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Lincroville June 17-1860

Speaking of Lucy and little George,
Lucy has a half Brother, who is Register
of deeds, for the New county of Knox,
he has employed her for his Clerk.
Her son is now with its grandmother
White. The stand that Martin V. B.
had at the time of his death, in good
times, would be worth from 800 to 1000
dollars, there was about 300 against
it, the place is rented at 50 dollars
a year, Lucy owns another lot adjoin^{ing}
I dont know but may pay up and
clear the whole by selling her lot.
She is doing well at present however,
She is called a fine woman, and
doubtless will marry again, sometime,
if she lives, The little boy has been
with me three or four weeks, this
season, there is something remarkable
about him, I think that he is the deepest
thinking Child for one of his age I ever
knew, — only 3 years old last Sept.

Your Mother (If you will own her as
such) is very feeble, has not been able
to go out for some time, She nor my-
self can stay but a little while longer
at most,

This is the fifth year I
^{been} have alone in the haying season, and
where I look forward for a few weeks
it does seem to me that I cannot go
through with it this time.

Do you ask, where Danius is?
He has gone to ^{the} Banks again.
He is an insane man, he thinks
not, but I know he is.

None at home but Frances
and she is quite feeble.

Do all you can for Abraham Lincoln-Colon.

Answer this if you can get time.

A. P. Richards

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Mr. Jordan & Ruth are
with us to day - both smart

Phebe, and her two youngest are
here, have been for a week or two.
She had to leave, or go into her grave
a cripple. Huldah has just called in
to see her sisters. Nancy and a young
widow was in to see us last Saturday
they were from Camden.

Edward, Ruth, Huldah and Frances
have all gone strawberrying this
after noon, Mary was here yesterday
So you will see, they all know where
father lives, I think each one of them,
would give a pail full of strawberries
if they could see you and your Frances
with all your little ones

July 21st I shall to have this mailed
tomorrow, I am trying to do a little at
haying, but it is a hard one for me
have no one to help me, Grass is
the slimest ever known, this way
If you should get this, and should
find a leisure moment before the
year expires to answer it, ~~it~~
It would very acceptable

N. Richards

Lincolnton May 27 -- 1860

My Dear Son--

We received yours of Apr. 13th
in due time. We're quite glad to hear from
you and yours, I must tell you that
I feel to inform, even to try to fill this
page, but I want to write something,

Mary seems to be some better; don't know
how long she may remain so, Richard's
and children are as well as usual, Mary
has a good husband, no mistake about that.

I know not but Joel and family are
well, all, except their youngest child,
that, is sick, not expected to live; know
not but it is dead.

Ruth & Edward are well, and so is
Farnham has been quite as well, but we
learn that he is better at present.

Buren's widow has buried her
youngest child, none but little George
Everette is now left, If Lucy has her health
she will be able to take pretty good care of it.