ballie were much so many things to live for - and so
affected at the news of your illness much capacity to enjoy life - will
and insisted that I should go up not be called to ~~separate~~ many of
and see you - but it is at all times ~~us~~ - that have so much left to make
any difference for me to leave ~~us~~ dear to our friends - nor are neither
friends and I know that - You will be useful now so charming in society

Yet I know - that all these things
will not always stop the destroying
Angel - And that the brightest and
~~that~~ most fitted for enjoyment here
are often removed to a higher and
better home, eternal in the heavens -
where there will be no more sick-
ness nor sorrow - nor parting - and
O my friend & should we never meet
again in this world - God grant that
we may meet there - we both have
tender ties there - we have both been
familiar with sorrow - here, shall
we not reap the fruition of joy there
through the atonement he delineated
and purified for immortal life -

but I hope ere this reaches you that
you will be much better - and
that when I hear from you - our

soon now shall be changed to glad
ness - will not your Brother Wil-
liam or some one - drop me a line
when you receive this to tell how
you are - we will be so anxious
to hear - - If I can - I will come
up the last of the week and stay
all night at any rate -

No news lately from Mrs Bur-
man or Cousin Juliet - suppose them
deep sorrow for poor Lucy - will not
even our sympathy - we have all
written but have not received a line
since the letter from Johns wife
announcing Lucy's death - the circumsta-
ces were very painful - but I will not
pain you with a recital of them - she
was a noble hearted girl - but un-
fortunately married to a dissipated
man - such is life - fare well my dear
friend for the present - very affec-
tively
Mary V. Jackson

Harrisonburg, Virginia
Ape 28th 1859

Mrs Virginia Brockmeyer
Daughter by
My dear Madam

- Yours of the 10th instant
written by your friend Warren Bigby, and inclos-
ing check for \$100 recd. Since my letter to you of the
31st of January last, I have discovered an older and
more serious claim than the one of Mr. Moss. For the taxes
of 1852, the land was sold and bought by one James Hart.
You may remember the synopsis of a decision of our
Supreme Court which I sent you in my first letter.
It was in the celebrated case of "Hart vs. Sharps". Hart
had bought Sharps' land for taxes - and he succeeded
in holding the land under his purchase. It is the
same Hart who has the claim upon your land
for the taxes of 1852. He is a desperate litigant -
his success in holding lands hitherto bought for taxes
has made him confident, and I am afraid
that we will have trouble with him. I have not
yet been able to see him. When I do I will see
what his chances are to compromise with him
and all answer good. As I stated in my first letter
Moss' claim can be compromised for \$50 - which
I would advise. From the investigation I have
made, I feel confident that the only other inc-
umbrance upon the land is that of Hart.

Most Respectfully

Wm. C. Scott

J. P. Latta

Thos and
it with a plus
I meet often
and we watch
the household
affairs

Miss Black
May 21st
60/100

Succ House Somville
Wednesday Mid night

May 21st 1817

My dear Sarah

I recd your
notes to dry and delivered your
message of Kindness & love to Mrs.
and your dearest aunt who still
lingers in the midst of a host
of admiring & loving friends & relatives.
She has suffered more real
pain in the last week than during
all the rest of her sickness from
the congestion in her ~~left~~^{left} lung
from a very small portion of which
she is now breathing her limbs have
been punctured for the last week
and have drained off an immense
quantity of water, still it has and

is regularly increasing, she is now compelled to sit in an erect position & can only get little naps of sleep by resting her head on the body or in the hand of an attendant - Her only diet a little milk punch in fact she is kept alive by stimulants - a few more days will certainly end her earthly career and remove her from the tortures of her bilious old husband the diabolus of whose conduct has thrown society here into commotion - I cannot decide to you the agonies thro which I have passed in listening for the first time to a recital by my sister of the fierce bitter treatment which this fiend old hypocrite has been torturing

ing, she is now
an erect fair
little major
is head over the
I am about
little milk fresh
it alone by
a more days
earthly career
from the
high old habans
whose cond
society here
I cannot decide
in this which
in listening
to a recital
such like
The piano
has been torturing

her with - certainly tell cannot
hold his match, but as I have
told him if there was room there
for another like him to get ready
to occupy it. Your Aunt Thompson
& Wallace are here - Your Aunt
Wallace while more prudent
is equally independent with myself.
Your Aunt Thompson has been
but little here. I have not
heard her speak but I think
the old Devil is making desper-
ate efforts to secure her friendship
& neutrally, he has secured
my private public denunciation
and execrations from three
times to call the police to pro-
tect him against my vengeance
gushly saying I take protection
his life - Charity can only

with his abominations and
horrible conduct with a plea
of insanity - But I meant else
May a kind Providence watch
over & protect your Household

~~John W. H. Jr.~~

John H. Jr.

May 21. 1859

wish one to be brought in
in any possible way.
London Mary is quite
well - the rest of the family
ill - in the morning I am
down to see them
~~as you will~~
off for Walter's home
& I put more time to
try to get you some
~~book~~ ~~books~~ ~~books~~ ~~books~~ ~~books~~
sends many regards to your delightful wife - Alfred
& so would their little wife perfectly well & as
affly if he could - Mrs. Neary as an invalid the
children for me & wife
as soon as you can
God bless you my precious
Mother - Dearly yours
J. P. J.

My precious Mother,

Battie has just arrived, bring
me your dear little notes
I reached home after
dark, too late and
upon the whole ~~had~~ a
delightful ride - Alfred
& so would their little wife perfectly well & as
affly if he could - Mrs. Neary as an invalid the
children for me & wife
as soon as you can
and Betty & Billie very
God bless you my precious
Mother - Dearly yours
J. P. J.

53 x 32

to be a sensible
illustrations or mon-

53 x 32
the world over is
and coming - we
have ended and
our love to you
you may need
to read books
and sell them
we are in a hurry
and I hope you
will receive

- Mr Grisby had just
been sent for when I
arrived, to have the
minister put away
and more than half
try to find his pocket book been in a humor
try & myself quietly done his, said he
sat in the ship Thompson & quick
he is very well & in spirit says that don't
find spirits as usual. I has refused to
say that Uncle Nut back till made they
did not come over from mill. Sharowee
says if he desires it I'll go to Moijan
he will go over by my chance. Don't you
want for him to what I have written
about Thompson for Mr Grisby first
& at Brad Hatch and something awful will
end most disgraceful soon & doesn't

Please don't if you
haven't time to do it.
I say you must
have seen some
news about me &
my case in the
newspaper. If you
haven't time to do it
I say you must
have seen some

You apply

to all - kiss the children for me -

Affectionately
John Dyer

My dear Mother,

It is Christmas day & I would have celebrated it by attending church had the Rockaway been at home - but as it is I am compelled to derive pleasure within doors reading, writing and babies are all inexhaustible sources of enjoyment & upon the whole I feel quite contented - notwithstanding I ~~play~~ ^{read} Friday night and am just beginning to have a most comfortable feeling it is too - I fear Mr. Goggin suffered exceedingly going over for it was a wretched day - so cold & windy that I dreaded a breath of air blowing upon me - Alfred has taken fresh cold and seems very unwell again - but I have concluded to have him well wrapped up and taken into the fresh air.

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for a little while - Adaline went home to have
friday and dear little Sue is doing very
well indeed. Biddie kind & attentive to her
the children - Alton & his wife have
just been in to implore me in Mo.
to "signify" absence of my third child
(a boy fourteen) who is to be sent to the
Lyceum - with a drove of negroes
- they say they have had twelve children
and have only one living with them
- the others all sold & sent off to differ-
ent parts of the country - Oh what
a wicked institution and I very much have seen
afraid that we will all have to stand
to answer for at the bar of God -

Independent of the subject we hold
them in they are the cause - directly &
indirectly of too - thirds the sins we commit
and if I could myself there is no sum
within my means that I would not give

Adaline went home
she is doing very
well & attending to her
& his wife here
one in Mo.,
by their child,
to be sent to the
wives of negroes
& mulatto children
living with them
sent off to differ-
ent - the what
I have no time
bar of God -
Violin we hold
use - directly to
the sins we commit
There is no room
I would not give

to have the poor creatures emancipated
& sent back to their own native soil
where they are at least held accountable
for their own actions to say nothing of
the "freedom" they would enjoy which
we Americans boast of as being the gre-
atest of all earthly blessings. A great num-
ber of persons who own slaves are conscientious
& endeavor to do their duty by them - still it
is extremely difficult to say what is our duty
- for we all choose to have a mind of our
own upon the subject - for instance, I
have several servants that I am not
by any means satisfied with - and don't
wish to keep about one - but they are middle
aged women who have never been much
hired & are consequently violently op-
posed to quitting their old home - indeed
they came to me yesterday & begged &
implored me in such a way not

hio them, that I am now in trifled
severed that I have often been in before
& that is to determine what is my duty in
the case - If I keep them they will stay
me in an everlasting pest, and yet if
they are hired out I am very sure I and
I can feel as if I had done my duty in
removing them from their children - but
bands & without their consent as of the
two evils I am inclined to think that it is
better for they seemed to be sharp mediation
for the happiness of three or four poor
dependent creatures to be in a pleasure
destroyed - Nannie Taylor came
up yesterday with Cousin Mary Ann
to see me for the last time - they re-
nally leave tomorrow afternoon
and Mr. Griswold for one & till him I will
meet him at our front gate between
4 & 5 p.m. on Tuesday afternoon - It is
insufferably lonesome & so cold that I
will keep warm - I hope not to be
too lonesome very long - By love

My dear Mother

Tuesday Morning

I would have written to you yesterday but felt so unwell all day that I could not rouse myself up to go to dinner - Indeed I can't say that I have been as well since you left - for I have taken some cold and suffered greatly with a pain in my back & shoulder - I find that the slightest exposure is very injurious to me & fatigue really makes me sick - so I have determined not to try my strength & hardiness again - Mr Grisby saw Doctor Bowline on Saturday & he prescribes rice again surely I will not need any more medicine after this narration, the longest day of life - We had such beautiful weather last week that I was tempted to walk into the garden - once or twice thinking I would be benefitted by the fresh air & exercise but attribute the increased swelling in my legs to exposure & over-exertion - I think however if the sores would heal over that the swelling would at once diminish & in all probability disappear entirely - Mr Grisby has promised to let me to the springs as soon as the weather becomes warmer - which will be the latter part of this month -

I wrote to you that Mr Grisby had heard of his negroes stealing the corn & riding the horses -

He thinks that fifty or sixty dollars worth of corn have been taken & the horses look as if they had been chased down by a pack of wolves - Yesterday he had the negroes all called up and was unable to find out any thing very positive in regard to the corn though the suspicion rested upon George who acknowledged with Richard to have made his words repeated - the young boys were all punished & the older ones, having been promised the same unless they acknowledged or found out who was the thief - very escaped in consequence of my entreaties on their behalf - What miserable creatures they are - for reasoning seems to make no impression upon them & I believe that they would often rather die at the whipping post than a knowledge the truth - What a life it is - and I dread the continuation of it - till sometimes I feel as if my salvation depended - on making a change for the better, and surely we have lost white servants so completely in our power as are these poor degraded, unambitious creatures -

The boxes came safely Saturday morning -

Miss containing the cloak which is very handsome & exceedingly beautiful - Cousin Mary Ann was the aquerotype of her Missouri beau, Mr Holloman -

Don't you think it would be well for me to divide upon the matting & write to Aunt Wallace

I am here
and been
yesterday
and now
in regard
upon George
how well
all finished
to same unless
is the thief
states or
they are for
upon them
to do at the
the truth -
intention of
depended -
I am surely
totally in our
ambitious
Tuesday evening -
handsome
Ann was
from Holloman -
for me to
not balance

to send it up by the cars to Lexington! Trotter is get-
ting on better with the fresh & the plastered will be-
gin his work in a few days - Mr. Grisby got a
pew on Saturday, paying sixty dollars more & thirty
dollars annually - Jennie is doing very well
in the kitchen - gets through breakfast by nine & stays
with her children till dinner, when she eats whatever din-
ner without any difficulty by no
again at half-past two & Anna
comes to get supper - but for her
she would
be invaluable to me - so quick, sprightly & quiet -

Uncle Evans family all well except Linda who
seems low-spirited on account of her condition -
Dr. Morris says he has done all that he can
for her & she is now thinking of going to Louisville
see Miller who is said to be successful in such cases

John & Mary have had as was predicted, an
awful blow-up. Mary sorrowing solemnly that she
will not go to Texas and he telling his father that he
does not wish her to go & does not intend to ask her -
though he will take the children & the car - stay
at her Father's - What an end for Mam & so old
to come to -

Cousin Mary Ann says little &
was playing with the keys this morning & says that you
will send her some play things or a win, just to the
one - Alfred & Sue send many kisses to you &

Dear little Aunt & Uncle - We'll soon be agt. so
impatient to hear from you - Mr. Gray is having
potatoes planted this morning - and I am reading
down upon fruit trees &c - Whenever you write daughter
S. O. Gray

you
heartedly -
res, having
led gel or
leaving town
Went to
Moss Bay - Bechtling
- good
- good
- good
- good

My dear Brother,

The excitement caused by the search for your letter in addition to the real anguish that I have suffered in consequence of Mr. Red Huges spending the day in my room trying for you with in all probability make me sick for I am perfectly wild and my heart beats so fast I can scarcely write.

