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Mother &
Sister Ruth

May 2^d 1850

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East Fairfield

Mr Almon S Richards

Lincolnville
Maine

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write as soon as you get this; write all the news
you can

Lincolnville May 3^d 1850.

Dear Brother and Sister.

It is with pleasure that I seat my self informing you that I am well; and hope these lines will find you all, enjoy the same Blessing. we recieved your letter of ²³ Nov^r and were glad to hear from you. and should be more glad to see you. Fathers health is very poor; and Mother helth is not very good. Farnham's family are all well except their babe. Marys health is very poor; and I think she will not live long. The rest of the family are well. Nancy is in Boston now but we expect ^{her} home this month.

Dear Brother, perhaps you think we have all forgotten you; but we have not; for we often talk of you all. ten years have almost expired since you left home; and although I was then so young yet I well remember you; and the little presents you often made me. The period of ten years have made many changes in Fathers family. but I must close, by saying kiss little Mary and Caroline for me. so good by;

from your Affectionate Sister

Ruth R. Richards

to
Mr Almon S and Frances C J Richards

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Dear Brother and sister I now sit down to write a few lines to let you know I am get alive and am enjoying a good degree of health, I hope you will pardon me for not writing to you before, I have often thought I would write you a few lines, but have not because my eyesite is quite poor and my hand trembles so that I can hardly write at all, but I hope Dear Brother, ^{you} overlook all the mistakes and errors I make, and take the will for the deed, I am now at home to stop a few days, Joel is now holding Meetings in different parts of the town, his health is not very good this Spring on account of the Jaundice, he has been troubled with them about five years, Joel wrote to you about two years ago, and has not received an answer yet, I hope you will write us a letter as soon as you get this, tel us if you think of ever coming home, we should all be very glad to see you, I would now say I have been married three years last January, and we have a little son born december 28 1848 he is a very smart little Boy, we call his name Joel, I will now ask you Dear Brother and Sister if you are enjoying free Salvation, Barnham is a praying man and also his wife, I hope you will pray for me that I may be prepared to meet you in that world where parting will be no more, I believe dear Brother that soon we ~~shall~~ must stand before the Son of man and receive in bodily according to that we have done whether good or bad, from your sister
Phebe Richards

Dear Almon and Frances I want to see you
Dear little Mary and Caroline too
But since I cant see you for you I will pray
That the god of heaven may bless you always

I want you to write as soon as you get this
for I feel anxious to hear from you

I hope I shall see you all before next winters

but if I never see you more

I may see meet on Canian's Shore

Kiss dear little Mary and Caroline for me

This is from your affectionate mother

Mary Richards