

Lincolnville July 2nd 1873

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Dear Son

I Improve this opportunity to pen a few lines to inform you that I am well and so is all of my family except Mary she has left her ^{of} work to Camden and came home a few days since in quite a poor state of health but she has gone to meetin to day and I hope she will soon be well

I hope this will find you well both Saul and Gay - Abner - I should be verry glad to see you and your wife if you are married - and I should like to know if you are - I want you to write as soon and as often as you can - for it is a great comfort to mee to hear from you since I cannot see you but I hope I shall see you again in this life - but if I should not I hope we shall one day meet in heaven where parting will be no more

I have a little babe seven weeks old this mornin I she is a pretty little creature - soney did not go to boston with the others - Jearnham is not well but keeps to work - he has hired with Madison Dicky - for nine months for one hundred dollars - he began the last day of february I hope he will write you soon he was at home last Sunday - he said he wanted to write you

Mr Henry Niles

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Mr Abner Richards

Mr Jearnham
Mr Niles

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Almon

Its hard to take the parting hand
of those most loved and dear
it makes the feeling bosom swell
and draws the parting tear

now loving son since we must part
oft will I think on thee

and when pale evening wales the sky
renewe one thought from mee

your uncles Mansing's family are all well and
so is all of your friends and relations - and they
would all be glad to see you - James Adams
got home from sea a few weeks since he was
here a few days since he said he should write
you soon

the people here thinks that christ is coming
this year to judge the world - and many is
looking every day - your Pa thinks the scriptures
are all fulfilled and it will be soon

I hope we shall all be prepared to meet christ
in the air - - Samham got your letter in april
and we were all verry glad to hear from you

I expect your Pa will write you soon
but I must close I remaine yours affectionate
mother till death

Mary Richards

Lincolnville July 16th 1843

Dear Brother

I take the opportunity to inform
you that I am well and hope these
lines may find you the same
parents Brothers and sisters are all well
Socret Mary she is not very well
raison young is dead sedate young
ye lays at the point of death

Your acquaintances in general are well
I should be happy to see you but I cannot
as my arrangements are such - But I hope
to see you next winter if life and
health permit

Dear Brother let me say to you
that you and I are born to die
and if we never meet below
O may we meet above the sky

I am your affectionate Brother

July 14

Samham Richards

~~Dear~~ Dear Brother I have not forgotten
you (I wrote you last winter april) I hope we
shal hear from you soon almon the time goes
ben long since I ~~you~~ heard from you still longer
since I saw you I should like to see you if you are married
my health not very good I hope you are well I wish you
all the joy peace and happiness that your affectionate sister
Mary Richards