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John Smith  
Mr. Henry

Mr. Amos Richards

Hot-Springs

Maure

Abigail Richards  
March 25-1847  
Family Record

Lincolnville March 25-1847

Dear Children

I received yours of the 25<sup>th</sup> ult, was glad to learn that you were well, and I hope these lines may <sup>kind</sup> you still in the enjoyment of good health. We are all well at home except your Mother, her health is very poor; — That nasty weed, Tobacco, has destroyed its thousands, "the smallest atom of that soul and body", destroying weed I ever used, was 2 years 2 months and 2 days ago this very day I would not be in it again, as I was 27 months since, for 50 of the best ones ever coined at Uncle Sam's mint; Phebe married her cousin Joel S. Richards, your Uncle Isaac's oldest son. Moving from Lincolnville to Monmouth she took a severe cold, and was taken down sick, she got some better, and they moved back across the Kennebec into Pittston; when she was taken down to her bed again Joel wrote me the 10<sup>th</sup> of February; the doctor had visited her 4 times — said she had the dropsy, palpitation of heart, and other complaints — said he could cure her in one month, I have wrote Joel since, wishing him to inform me how she was, but have received no answer.

Joel was the one who sent the papers you spoke of, He told me he should write you, He would be pleased to have a letter from you, his post-office address is "Gardiner", March 27<sup>th</sup> since writing, I have received a letter from Lois. She had been quite sick but had got better, so she could work some, she says she can hear nothing from you although she has wrote you her address is Pinkney street No 12

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I have sent you 4 papers, at one time, and 1 at another and the 6<sup>th</sup> is on the way, I have 2 copies mailed at Boston, the postage is 1 1/2 cent on each at my post office it would be no more to go to your office, but from here to you, 1 cent, Now we have a new law: all extra papers pay 3 cents any distance, so the postage from Boston here 1 1/2 cent, from here to <sup>you</sup> 3, making 4 1/2, when it would be but 1 1/2 from the Boston office to your office was it mailed for you at that office; I don't know when the new law goes into operation - when it does I shall have to write the printer to mail one of mine at the Boston office for you, that will save me 1 1/2 and you two cents on each paper, yet, I should rather have them come to this office did it not make expence for you when that change takes place, there will be no post mark on the wrapper - the postage being from the printing office to your office - please, bear this in mind, I am desirous to continue to send you the paper, for I want you to have it, and I hope the Lord will keep a way open for the paper to reach you, - I wish I knew what books those were I sent you, please inform me as soon as you can, Nancy & Lois wrote me the 14<sup>th</sup> February - If life and health permitted they should stay in Boston till after the 1<sup>st</sup> of July - Chance if you ever see them at your place, I can't tell you much about Farnham at this time; there are some difficulties between him and me at the present time, Mary and her family are all well; James Adams and wife are well the have a fine boy 13 months old.

~~you~~ you will take this to be backward and forward  
 March 27 - some times it is pleasing to have the names and ages, of the dead, before us, or in our possession, It will bring very serious reflections, and those, too, that we may profit by, I will give the names and ages of a few of the Living (with a few exceptions) that we most generally hold

Nehemiah Richards, Born March 31 - 1792 (most dear)

Nancy Farnham Born January 31 - 1798  
 Were Married November 3 - 1816

Almon S Richards Born Oct. 28 - 1817

Farnham Born July 13 - 1819

Lois the 1<sup>st</sup>. Born January 29 - 1821 } died June 29 - 1821 }

Mary - Born May - 25 - 1822

Nancy - Born June - 26 - 1824

**Lois** <sup>3<sup>rd</sup></sup> Born April 17 - 1826 - died Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> 1849

Phebe - Born - February 17 - 1828

Eliza Born January 29 - 1830 } died January 1<sup>st</sup> 1833 }

Van Buren Born July 9 - 1832 } he is the sickest to day }

Ruth - Born June 27 - 1834 } I ever knew him to be }

Darius Born April 6 - 1836 } died April 17 - 1839 }

Annah. Born Feb<sup>y</sup> 26 - 1834 }

Huldah B Richards Born April 3 - 1840

Frances E. J. Richards Born May 14 - 1843

We have had a heavy storm last night & today it now snows ~~to~~ quite thick, I must close, & walk to the office, dont fail to write me soon, tell me all you can about the news paper case, I believe your paper can not come under the head of "extra papers", Adieu dear children I bid you fare well till I hear from you again, Nehemiah Richards