The letter has been found just as Mr. Grisby sends it just in Aunt Mary's envelope and in the bottom drawer of my bureau where I had put a package of old paper letters &c without my remembering it tho' I recollect her asking me if she should burn up the letters that were on my table and my telling her certainly not never to burn letters but bundle them up and put them in the mess — I send the boy Hutes

and hope nothing very serious will
result from my telling you what Little
said - Well this is sold to Mr. Red
Bangles and if everyone who sells a negro
feels as I do, just now God forbid that
they or would have it in their power
ever to do the same - Indeed it is my ear-
nest prayer that I may have as greater
sin to answer for - but enough I
cant write - Devotedly

Wm. Daughler

Mary Brandy ^{has} sent to
Dr. Chevalier
the beautiful presents you
have sent us. It is pleasant
indeed to be so affectionately
remembered by one other.
I almost wrote before & who
very much wanted to do so too
hurriedly & writing from Bay State
& also all for the sake
of him, who I consider in the
light of a Friend to Mr.
He writes with me in a
sweet voice to you & beseeches
me always continue to be

Dr. L. M.

Saturday night

I got all three letters this evening -
came down to town to meet Mr. G.
he hasn't come - I must go back

By ~~formal~~ ^{formal} I can
but I have ~~to~~ by ^{to} miss get -
chance to send to things are
tomorrow - Do you stay + let
Mr. G. stay a while - but
send Betty + her home - etc -

My precious Mother,

I have receiv-

ed several notes from you
& one last evening by the
luminous case one feel so
grateful to learn that you the
dear, dear children are getting
along well & comfortably. Alice
& Virginia have improved very
much - especially the latter she
has a better appetite and seems
stronger - I wish I could get her
up every morning to walk & to
drink hot water before breakfast
~~for~~ She always feels better after
we succeed in getting her to do
it - I have not been quite
so well myself for several

days. My cough annoying a good deal through the day & keeping me awake two thirds of the night. I rested better however last night than I have since Tuesday — otherwise I am feeling better much less head-ache and ankles stronger & less swollen. I look for Mrs. Grisby to night would not be here for my consideration without a carriage. The family are exceedingly kind & attentive. Mrs. Baldwin reminds me constantly of Mary Bradford — manners consider- tion & appearance strikingly alike — A widow & children arrived from the South — we know nothing here but I don't know them — I got low spirited some time last summer all the time to keep off the Blues — Miss the dear children —

again & again — and tell Sarah & I is bound not to let any thing happen to either of the dear little creatures. My love to Mrs. Green & tell her not to leave & please make Sarah get Mrs. Grisby's suit of blue linen and new pants that I gave her to make the new white linen coat — the diaper sack she had sent out for Alfred & the piece of diaper which was left in the top of the high chair — I don't wish Sarah to make the sack — send us it is — Send the above things if you please & my new brown snapshot with a nice sack to outfit by the first opportunity. Tell Sarah to tie his ^{old} sun bonnet on her & not let her be without it — Betty would like her mother to find her light calico dress & a collar —

as he appears better - trappified and
more cheerful I will insist on their
coming out - Until by Anthony

I suppose Mr. Griswold will
be at the Doctors office by
10 o'clock - Dearly
^{My daughter}

My precious mother,

I reached here
a few minutes ago & felt disapp-
ointed to hear that Jacob had
returned - I send Anthony however
who will be there to start by day-
break with the wagon -

Mr Griswold has been better to-day
Cousin Mary Ann came up and
has cheered him up - besides
Dr Beoley & Green Tracy have
called & sat an hour or so - I
ride home with Cousin Mary
Ann & returned via Mountain -
feel rather better but am obliged
to lie ~~too~~ tightly for comfort - indeed
I would feel always well if I could
lie without food - but my digestive
organs are very much out of
order & I am a victim to Dyspepsia.
Mr Griswold seems to think a little

of riding into town in the morning
but prefers going alone and
returning immediately - indeed I have
never seen Mr. Gaylord so indisposed
to being with company or strangers -
and he is more anxious & low-spirited
than ever. I have even dreamed
him since our marriage - the
smallest circumstance affecting
affects him - so that I not only
have the inclination but think it
my duty to say & do as little as
possible that would be calcu-
lated to increase such a
nervous condition - Let my hand
& money come out if you please
& as soon as Mr. Gaylord is much
better I will go in & say some talk
with you - but in the mean
I cannot do anything that seems
disagreeable to my dear good
husband who has worked over
& made so many sacrifices for
me - that I can never return the
obligation which I feel so sensibly
as for Auctions - I think I must try
and do without any thing more

for some time - for really it is my
candid opinion that Mr. Gaylord's busi-
ness is worrying & harassing him
very much - he is considerably
in debt - makes but little and
doesn't wish to sacrifice valuable
property - I wish you would
make up your mind to
sell out his interest in Chicago
for he would be one of the hap-
piest men living but for that
speculation which I feel
confident is troubling his peace
of mind - Mr. Gaylord says
Card is only selling for eleven & a
half in Louisville so that I would
stand no chance of getting a high
or as high a price in Lexington
I will send it into town however
if you think best -
I would like to have Mr. Bell and the
Youngs open a long day with me -
but cannot insist upon their coming
just now for Mr. Gaylord seems rather
to avoid company - so soon however

My dear Mother,

I am just able
to write you a few lines - for I have
really been quite unwell since you
left this morning. My cold has
affected my chest and abdomen
both very sore - and the latter pain-
ful - when there is the least pressure
upon it. I feel a little relieved
having had the wet cloths upon
my abdomen all day -

Thank you - I do mind as to Let
Pretty select these patterns of good
white calico for me at Welchies -
2 yds of each and small figures
pretty for Jessie's dresses 6 yds
of fine bleached cotton 12 of brown
upturn linens & I hope and pray
you may be able to get back
on Wednesday - for I miss you more
than tongue can tell - cordially
J. P. G.

My dear Mother

We are going to Bullwood to dine and Cousin Mary Anne insists upon your joining us there if possible - I told her however that I was sure you would not have it in your power to come - being so much engaged - I would be most ready to have you with me for a day and night at least before you return home - Do be ready to come out with me tomorrow.

Ask Uncle Isaac if you please to tell Walker where he can find the eggs - I send you a very nice pair of cold mutton that perhaps Cousin Arthert will relish - There was so little cut off it that you must make no exceptions to my sending it - W. A. G.

Simply inquire if you please
me the price of good strong and
good table wine - Mr. Gandy
& son's in Mary Ann send
much love to you and the
fabrics many kisses - &
best & love to all - I remain
forever Your affectionate daughter

Mrs. Dugdale
11/11/11

Dearest Cousin

I am now written to you how
well she is - she has been down twice &
gets down pretty well, but a little trouble
get back & don't let what they
have to see her down and more to see
her god, man been to you and to her poor father
and little children you would like to
see little Judy grow - Uncle George has
had a cold & a bad cold we
ask you for a comfort and good luck
and health from old man, he has been
ill - Well again if you please send
them back by Billie, this I put up
with your things, it is yours the
lining of an old dress I hope you
have received it very well and that
you will take care of yourself. You
dear little Dickie & the boys we
all missed you very much.

Fondly yours

I forgot my dear Mother to
mention two or three small
articles in my last letter, which
I wanted Billie to bring over
& write principally to do the
other favor of you to send them
with the other things - I have no
news at all to write, except that
we are looking for Letitia
Prince, having received a letter
yesterday in which she men-
tions her intention to return
home with her Father and come
on to see me for a few days.
My health continues as it was
when I last wrote. No more
weight and my eyes more swollen
than they have been at any time.

during my illness - the swelling seems to subside pretty much at night but they are really painful from about ten o'clock in the morning which is an hour after I begin to sit up - we can't imagine the cause of it, though Father supposed it is owing principally to my lips being swelled which Mr. Grisley objects to - but I tell him they will never cease to swell unless I wash them more - So this morning whilst he was out I made Sarah drag me down the steps before they had commenced swelling - I did not remain but a few minutes but felt refreshed I assure you by the change. What think you of it? - Our precious little Alfred has been quite well, brooks quite disordered

, high fever and extremely restless at night - indeed we have scarcely closed our eyes for the last two nights - It is his feet I am sure for his are very much swollen & he has his fingers constantly in his mouth - Sue Hillyer is quite well - Will you send word if you please to Biddie ~~that~~ I will certainly expect her home on Saturday - Cousin Mary Anne & Baby say that I am very much in need of a chamber & one can not possibly be had in Dunc so if you can send one by the stage - do so - I would like to have a few of those little ten cent handkerchiefs for common use for the baby - Two skins of white silk exactly the size of the sample I send - and one like the blue-

Sunday Evening

My precious Mother.

You can't imagine how
anxious I have been all morning - no
letters last night and not a syllable
since Mrs. Gandy came over a week since.
Has anything occurred to cause your
silence or have you been expecting per-
day to day to come over? I wrote you last
Tuesday thinking Radcliffe would deliver
you the note on the following day - but
Becky didn't come so you have ~~not had~~
~~from me either~~ - I wrote this noon - late
last evening hoping to hear from you
but was ~~disappoint~~ ^{disappointed} - found Mary
still more unwell - suffering extremely
with her hands and of course very much
prostrated - She is a poor miserable looking
object and if we can judge at all from
appearances in her - a case I would

say that she could not recover - Rachel is now perfectly faithful to the sufficing creature love and kept constantly employed - Dr. Park's power has forbidden the washing of Mary's & Will's linen clothes fearing their unhealthy course. I am glad but Rachel persists in doing it finding it difficult to get enough old linen - I have sent her several chemises and if you can find any, do bring it with you - My dear husband had been very small since he returned home and is complaining a good deal this morning. He weighed yesterday and has lost 14 lbs in the last two weeks - he has declined going to New York but as soon as he feels better will go to Virginia to spend several months. I am becoming more impatient to see you and the dear children and hope you will be over very soon - Love to Mary

over - Rachel is now is very well and she do's mind
- suffering creature love to you - Do write and let me
know particularly how your Uncle
John J. Wardill is and how the difficulty has
terminated. May we meet soon by
your Mother is my earnest prayer

J. H. Daughler

I to get enough
of her several -
can find any.

My dear husband
since he returned
yesterday and
at two weeks
to New York
feels better and
and several friends
patient to see you
and tell you
— Lizzie Mary

May dear Mother,

M^r Grisby is going in this morning to hear
our cousin Maggie speak. I feel much improved
since you were out & think I will be able to ride in
to see you in a few days. I will send Anthony to
Piney this before dinner that he may have your eggs
to take to town this afternoon. I will be obliged to you
to remind Betty to get me 1 yd of elastic, the piece of
black bustle and 10 yds of the brown liner if she can
find it. Send Virginia's silk dress with trimmings
so I will have it made as nicely as possible.
⁵³ If I don't get in soon you must come out

whenever you can - You must let me know what
you wish done for your party and it will
give me infinite pleasure to assist you -
Sarah can make the salad & ice cream and if you
wish her to make any of the cakes a sponge &
lady who she & Jenny together can make the
day before you want them - as they will be
perfectly fresh - Write me by Mr. Gribey - All pretty
well -

Sincerely

Your Daughter

Will - We see that Sam Shelly &
old Mrs Brum are both dead.
I'm hast - Miss the dear chil-
dren for me - Most sincerely
J.R.C.

You can get any quantity of
eggs if you want them

Sunday evening

My dear Brother,

As yesterday was Sun-
day I did not make out my memo-
randum for you but will enclose
it to-day as I would like the
things to be sent by Biddie if you
can get them - Will you be so
kind as to look in the box which
contains my leather bonnet and
send me the little blue silk bon-
net which is also there - and
Mr Mrs Chishard in my name for
the handsomest hairing patterns
he can get - If you can find any
fine cloth of good quality but not
at all expensive that would answer
for a kind of common coat for Mr
Griffy will you get what the Merchant
x w^t Trunks would be sufficient
for a frost coat - I intend to try

Sure upon a back coat as she
has succeeded so well with the few
tattoos - send - see if Mrs Mont-
mullen would like to have Vixy and
Bonaparte - Vixy for fifty but
sixty if you can get it - and
Bonaparte for what you think
him worth - How many
pieces of silver do you think
I ought to have to my service
I intend to write to Miss Lewis &
ask your taste & advise in
regard to the purchase - My pictures
admire exceedingly and would like
all my silver alike, but if you think
differently, that it would be hand-
some and more durable per-
haps plain I will act according-
ly! Send me the essences
if they are to be had, such as
Vanilla, Lemon, Orange, Rose
&c. in large quantities.

I want a handsome little m-
antle to throw around the baby

when she is carried from one
room to another and think a
square of buff French lace -
lined with white silk and bai-
ded with the white silk braid or
of the same color, would be the pre-
ttiest thing I could get so you may
send what is necessary to make
it - Send me three yds of the neatest
and handsomest cambric meeting
& one & a half yds of edging to suit
for the trimming of a baby dress -
Some nutmeg and cinnamon -
I am very much afraid dear
Mother that you will be worried
in getting all these little things -
and I really would not ask
such obtrusive favors of
you - but that you have his-
ticed upon attending to such
commissions for me time after time -
now Mary Ann says Charlotte got you
six pounds of butter & ten dozen eggs -
Cousins Mad - Mrs Grisby Alfred &
the baby send many Kisses to you
and I join in with them with a hearty nod

Dear dear Mother,

I thought you would have heard from us early this morning but the young men concluded to return to Danville after the dance last night & there has been no opportunity since. I suppose however that the sight of my dear good husband will be more gratifying than the reception of a letter - I know too that he will give you good advise tho' he admits himself that it is difficult to say what you come ought to do - under present circumstances. I will refrain from saying any thing about the Lexington letter for my position is an even with one end - I cannot stop - myself even - to express an opinion - I can venture to say however that it is fortunate for my family that I am a woman - certainly if I were a man there are some people

who would not have enjoyed
the use of his good legs up to
this time - You will be happy
to learn from my husband dear
brother that I have not had a
coughing spell since I came here
& but one short & slight attack,
of wheezing - What a change -
is not it? Your little Susie does not
seem well - is very fretful - but the
stay here will benefit her & I am
sure and overlost her spells - Fannie
is not well to day & I am confident
from what she has told me that
that she is pregnant now three
months - If you want the brocade
& Mr. Griggs bring the canvass
Brooke Andrew put up his suit
of brown cloth - Send anything
if you please in the carpet-bag
This is the precious children you send
& tell Alfred to be a good boy -
Units by Mr. Griggs - Dutifully
Yr daughter -

Friay morning-

My precious Mother,

The doctor

requested me to write you a few lines last night but I was really too unwell - having continued quite sick since you left - my cough among other things much - Dear Aunt is much relieved this morning - had a comfortable night - health far better than it has been since I reached here and countenance and voice much stronger and more natural - Doctor Carter says you may now hope a little for her recovery - He has every thing earthly done to alleviate her sufferings and if the medicines continue to act well - must recover - I was unable to return home yesterday - will go

to Lexington to-day & on to Danville
to-morrow. One of my horses is so
 lame that I can't use him and
 have had to hire one from the
 Livery Stable - Cousin John
& Lizzie Rawling both wrote
 me by Wednesday^o mail and
 I fell happy to know that
 my precious little ones were
 then as well and contented.
 I trust you found Virginia
 perfectly well - Farewell.

