

Kents Hill, Readfield, 47  
Sunday, April, 10th 1836.  
Dr. Mother: - I have this moment heard of an opportunity by  
which I can send a letter to Boston if I can have <sup>it</sup> a letter  
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.

Kents Hill, Readfield  
Sunday, April, 10th 1836

Dr. Brother: - I have this moment heard of an opportunity by  
which I can send a letter to Boston if I can have <sup>it</sup> a letter  
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.

Contributed to Maine Memory Network by Washburn Norlands Living History Center  
MMN # 101668  
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 <sup>a little</sup> learning, so they will not chew  
me out of my eye ~~teeth~~ 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

My health is poor, but I hope for the best. I want to go to the  
school here next fall, and get <sup>a little</sup> learning, so they will not chew  
me out of my eye teeth-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 Israel Washburn Jr. Esq.

these three months. He seems determined not to write.

Write by the bearer, a long, long letter

I have not time to write anymore.

Your brother, affectionately E. B. Washburn