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I am glad to have the perambulation of
writing a word to you, I want to give
to write us of love, when you write
say if the postage was paid on the
letter you received from one mailed
at Simsbury May 29th

Simsbury
Ms July 24 }
Mr. Almon Richards
Letter Fr. or Fort Fairfield
Crossbrook
Via Houlton
M.C.

Miss Mary Richards
July 1841

I paid it, Reed was gone, his
wife was sick, I don't know as it
was marked paid
That was Huse Richards, he thinks
they did not get the sense of it,
nothing has been proposed, not a word
years in the bonds of affection
M.C. Richards

Lincolnville July 14 1841

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Dear Brother I take this opportunity to inform you that I am well and also the whole family and I hope this will find you ~~and~~ ^{and same blessing} I am now at my hall to work they are all well and they all remember there love to you, we have not heard from farmham since he went away, I received your letter the 3 of this month I was pleased to hear from you and that you was well, there has been a great reformation here this spring from ten to sixty years of age have appeared this blessed religion and I hope that we shall be prepared to meet them in heaven old mr Joseph dean was killed very sudden he fell from his horse at camden village and only bread once or twice, frank crocker has lately lost his wife, his dear wife lays out the prospect of death, mr Johnson of camden married to miss unice furnald of Lincolnville the 14 of this month, when I am alone work here I expect to go to mr adams to Camden to work if life and health permits, aunt Betsey has been quite sick but she is some better now she says she remembers her love to you and should like to see you very much all the folks in this place say they should like to see you, I have been out

a picking cherries for supper I thought
 if you had been here with me a picking cherry
 how happy I should be Almon I hope I shall
 have the pleasure of seeing you again here
 with your parents, brothers and sisters and
 your friends and companions, that was good
 advice you wrote to me to beware of fools, fops
 and libertines, and to read ^{and} steady ^{dear} brother this
 is good advice indeed) Almon I hope that you
 will prosper and do well I hope you
 will have friends wherever you
 go) ~~but~~ your mother's wife has joined
 the mormons and she says that she is a
 going to live always never die ~~but~~ but
 she is a going to reign here with christ
 a thousand years) I right last what
 comes in ~~your~~ mind to fill
 up the letter) Almon come home as soon
 as you can ^{but} dont let this make you uneasy
 now because I wrote for you to come ^{home} as soon
 as you could) I must go to milking now
 it being sunset) I will try and finish
 this to morrow night) I now commene
 righting again nancy is now at mr mathan
 furnells to work and ^{will} perhaps stay there for
 this season ~~but~~ and phoebe are both at home
 now) father ^{has} took grandmother richards to keep
 a year she is very smart for an old lady so
 that she knits considerable, it is hard work
 for me to think what to right but I will

try and think of something to finish it out perhaps
 this will learn me to right better if nothing else I
 know not what to right next but I can ^{write} this Nathan
 Dean has lost his wife since you went away
 John Dean has married his second wife, Charles
 young married to miss rhoda whitney, Adam Dean
 married to miss olive manning Charles Porter
 married to miss Rosinah Richards, Timothy Dean
 married to miss Murey Woodworth very likely you
 have heard of this before) Almon this is nonsense anyway
 I guess you will think so ~~when~~ after you read
 it) but I thought that the postage would be
 more to pay than it would if I had not
 wrote but one page) I believe I have wrote all
 in it I can think now) I dont no as you can find
 this out, it is now the twenty first day of the month
 right as soon as you get this right where you
 are and how you prosper and when you ~~are~~
 think or ~~are~~ expect to come home

I will now bring this to a close

Dear Brother I remaine your
 affectionate Sister

Mary Richards

Louis has been
 Baptized
 Almon pray
 for us