

Hatfield. 1st Dec 9th 1854

Dear Brother Richard,

We received thy letter yesterday, and intend to write thee longer and more interesting letters if I possibly can. The last letter I wrote thee was both miserably written and miserably undid in fact I have been very careless in my writing and hope thee has not showed them to any ^{one} but enough of this. Cousins expected Aunt Mary Ann home this afternoon but Justice says she has not come, they expect her to-morrow. how strange it seems to sit down to table without her. Amelia Payne of Seneca Falls came to Uncle Thomas's on sixth-day morning and as Cousins Sarah Charles & Julia, were invited here to tea so she came with them or not with [REDACTED] Sarah did not come, we had quite a party & until all, she also were here. Caroline Mackey & husband Richard, Walter, & Matilda Quincy. Henrietta Plant, Eliza Jane Mount, Benjamin Bacon & Em. Mary Vail, Charles & Julia, and Amelia Payne, we had a very pleasant time. Thomas Spackman is still here he has been on the

go ever since he came. he received a letter from home
yesterday. has she received another letter from Sammy
since they return to school? mother finished it and
sent it the day after she left. She asks in the letter
if we have sleighing. do we have out any nor have we
had any since Fifth day we have very cold weather.

Thermometer down to 8° above zero but I suppose you
have it about as cold. Susan went home on Seventh day
to spend a week so she may know we are pretty busy.

Willie has not been very well and has not been to
school since 4th day ~~turning~~ he is much better. Georgie's
face is full of sores and looks very badly and I
suppose must feel so. I guess I must close, with much
love I remain as ever thy affectionate sister.

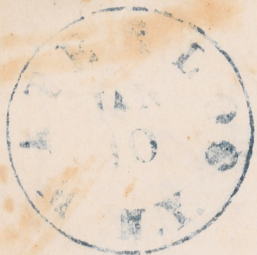
Mary.

Dear Brother Richard

As Mary has been writing, I think I will try
to finish the letter tonight. Thy Apples have
been forgotten but Father will send them soon,
perhaps tomorrow, how good they will taste to thee
after school: tonight it is very clear but cold
in hopes we will have snow before
long, as the roads are in a very good condition
for sleighing, Yesterday afternoon it snowed but
~~not~~ enough to cover the ground, do you write and
read compositions every week or do you speak pieces?
we have to write and read every Third day, how
did your Christmas Tree come off? Mary Gilbert

vail with the children intend going home tomorrow
I believe George Wolf is going to take them they would
have gone today had it not been so cold, what
a nice little fellow little Walter is he is very
fat and looks ^{might} very cunning with a little short
dress and shoes. He almost stands alone, a great
many people think he looks like Georgie. Poor boy
he is all broken out, on his face he says some
words very plainly. one in particular Doctor this
he says very nicely, he also says Pa Pa and
Mama, he can say most all of our names, he
calls me Tatie. I think I must close so

Good bye from thy Aff. sister
Fannie



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