J. A. Bent's Daughter

Well my dear Mother,

Cousin Mary Ann
has just left me and I can assure you
I feel lonely; and to add to my pain
a dreadful rising is forming upon the
end of my third or ring finger which
has caused me as much acute suffering
as I have ever experienced. Indeed I can
truthfully say that I have not slept
over an hour all together for the
two last nights. It is unfortunate that
I did not take my ring off before
the finger became so swollen —

Mrs Anderson left me Thursday,
joining her viage friend Miss Brundage
and going on to Louisville Saturday
 morning she seemed distressed to
 leave the dear babe but beyond that
 was delighted with the prospect of

quitting Kentucky and going into a free ^{for} state - she has had so many trials that worn I think she has become hardened and if I do doesn't seem to appreciate or care for sleep the sympathies of others performs her her duties solely from mercenary motives not & would engage to perform any kind of service for increased wages. All that and is very proper - but she has not the right a girl after accepting an offer and knowing previously what would be her employment child - to speak disapprovingly of the engagements made of her - the only designed and remaining with me till the weather be - then came cool enough for her to take to the ^{of} Freddy with her to New York. ^{probably}
I have had the muley cleaned up - the ^{the} and stored in there by & baggage is now & find it so much more comfortable ^{is now} that I feel very much inclined to give

going into a free house the ceiling plastered and the
many hills that were fitted up for my own use &
hardened and if I should get a house she could
live or care for sleep in the little room which I always
perform her having added to the bath room being
civery motes into the nursery - I see it is important
in any house that I should be near with my dear little
ones all that and what I now wish is simply to get
her has not the right a girl who can nurse the babe then
and know of
the day & wash & dress the older
she be her employ children - for I intend having them
early of the year hereafter as much as possible with me
be only designed and will commence teaching and nursing
all the weather be them myself - I have fewrie attending
her to take to the children & nursery and does all
in York
Habily & much more clearly & systematic-
ally cleaned up the than regres in general - since
baggage is much improved and her throat
the comfortable fever from suddenly than it has been
to mind to for a year - I look for Miss

tomorrow or next day and will feel
happy when he gets back -
I am trying to have something
done with the peaches but they are
nowhere near ripe & trifly -
I will attend to your wishes &
thought I would take the liberty
of sending for Brackel to come
& assist in paring & some drying
for you (as I am known one
woman) The plums by now
are turned - No news of my
brother by ten or fifteen
days - My finger aches so that
I must have a fresh poultice
to good night my dear precious
Mother My devoted
Sunday night Daughter

Mr. Griswold is very unwell - has been lying down all day

My dear dear Mother,

I am suffering so much with my ear that I scarcely know whether I can wait even a short while. I don't know the cause but the pain is agonizing far worse than ear-ache and I am perfectly deaf in that ear - this spell or great change has been coming for three days & to-day is almost insupportable. Do ask the Doctor what it is & if he doesn't think I had better have the bug gotten out by some means or other.

A great week here - persons being turned off every hour. No one that I know or care for particularly. My relations very kind & agreeable. The Humphreys would get rooms so I suppose they

will not be up for some time - very, very lonely. Any dear brother
be so kind as to send the enclosed and I do wish we were with you
now to Mrs Graves. it is from Drayton but as I am improving so rapidly
I will enclose a letter from you ~~that~~ your patience will hold
in the morning. feel anxious to hear ~~out~~ till the middle of next week
how you all are - Aunt Maria when we will be at home - I think
she has been here & seems particularly ~~of~~ you day & night & sometimes
desires that I should use her ~~to~~ become desperate - for I don't
feel with my precious letters take ~~know~~ what time will disclose -
who must be small in the extreme. The invitation came to Mr. Griggs
as I hear the only weight nine & myself & I assume if it had
pounds - she weighed eleven & been directed to me I would
a half at her birth and clothing have returned it immediately. Happy
was exactly half a pound ^{the family} to excuse me now to
still left her seven - so you see ^{her} she is only & less heavier than
when she was born - what can be the cause of it - and
what does Dr. Jones say for
she knows a great deal about
babies - You must be giving

My dear Mother

I was quite unwell yesterday suffering with my back &c but feel relieved this morning to find considerable sign of my sickness. I will drink freely of the warm spring & make out tea & hope by night to be much better. The cottages, house and all are crowded. Persons turned off yesterday & last night. No particular acquaintances but some relations. Mary Lush, husband & brothers John, Josephine & Florence, Catherine Anderson &c.

Mrs Perle a very nice lady and the girls left yesterday. I liked them exceedingly. Mr Langley is not well this morning. Davis doing much better and deriving benefit from the waters which she drinks freely. I trust you are well and that my precious little babies are growing & doing well. I long to get back and send you dear checks for I am far from being where away from you - and still

so much at home that I can scarcely
enjoy anything - Certainly this
water air &c agrees with me - I sleep
well enough but ~~but~~ and rest well
through the day - Mr. Grisby lets me do
according to my feelings - sometimes I
go to breakfast but generally eat late
and eat in my room - Then dress & take
a long walk - I have no need to
visit dear mother and as Henry's car
is waiting on me, will close begging
you to take care of yourself & all our
dear little ones - Cant you send Maria
here - I would dearly to have her with
me & am half sorry that Mr. Grisby has
been up with them - If you hear of any
one coming up do send him, she will be
pretty unifilled by now - a few days
ago, if this water rises all the dear little
ones for me - Wednesday morning 6 o'clock

Sincerely

To my daughter

My dear Mother,

I have almost dragged

myself out of bed to write you a few lines
to be sent to the Office this afternoon.
We find it does not answer to send our
letters to town to be mailed before the stage
leaves at 6^o in the morning for if the post
bag is tardy ten or fifteen minutes, then
the doesn't go till the following day -
I am so brave, stiff and sore that
I really have not the courage to get up
and dress but am doctoring myself pretty
severely that you may not be disapp-
pointed in getting off to Cleveland the middle
of next week. I wrote to Becky about the
girl and will expect her to be at your
house in Lexington next Wednesday
when I will go over with Alfred alone
in the stage - leaving Mr. Gregory & Sarah
to take care of dear little Lucia who Alfred
having nothing else to do, torments to death.

