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Since written April 18th 1843

My Dear Brother — I embrace the present opportunity to write you, I enjoy very good health at present and I hope, dear brother these times will find you in the enjoyment of the same blessing, I am now at my father's I came home three days ago, I came in order to be at a wedding which is to take place next Sunday — loved Richards of Hope and Phoebe Young of Lincolnville are the couple to be married, Phoebe has been living in Boston, — As such has been going back and forth from Camden to New York, — touched at Boston several times, fell in with Phoebe, sent home and got published and now have come to get married, Nancy has come home with them but is going back in a few days, Nancy enjoys good health, she sends her love to your dear Brother and her best respects to Mrs

J. C. Johnson and wishes you both may enjoy all the blessing of life in this world and in the world to come life everlasting. Starnham is not in the best of health but is able to work, his fortune thus far is a hard one, he enjoys much of the presence of the Lord, of which he is very sensible, I hope he will continue in well doing.

Dear brother let him have your prayers be remembered you in his, Lois and Phoebe are both well, are well engaged in religion and have been since the time the Lord converted them from the error of the wicked, Isaac Bensen, Ruth and Mr. Muddah are all well

Thursday April 20th 1843

Dear brother I have just come in I have been over to Daniel Fletcher's I forgot to name Daniel, he is quite unwell, this messenger is as pretty a little boy as you've lately see

Amos, your letter of Dec 4 - 1842
I received sometime in January or February
last, I was glad to hear from you and
should be much more glad to see you
the reason I have not writt you still is
that I have no time nor chance for any such
thing when I write, therefore, dear brother, I
hope you will forgive me
The trail you enclosed me you wish me
to wear it - occasionly that I may remember
you, and one you say you hope will one day
be my sis-in-law, Dear brother I send you
one her my best respects, I wish you both all the
best things this world can afford,
you say "you hope I am married or am just a
going to be" to some bright, honest, industrious,
industrious young man, one who is a whig,
Dear brother I am not married, nor shall I say that
I am just a going to be - But others say that I am,
I will not say that the young man is bright, for,
doubtless, if I did you would at once, say he is a
whig, but this is not the case, therefore I will
not say that he is bright, yet I think he is,
I believe is honest, industrious, and industrious,
and I would give you his name but for our
reason, that is, you told me never to mention
a name, - dear brother, you, a bachelor of
twenty five, say you have your love by heart
and dear brother, must - live and die an old
maid unless you will consent for me to marry
one who is not a whig, -

Amos when you used to teach school in
young towns you had a scholar by the name of Richard A.
Dart think! Strange if you should have him for
a Brother-in-law before long - that is all

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I will name Sam DeWitt and Manning is
Uncle Moses young David Johnson 24th
Joseph Munroe Bird about the last of March
Hosannah Colburn's Daughter of George
is Dead, Nathaniel Palmer is Dead, Moses

Dunbar is dead -
Daniel the brother to Abner that has lived
in Longmeadow about two years he lives on
the farm where he lived there Daniel's son
Thomas married Elizabeth Bishop they were
in Lincolnville last July or August. Dan a visit
Elder Bishop has been in Lincolnville the present
winter, preached at young town school house -
appeared to be a very man

one thing more Sarah Colburn's married
Elisha Jones, James Bird, Daniel Lunt married
James widow this is the third wife Lunt has
had since he came to Lincolnville, it is thought
that Sarah his present wife soon die, she will
make three of George Daughters that have
died lately, their brother James married
Miss Crocker sister Warner's sister
Married Elder Jones Daughter sister to
Elisha, Mahala ~~Wiggins~~ Married Joel
Marmon

Dear brother I must begin
to draw my letter to a close - one word about
religion the one thing I hope that you dear brother
are living in the enjoyment of that grace that
fits us for life, and prepares us for life everlasting,
I know by happy experience that it is that and only
that which can fit us for life here and for life which is to come
I hope you and I shall so number our days that we shall
apply our hearts to wisdom, and if we never meet
any more on earth that we may meet in heaven no
more part. I remain your loving sister
Mary Richards

Almon, you will know the name writing
the letter is mine and nothing in it
that I do approve of
Mary

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Abner father says he should have wrote you
 long before this but Cochran has promised to get
 that money and did not want him to write at present
 father will see him again in a few days. he will
 then write you whether he gets the money
 or no - Father and Mother are both well
 they would be glad to see you but never expect to

Miss Mary Richards
 April 18-1843

Louisville }
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Mr. Amos S. Richards

Carrollton

via. Houlton

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your letter of March 4th to James has
 received it 16th of April - James has
 at Abiah Woodworth's and then they
 have a daughter by the name of

Mary