

Sinecoteville - July 2nd 1848

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Dear brother I take this opportunity to inform you that we are alive and hope these few lines may find you all well.

Dear Brother, it has been along time since I wrote you before.

I must say that I have been very negligent by not writing you before.

But I hope you will overlook my negligence.

We are not very well. our healths (are poor)

our little son is not very well.

He was 14 months old yesterday and has not cut a tooth yet.

He can not do, not run alone. He can climb up by things.

But he is very backward. The season.

The season here is very backward. it has been very wet here this spring

insomuch that I have had a hard time to get any thing in to the ground.

But I have got in about an acre and shall planting to corn beans and potatoes.

my health is very poor and has been for some time.

The Doctor says my lungs are badly affected.

Farnham Richards
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I have taken a place this year of Mr Isaac
Ebbore formerly of Sincobville.

But now lives on the Kennebec.
This place being Noah McFoulds
and cuts about twenty tons of hay. I cut the hay
to the halves and have all that I can
raise on the place.

There has been many deaths in Sincobville
since you have been absent.
one of our old school mates died
last winter. Benjamin Dean
He died with consumption.

Dear Brother Your long absence
brings to my mind the happy seasons
we had together while in our youth.
Dear brother I should be happy
very happy to see you once more
while he remains on the shore
of time.

I have not forgotten you though I have
so long been at silent.
I have often thought of you and often
thought I would write you.

But the cares of the world and hard
works have driven me from it. together
with poor health. it is a hard task
when Sunday comes for me to write
for as soon as I sit down it seems

as if I cannot keep awake Besides feeling so tired
that it is a hard task for me to walk about.
I am worth nothing But a wife and a little
son and two cows one yearling heifer our little
and a yolk of ~~hul~~ ^{noted} calves. (son we set our
lives by his name
Charles
penmanship)
I give this scribbling
I want you to write me as soon as you
see this. I want you to write what your
employment is. likewise how you are
getting along in the world
likewise let us know about the times
and how things flourish there &c

on this place that I have taken there is a sawmill
in which I work last winter next winter
life and health permitting I expect to earn
on the mill at the halves
a few words more and I must close
as it is almost midnight
the times here ^{are} hard money is quite hard
flour is not very high from 6 to 6 and a half
corn 70 cts meal 75 cts pork from 6 to 8
cts per pound molasses from 20 to 25 per gallon
tis now ten minutes of twelve and I must
close very soon write as soon as you
see this. We send our love and best
Respects to your wife yours in haste.
I remain your affectionate
Benjamin Richards
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