If you can find another basket like
your dark straw one will you be so kind
as to get it for me & have it lined full
with thin silk. If you wish we can leave
Lex Thursday morning & be in Cleveland the following
day. Write me your plans by Monday & mail for I must start -
33 x 32
Dorothy G. Chapman

My dear Brother, I have an
opportunity of writing you
as soon this morning and have
to write before riding - I am
not quite so well - cough
more since Wednesday night
& feel very much oppressed.
Have felt no disagreeable
sensation as yet and don't
much think the water will
benefit my cough unless
a change can be produ-
ced - I trust for Mr. Leigh
this evening have not heard
from him since I came here
- Miss my precious children
you me - I should prefer

going home Monday - this
I am comfortable here and
Mrs Caldwell kind & attentive.
She is exceedingly like Mary
Warfield in very particular
ways. I wish you would let
start so I must close
with a sincere prayer for
the health, comfort & happiness
of you & your & mine -

Dorothy

Your daughter

Amelia E. Tiff

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My dear, dear Mother,

I have been
looking for you - most anxiously for
three or four days but in vain - for
you have neither come or written -
I could scarcely believe you were in
danger, when you mentioned in your
last letter "that you did not know when
you would be over" - And you cer-
tainly don't intend to stay away from me
all summer for I am lost without you
society and can't go from home - with
my housefull of babies - I was in
town late last evening - Mrs - Becker
& found Mary considerably unwell -
her hands impeded and voice stronger
than it has been for some time -
Every thing is safe about your house &
yard & Uncle Isaac - as faithful to his

just as an old water-dog - Mr. Griswold
has been extremely unwell and looks worse
than I have seen him since our arrival there
age - has fallen off sixteen pounds
since the 27 of May ~~the~~ ^{brown} takes letters, and
seems to feel some like himself ^{this morning} than will you
he has done for some time what - I fear
weather is bad for invalids and such
as are predisposed to diseases -
I was so much relieved to hear that the
fire in Woodstock had been quieted
& trust Uncle Will will fit again for his
vacation here after - I send you news with
him a few days since and wanted
to postpone to hear of her death at my young
sonment - The ladies whom I saw as - Mr. G.
Red. Great particularly for you and often well ex-
cessed a wish that you would return to Andover
the summer - Cousin Mary Ann is still
very well and begins to look to guide to his

dog - Mr. Gandy respectfully
and looks well - need of sugar & coffee and provisions
since our man plants so high in Danville have tho'
mitteen pounds weight of sending to Lexington would you
take letters ^{brown} and be so good as to inquire what long
himself ^{this morning} will give for hats, laid, soap and butter
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need of sugar & coffee and provisions
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mitteen pounds weight of sending to Lexington would you
take letters ^{brown} and be so good as to inquire what long
himself ^{this morning} will give for hats, laid, soap and butter
I would like a pair of curtains for my
driving room of hand woven muslin
than that which I am using and
will be obliged to you to purchase one
piece as you think best - I will
write again by to-morrow's mail and
trust you will be here in a few
days bringing the dear children with
you & prepared to stay several weeks
Mr. Gandy & wife many kisses as
for you and you well as the dear children and Mrs.
would return - Dr. Anderson always had to be kinder
in every Ame is remembered to you - God bless and
to look to guide take care of your very precious mother

to the hourly prayer of my family devoted
Daughter

Sunday 5 o'clock

Filson Historical Society

Sunday night

My dear Mother, I am happy
to tell you that we are all
comparatively well to-night -
our little Alfred very much
improved since morning and
fast convalescent. Still we can
but feel uneasy as there is cholera
all around us - several families
have left the neighborhood (for
the summer) in consequence of
distress being on the adjoining
farms. Mr. Gough has post-
poned his trip indefinitely or
at least until the cholera abates
- I wish most earnestly that you
were here with us for I don't
know when I will be able
to leave the place - indeed I
shall expect you confidently

Filson History Society

Tuesday evening and hope you
will come prepared to stay as
long as you can conveniently.
I agreeably - After mentioning
the matter in one of my letters to
you last week I determined to
make Sarah try again; and
by hard pulling & stretching we
succeeded in putting it down
much better. Though it is still
crooked in places but is good
enough for this old cactice.
How do you think the little
blue mats would look if we
had three doors open'd up on
the gallery? Let Becky if
you please go to Long's and
get me 6 lbs of macaroni and
if he can find one any where
I would like to have a flat egg
whip. Mr. Griggs is going
to Dick's Orchard tomorrow

on business and will not return
till Tuesday or I would feel
inclined to meet you in town

Hoping to see you in a
day or two I will bid you farewell

Dearest
Daughter

If Ferguson has any very
handsome big-horn hats
the size of Jimmie's head I will
be much obliged to you
if you will select me one
& bring it over with you —

wrote or explain to Mr. Griswold.
Did you see the wall had
been painted in various colors. I thought this
colored. I thought first and
the painter as it was very
ugly and not at all fashion-
able he had better
not do something else like
you gave further direction.

You must know with
you moving from the weather
will soon be very cold
and I am afraid you
will suffer - a good deal
& too violent cold. —

Kiss the children for me
and do let Virginia come
back - with Mr. Griswold
and stay as long as you
can over & I will take

her in very particular care
to stay with her Da till after
Christmas - As we are bound to
start by

My dear Mother,

Mr. Griswold
will start in a few minutes
& I must hurry with my note.
I am looking this morning
for Hans the bell-hanger
from Lexington who Mr.?
Griswold met in town yester-
day if he has bells I will
have several more hung.

Mr. Griswold wants me to
have the grate in the
front taken out and
use it for the dining room
getting a handsome one
for that room but I
would prefer them plain

and having another one for
the end room - where
one grate is necessary for
the safety of the house -

My papering is very poor
and I am much obliged
to you for your trouble -

If you should be busy for any time will you
not at all like Mr. G. me - I am in no hurry -
when I would be glad Mr. Guyby has taken
me - to get me from the measure of your two
pair of the thickest white - but the parties seemed not
cotton stockings with elastic to understand what you meant
tops that would fit & nice by way colour - also the
or bonnie and as many bordering for your Japan
pair of the same thick kind he - did not understand whether
for Andie except two doyes you wished it cut above or
smaller - also two pair I have below - they are stoppers
for Alfred with moderately high creatures and I was afraid
soles - 2 pair for Andie ²⁴ to drink them - so you can

a French-china slip bowls
and the coffee-pot I wrote for
also a small pair of bronze
branches like those of Lelie
costing \$7 or \$7.50 - Don't
put yourself to any trouble
about these little articles

Me - I am in no hurry -
Mr. Guyby has taken
me - to get me from the measure of your two
pair of the thickest white - but the parties seemed not
cotton stockings with elastic to understand what you meant
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- pray
most - yours - off on your way
I am off - myself back &
will get you - and pray - you will
be home by noon - now - now

