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Ahemad Richards
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A. S. Richards

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My Dear Son

I received a letter from you dated January 2^d, I dont remember as I ever answered it, and dont know but I have, It speaks of your being in the woods lumbering— tells the township & range— distance from home— had been in camp since early in November— had lately heard from your family, all well, — health had been good 'till about the day of writing— on that day slightly indisposed, — one leg quite lame with rheumatiks — party consist of sixteen — winter set in verry early, (It did here) The past season verry cold — crop and grain abundant — wish Father and family may be in good health — all Brothers & Sisters included, James Adams is now settled in Rockland, (formerly Thomaston) Uncle James Richards still stays in Lincolville, his california fever somewhat abated, although it has caried off many of my acquaintances, Gorham theol & oldest son has gone, Olando Stevens, quite a number from Lincolville, a great many from Camden and from all parts of Maine — you speak of Joel I have not seen him since last fall, The lines is Thomaston, write him as you think best, Ruth, Huldah & Frances are well, Ruth left home

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The 7th of January, has not been home but once since she lives with Mr Sherman's family, Brother to Almon. It is on the road leading from ducktrap to Camden and is in Camden, Mary keeps house for me this winter thus far and will a little longer, I may write you again in about thirty days if life and health are spared me, Van Buren has been home to day and has left again since I have been writing, He too works on the shore road, so called, South house from where Ruth works, it is in Camden - Bugun work first of March - 14 dollars per month for 2 months, 15 per per month for 5 months, 103 doll. for 7 months. Capt John Glover, is his employer, has his pay every month all cash, Buren, although a boy, has got the man about him, that is, in him - Darius is very well - has almost the stature of man.

Many of my friends have died in one year, your Mother was buried March 28th 1851, on the same day of the month and year, 1852, the sixteenth one was laid in the same yard, Joseph R Young died very sudden, 14th January, I think I told you of his building a nice house, but he has gone and left it.

Mr James Madocks is dead, Richards Farther, Stephen Young is dead, I might have told you please tell me in your next if you have received a paper from me sometime with 1 or 2 years I may send one of our Camden Advertisers with this, I cant tell you how Farnham is making it, I have not seen him since last summer or fall,

Almon, there is no mistake, that I should be glad to see you, your wife, and children, but I may not ever, I most sincerely hope that this may find you all in the enjoyment of good health, I, and those that are with me, are in pretty good health, If I should send you the Camden Advertiser, now and then, I wish you to receipt for it, if it goes safe, I will close by advising, that we all prepare to meet The Judge of quick and dead,

From your most

Affectionate Father

Nehemiah Richards

Dear Brother and Sister, and cousins, I send my love to you all, and hope this will find you all in the enjoyment of good health, I should be happy to see you all, and hope the time may be when I shall, I wish you could come and see us, I must close, So Farewell,

Hallelu, B. Richards,

P. S. please write me as soon as you possibly can, that I may be ready to write you again in about 30 days

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this is from me you never see

James E. ...