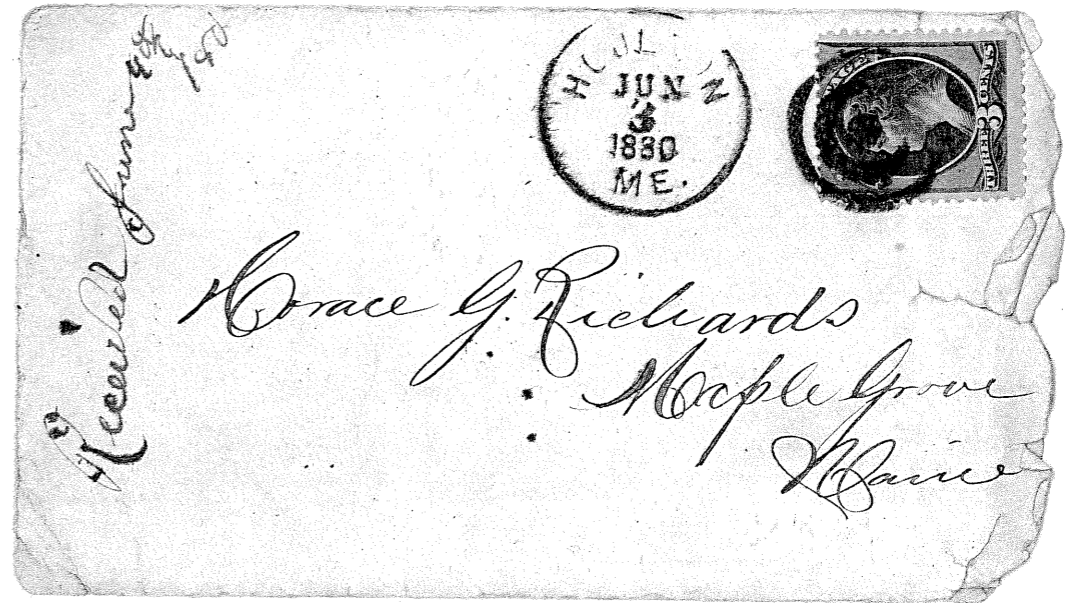


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Houston Sunday

April 4-80

Dear Brother

I have just got home from church, and it is now nine o'clock. So shall not be able to write much this time. Well one side of our street looks a little gloomy at present. Last Saturday morning at two o'clock. It all had to go to work, a little earlier than usual. They rang the church bells, and we saw it must be fire. In a few minutes they had the engine out, and hundreds of people gathered. The fire broke out in Lane

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lump building next to
the exchange. It swept
the exchange and one building
above, and all the rest down
to the corner, and everything
back to the curb house -
The wind was blowing
very hard and we thought at
one time the hole Milling
had to go, but the wind
changing was all that saved
it. Houses caught on Curb
St. nearly a quarter of a mile
from the town. It was dreadful
light. Loads of furniture thrown
in all directions. It damaged
all of the buildings on the
opposite side. There is
hardly one with a pane
pane of glass left. They will
go rebuilding again as soon
as they can get lumber.

Hope you are all
well at home -
This late must close
Love to all, Good night,
Your Brother
Foster

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Received from 4/5

Waltham Thursday

Morning

June 3th 80

Dear Brother

I have neglected answering your letter.

Wool seems to be falling. I thought I think it will be higher before fall. Unmashed is worth 27¢ washed 37¢ here. Stickney the Dexter man is here. Will be going up country soon I suppose. Under stand he is paying some of them a pretty good price. You can get just as much up there for wool

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as you can see I
don't know but
Cut in all of the potatoes
you can see the potato men
say they are going to be
high next year.

Some
of them are leaving land
and planting cotton or
tobacco here.

Did Father get the
jug I sent by stage -
I wish I could.

Most close
Your Brother
E. J. Richards