Friday evening

My dear Mother, I would have
written to you by to-day, had
not forgot it till so late
that I concluded not to send
to the Office. Many thanks to
Thomas reached - here - am
home as soon as after Mr. Gaithly
left and have paid our
a short but pleasant visit.
This went to Uncle Evans
to dinner and will remain
there till to-morrow when
they expect to return to bathe.
They both speak of you frequent-
ly and always with affection
etc. I have not been well
for several days and the dear
soldier seems to be suffering

Very much with colds -
I am beginning to want the
dining room grates badly &
must beg you to choose one - a plain one consider-
ably lower than your master's
grate - My parlor one is at
more than two feet too high
- I would really love to have
a grate in the end room &
more particularly since yes-
terday I smell something
burning whilst I was sitting
in the parlor - & upon going
the door found the rug,
carpet & floor - all burning -
indeed it is so dangerous here
without a fender - that
I wish you would send
me two grates instead of one
and then my mind will
be at ease - Will you

also be so kind as to send
me 6 yds of narrow sheer
select like sample and 4 yds
of black the same width -
also 1 bolt & a half of auth-
& gray select like sample -
I look for my dear
Husband to-morrow and
will feel lost if he does not
come - for I am not only
lonely but as much more
timid than I used to be but
I have scarcely slept since
he left - I trust you will
be once soon for we - will
then see each other very
or two - I have no news
to write - Little Jessie
is growing so strong now and
seems a - very sweet, little
of a girl - This my dear
Husband & the children for me
Dorothy W.S.

Wednesday evening

I was truly happy to hear from you yesterday my dear Mother but sadly distressed to find that you were suffering so much with your finger - how unfortunate and excessively painful I should think. for Mary Ann has scarcely been able to bear the weight of a visiting or her all winter - the hail is now coming off still it is sometimes very painful - Do guard against taking cold for that will increase the inflammation. I was relieved to hear that my dear husband & vicious little child were both so well - and had gone to Woodford to pay Uncle Nat a visit - which I feared Mr. Gay would not do if he became possessed for time having a good deal of business to attend to - I miss Alfred much more than I even thought I would - but am willing, as you wish it, for him to remain till you come over - unless he is teething - then I would prefer his return with his Papa as he suffers very much in cutting a tooth and I would be so anxious & uneasy about him - Last night I - three o'clock to my utter astonishment and distress - for I really care for the poor creature - Jennie gave birth to twins a boy & girl - very large children indeed and the very remarkably well - Betsy thinks she will have to quit the place & seems much mortified at the occurrence.

Sunday evening Davy came up to ask me to write to Brasher for him which I will do to-morrow - he sent

a great deal of love to her & said he would have written before but was expecting every week to go over - the fadim has been quite hard this winter & he does not know now whether he can get off for three or four weeks yet - His master John told me yesterday that he had never felt so much sympathy for two negroes as David & Rachel - for it seems that they are proverbially poor - Davy said to me - Miss Susan, I more white you privileged to think that we can get other wives & husbands - for that is not my principal. I went to other wife to see Rachel - for she is a good wife, mother & Christian - he was much agitated while talking with me and I don't know when I have been so affected - He had begged his master to sell him but I understand his friends buying Rachel & her children if possible both black & white about here - knowing them to be such excellent good negroes, are interested in their removal -

I am distressed to hear that Uncle will not be better do miss him for me & beg Uncle Nat to bring me over with you which I hope & pray will not be long - for I do want to see you so badly -

This far Grisly for me & tell him I feel better than I did for two or three days after he left and hope he will not hurry back on my account for it must be a grief to him to be away from me a while - I had become so peevish & fretful - my legs are not as much swollen and I have been rubbed often & bathed in salt water - As for my milk I have none at all and

then very much fear from my condition last week that fine
din is not the slightest hope of restoring it. I continue to
see little Sue either has a del, but she gets so angry
at the idea of being deceived. Her screams become
safering.

I sent to you yesterday for
some extra baby clothes for Jennie & also for Sarah
Brown. I could not get them - So I will ask the favor of
you to send me six yds of yellow flannel &
8 yds of cheap yellow cotton. Tell Biddie she
must do every thing to take the best care of Alfred &
be as particular as she knows I like her to be.
I miss the precious child for me - also Virginia & Jennie
and accept for yourself dear mother my affectionate love -
and earnest prayers for your happiness & health -

Devotedly

Your Daughter

I send the sack to Alfred's yellow dress -

such a long time and
have ruined our children
and ruined my affair
~~and~~ ~~and~~ ~~and~~ ~~and~~
or black to your dying
thoughts. I have
written the ~~short~~ Journal
as to Dickson and her
when she had got up are so much less opposed
time to come you will find than have been at any
other time. ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~
I must to ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~
it account. ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~
however the least opportunity that my brother
thought necessary for such a ~~very~~ ~~very~~ ~~very~~ ~~very~~ ~~very~~ ~~very~~ ~~very~~
a care - I sent the children
over mean ~~you~~ ~~you~~ ~~you~~ ~~you~~ ~~you~~ ~~you~~ ~~you~~
My dear Mother, I am
afraid Anthony will be too
late for Steam - free ~~the~~
is amongst the ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~
of ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~
I hope you will be well
and happy. ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~
D. Pauling disengaged
yesterday that my brother
was very much inflamed
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and full of small lamps over the doorway and the
Dear little Mary is better. I wish there had been friends
than she was. On Monday you will receive
~~the~~ ~~Frances~~ ~~and~~ ~~she~~ ~~was~~ ~~any~~ ~~better~~ ~~she~~ ~~had~~
complaining all the time while I am too ill for
- his hands you will see you to mention such
& the doctor says he ought to stand I will
entirely now - I am not the bad if you will say
imagine why it is that he ~~is~~ ~~not~~ ~~well~~ ~~now~~ ~~but~~ ~~that~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~
does not become him. ~~to~~ ~~you~~ ~~see~~ ~~me~~ ~~that~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~
the attack he had from ~~you~~ ~~see~~ ~~me~~ ~~that~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~
the community at time I ~~you~~ ~~see~~ ~~me~~ ~~that~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~
he really suffered a great deal ~~you~~ ~~see~~ ~~me~~ ~~that~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~
dearly the Dr. said
whole Thompson will ~~you~~ ~~see~~ ~~me~~ ~~that~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~
that I will be done
than obliged to her - for
I have never felt as

to & have all
the time -
revels - &
come many -
other - - -
in the house
and - - -

My precious Brother,

I have passed a wretched night and feel dreadfully sick now having taken three doses of calomel & senna through the night. Yesterday morning I just did escape a severe chill and was consequently much more unwell all day - suppose I must have taken ~~been~~ ^{much} cold in air as very much oppressed and wheezed so that I have not been able to sleep - perhaps I will be somewhat relieved when the medicine acts - though I cannot help feeling less-spirited for this still is lasting a long while & I am yet far from being well.

