

Nehemiah Richards

October 15th 1852

over his
proposal
to Betsey

the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for
an everlasting possession; and I will be their God - now 4th Chap.
of Acts. begins, now, 5th. verse, not so much as to set his feet on,
yet he promised that he would, Galatians 3^d Chap - 16th verse,
Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made, He saith
not, And to seeds as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed,
which is Christ, Please to read along, now again
And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed,
and heirs according to the promise, So we must have
Paul's resurrection; to bring Rachel's Murdered children
to their own border again, which will be all the land of
Canaan on the new earth. According to this promise
we look for a new heaven & a new earth;

Bless God for a hope of a Resurrection
the world of happiness we have heard so much
said about, I will venture to say it is not there
and when and where it will be, none will
find it until all do, Read 11th Chap to the Hebrews
39th and 40th verses - God having pro-
vide a some better thing for us, that they
without us should not be made perfect

Amen & Amen So be it Lord,

We are well - hope this may find you,
Frances, and the little girls so.

Love well

don't know when this will
be mailed
Direct yours to Camden.
write soon - don't follow
my neglect.

Benjamin Richards
with
Betty H. Richards

you must make this go as far as you can afford to,
for I don't know when I shall be able to write again
I wish you would write me one long letter - say so.

Lincolntonville Oct 15 - 1852

My Dear Son

I have just seated myself at table,
and now have before me your letter of July 15th,
I acknowledge my wrong in not writing before this,
and now I have begun I know not what to write,
but I will speak of the weather - we have had
a cold snow storm, this afternoon & evening, for
it is now nearly eight o'clock, My wife and I
are sitting in a small room by ourselves, while
Darius, Huldah B. and Frances E. are sitting in
another room reading, We have not seen Fanny
nor heard from her since last June, we sup-
pose she is in Thomaston with Phebe. Ruth
is away from home to work, but is much troubled
with a lame stomach, Martin V. B. is rather in
poor health take the time together, ^{but} he has worked
six months, for one man, this season, has now
gone to work for the same man's son in Cam-
den village - has gone into the joiner busi-
ness, He had \$9 dollars for his 6 months, every
cent cash, - Richard & Mary received a
letter last Saturday, it was from you, dated July 16th,
had you directed to Camden, as they want you to
all other letters, they would have got it the 4th
day after it was mailed, please remember,

I saw Farnham last week, he was quite well, his family
are in pretty good health, Farnham's wife had a sister
died very sudden 4 or 5 weeks ago, she was the wife
of John Sylvester, she had a babe 8 or 10 days old, and seemed
to be doing well, but one morning a severe pain took her
in the side, and she lived but about 15 minutes, her
given name was Julia, I believe I did not tell
you who it was that I married, but now I will,
she was a cousin of mine, our mothers were sisters,
her name was Levensailor, Her father died when
she was but 3 or 4 years old, after that, her Mother mar-
ried a Parsons, and lived till 3 years ago 21st last
August, Mr Parsons is living with his son Stephen, in
Massachusetts, Betsy was married in 1826 to John L. Phelps,
of Sebec, They were at my house on a visit in 1842,
Mr Phelps died July 31st 1848, Betsy never had any
family, If I knew you would not laugh too heartily, I
would tell you a lectel more — will, I will, (leaving
out the circumstance of getting acquainted) Nancy took
Steamboat at Camden on Wednesday, stop'd at Bangor
over night, took stage next morning, arrived at
Atkinson, County of Piscataquis, Thursday afternoon,
The next Wednesday morning, Nancy & Mrs Phelps took
Stage for Bangor, and her Brother, with a horse team
to fetch her furniture, The two women took the
Boat next day, Thursday, at 11 o'clock, arrived at
Camden 4 o'clock P.M., Where Darius and I met
them with horse and carriage, Oxen and wagon, after
settling Bill and loading furniture (which was done
in a hurry)

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Myself & women, started for Lincolnville, and having
reached Moses Young's Esqr, Mrs. Phelps having an
opportunity to change names, immediately gave consent,
that business being over, we moved toward
home, where we arrived at 8 o'clock or after,
and found Ruth and the two little girls ready
to receive us with open arms, and smiling faces,
and they have not yet been sorry,

Saturday Morning 9 o'clock, or Oct 10th
you speak of the death of your little boy, Dear children
I know how to sympathize with you, this world's finds, instead
of being the land of the living, is the land of dying, and of
death, Neither are our departed friends safe without
a resurrection, please to read all of the 15th chapter of
the 1st of Corinthians, now take particular notice of the
14th verse, Read 15th verse of 31st Chap. of Jeremiah,
next read 16th verse of 2^d Chap. of Matthew, now 17th verse
very carefully, now more careful than ever, read the 18th,
here ^{in 14th} Matthew declares that Jeremiah's saying, in 15th verse, was
fulfilled, now these were all young children, Now for Jer's
16th and 17th verses, For thy work shall be rewarded, ~~with~~
the Lord; and they shall come again from the land of the
enemy; let us remember Paul's ~~to~~ 18th verse, Now we
will have Jeremiah's 17th verse and there is hope in
them and saith the Lord that thy children shall come again
(not go) to their own border, where was their own border?
it is to be all the land of canaan. Genesis 17 chap. commence
and read, 8 verse, and I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee,