

A photograph of a handwritten letter on lined paper. The paper is aged and yellowed. The handwriting is in cursive and matches the typed transcription on the right. The letter is dated 'Portland 7 1/2 A.M. April 26. 1861' and is addressed to 'Dear Brother'. The text describes the writer's arrival in Portland, his search for a man named Emery, and his subsequent discovery of a man who had been at Kents Hill at school and had called on Emery and Dickey.

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Yours Truly
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