Dear little ^{Mary} is not at all well - a very bad cold - swelled hands and considerably lower - what helpless little creatures they are and so dependent on the tender watchfulness of a mother - I see but more now than ever that good health might be desired above all other earthly blessings - I am truly happy to hear that my dear boy is well and

~~hope he will not give you much trouble but~~
~~you must send him back wherever you~~
~~can find out - Miss Grisby is quite small~~
~~Her & her young brother Timothy are going in~~
~~to town - I am sending all my money~~
etc - Miss Alfred for me - Devotedly
y^r daughter -

the three Misses
Dawson

My dear Mother,

Saturday Evening I

I have just reached here.
Having some business to attend to I concluded
to come early and bring Walker for the stage.
but have read your note to Uncle Isaac and
will send him by the boat. Oh how happy
I am to hear that you will be over so
soon. And sincerely trust you will be settled
for a long time. I am more than
thankful to hear of the improvement in my
Dear Husband's health and think I shall
visit in his situation to the springs for tho'
the table was very indifferent he improves
rapidly. I must consult the Dr. this morning
for my friends have been in a bad con-
dition since Monday last and I have
used various remedies without relief —
the children are much better and if I
~~can't get Mrs. Rogers~~ (an excellent monthly
nurse) to stay and take care of them I will
go with Mr. English to the springs — I hope

for Sarah's folly is over, and feel disapp... some
visited that I will not see her ~~whether~~

I have had the carriage brought to the
round and you may say to Mr Gray's com-
that the crippled one is almost entirely re-
vall and without any exception the prettiest
garnet and most graceful animal to Dr.
I never saw - if he goes thoroughly
matched would be worth a thousand
dollars the pair - I have received (this even-
ning) an invitation to Miss Taylor's next even-
ing, but of course will not go - have heard of no
nothing of Sally's party - soon as to be - I
arrived the 10th of October - Aunt Sally's had a
ben - burked & crazy Kate Andre a
street mess - However if they are willing how
certainly I have not the right here to large
express an opinion - I am sending when
a boy of estates to Aunt and here - send
written to Waller to take it over at once as soon
there is fruit in it which may spoil - little
would it be disagreeable to you to all a

led disapp - send for Dissalato and charge him
further — particularly about Ballard. I wish him
to be brought to trial principally in the kitchen, tho' if
Mr. Griggsly come here has his objections to his waiting
entirely on the table and doing other things & ca-
using the kitchen smelly - but would rather give his time
earlier. Dissalato to have him taught in the
kitchen than to accuse him and have
him made a scullion. He is usually
seen in this a remarkably sprightly boy and seems
very fond of work & very anxious to learn to cook and
we heard of him that will make a fine servant
- is to be . I have just finished to cleaning up
and washed this morning for the house books mostly
are in & ready writing. I have engaged
to mill the grain (Mary Ann's ducks - fat &
then to large and the others small them in
one standing whenever you want them - smaller
& have service & very different but I think
at once as such is trying to see enough for your
opail - little use. There not seen Mary Ann
to you to all well - No news - will go & look up

your dearest friend - Miss my dear
Husband and tell him if he only knew
how I felt when he is away - that I am
confident he would change my home -
Farnell will see me next again - which
I hope will be in a day or two -

Dorothy
Mrs Campbell

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to present the basket to Cousin Letitia partly
in my name for I wish to make her a
present and that would be a nice one - I
will settle with you for the basket - This
is a dear husband and will tell this place
My dear Mother is not home without her

Wednesday evening

I write you a few
very hurried lines before I left town last
evening and doubtless whether you could
be able to read them I will write again
this evening as Walder will be going in to
have the Prockway Mended -

Indeed I wish you were with me, for
I am truly lonely when Mr. Grisby is absent
and especially so if at all indisposed
the children are not well at present - the
baby quite poorly and I always com-
plaining so I assume you it would be a
comfort to get from home a little while
when I am comfortably & agreeably situa-
ted as one comes to see me so I do not
feel any way inclined to ask my friends
to visit me under present circumstances

as Annie (I believe I told you) is attending to the children & is really a superior nurse however but Judy fills her place as cook & tidy trifles that Iistro in pleasure in eating ~~about~~ a very
and insatiable dity. Leah swept half over
the week washing & ironing which will leave very
ous other jobs leaves but little time for sewing. God
indeed I am putting out my important work to be
paid Mrs. Drumm has no time to charge more
and her bill will soon be enough to as we
last for the winter. How completely the
absence of one faithful, energetic son - inter-
rupts breaks up domestic harmony and家庭
comfort. I have just been faced with this in
the last week to put Ambrose, Astley and myself
Walker into the garden for it had grown to stand
up to be a perfect wilderness so that on one
the other hand the menue is bound to I con-
sider as much slack &c to attend when
Mme

you) is attending to that Ambrose scarcely amounts to a
superior amuse hand & Autry & Botley perfectly
as cooks, ~~is~~ ^{is} fully fitted and good for nothing - Oh what
in eating slow a negotiation of mind and body and no rela-
tionship is kept half oral woman might been to cook
which will soon regales or even to his own get them
the time for serving God alone knows how earnestly I pray on
my important task to be rid of them now & forever for I
hate to change man will or can act as I should as long
be enough to as we continue to own them - No individual
completely the of a whole servant violates within one such
lil, energetic son intense feeling as when my slaves mis-
harming and like for I feel that one is completely
been faced within in my power and not in any eyes a
those, Autry and unprincipled being while the other is free
for it had grown to stay n go - But what a useless human
mess is that one give and you must freedom one last only
service is bound to I would stand it much better if I find
the &c to attend where I could occasionally see the sweet
smile of a dear friend - Your brother

of meeting your friends during the Fair
how singular that they have not
called to see you - but as you say "it is all
in a life time" and it is well that we have
a few to lose & look to - I trust however
that you will have a pleasant time &
be ready to come over early next week -
My finger is still very sore though not
so painful. I have now decided to attend
a fair till this fall and I seem partic-
ularly unfortunate in not being able to
do so - hope however that I will arrive
before the fair over here - I am truly
sorry about my curtains for they are
handsome & pretty but rather short -
go and I am thinking in Danville Peter has
not sent the ribbon & my dress can't be
finished - Perhaps it would be well
for Mr. Grigsby to get the carriage curtains
at some large establishment in Cincinnati
where he can get silk and fringe to match.
also a "Mop" - I am more than obliged
to you - the Baskets must be beautiful
but I cannot think of depriving you of
them as I have recently had such
handsome presents - I would like you

My dear Mother.

Mr. Gandy has just gone
to see Uncle Gibson for a few minutes.
if we can get his little two carriage you
will go out & stay to-night with you - I don't
feel as if I could return without seeing you
again but if you don't see us by four
o'clock to-morrow you must come
in very early Saturday morning - We
have just returned from Hamilton
with Mr. - No calls paid this morning - Mr
Gandy not well and preferred waiting
till the morning when we will start out
early. Uncle will at Mr. Gibson's all
well and getting on finely but Miss
you extremely - Lucy is making
no progress -

Yr devoted

Daughter -