

Kents Hill, Readfield, 47
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ready in a very short time. So I have sprung up into my room
and seized my pen, and am now racing over this paper
"in a manner that ain't slow," as the crooked letters and
lines will duly testify. Well, I wrote you by Wilder and I sus-
pect you have got the letter and answered it before this time.
I left Augusta on Wednesday last for this place and arrived
safe and sound after a long passage, where I found friend
Howe and a number of other good fellows who welcomed
me back to the "classic shades" of Kents Hill. I am now board-
ing at David Wheelock's Esq., but don't expect to remain but
a short time before I take up my quarters with three of the
best "chaps" on the Hill who are going to board themselves, and
are anxious to have me to join them. I am attending to the Latin
and am in hopes to make some progress. The measles are preva-
lent and I expect to have them. I shall be as sick as I
can wish I presume, and wish I was home to enjoy the
benefits of maternal kindness. But I am afraid to go home
for fear of giving them to our folks.
I left Severance with regret - but the state of my health
imperiously demanded it. He done the thing that was right when
he settled with me. I had \$33.88 coming to me - enough to carry
me to school through this quarter and I shall have something left. I talk of
going on a collecting tour for the printers on Kennebec River in July.

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Date: April 10, 1836

Description: Elihu Washburne on school and measles at Kents Hill

My health is poor - But I hope for the best. I want to go to the
School here next fall, and get ^{a little} learning, so they will not chew
me out of my eye ~~teeth~~, if I happen to go South or West
in the course of a year or two.

I have heard nothing from home for a month or two.

I saw Cadw. the day before I come up here.

I have not heard from Isaac Washburn Esq.
these three months. He seems determined not to write.

Write by the bearer, a long, long letter.

I have not time to write any more.

Your brother, affectionately E. B. Washburn

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