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Copy of letter
written to
Almon S. Richards
by his father
Nehemiah Richards
March 25, 1847.

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Dear Children-

I received yours of the 25th ult. Was glad to hear that you were well, and I hope these lines may find 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 one's ever coined at Uncle Sam's mint. Phebe married her cousin Joel S. Richards, your Uncle Isaac's oldest son. Moving from Lincolnvillle 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 10th of February; the docter 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 27th since writong, 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

I have sent you 4 papers, at one time, and 1 at another and the 6th is on the way. I have 2 coppies mailed at Boston, the postage is 1½ 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 1½ cent, from here to you 3, making 4½, when it wpuld be but 1½ from the Boston office to your office was it mailed for you at that office; I dont 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 1½ 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 and Lois wrote me the 14th February - If life and health permitted they should stay in Boston 'till after the 4th of July - chance if you ever see them at your place. I cant 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, they have a fine boy 13 months old.

March 27 - you will take this to be backward and forward. Sometimes 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 most dear.

Nehemiah Richards,	Born March 31 - 1792
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 1st	Born January 27 - 1821 Died June 29-1821
Mary	Born May 25 - 1822
Nancy	Born June 26 - 1824
Lois 2d	Born April 17 - 1826 Died Jany. 2nd -1849
Phebe	Born February 17 - 1828
Eliza	Born January 29 - 1830 Died Jany. 1st 1833
Van Buren	Born July 9 - 1832 (he is the sickest today I ever knew him to be)
Ruth	Born June 27 - 1834
Darius	Born April 6 - 1836
Annah	Born Feby 26 - 1838 Died April 17 - 1839
Huldah B.	Born April 3 - 1840
Frances E. F.	Born May 14 - 1843

We have had a heavy storm last night and today it now snows quite thick. I must close and walk to the office, dont fail to write me soon, tell me all you can about the news paper law. I believe your paper cannot come under the head of "extra papers." Now dear children I bid you farewell 'till I hear from you again.

Nehemiah Richards.