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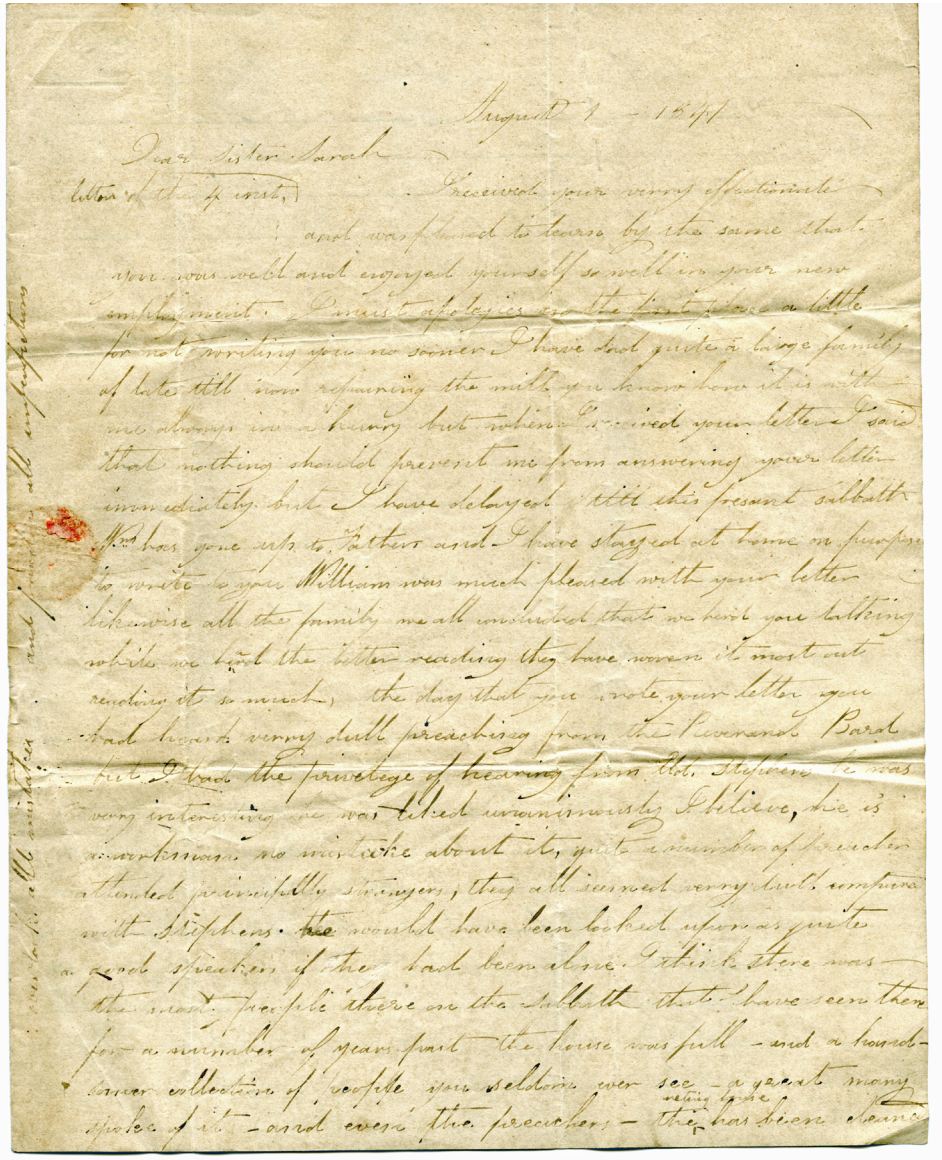

August 7 - 1841

Dear Sister Sarah

I received your verry affectionate
letter of the 4 inst. and was pleased to learn by the same that
you was well and enjoyed yourself so well in your new
employment. I must apologies in the first place a little
for not writing you no sooner. I have had quite a large family
of late till now repairing the mill. you know how it is with
me always in a hurry but when I received your letter I said
that nothing should prevent me from answering your letter
immediately, but I have delayed till this present sabbath.
Wm has gone up to Fathers, and I have stayed at home on purpose
to write to you William was much pleased with your letter.
likewise all the family we all concluded that we herd you talking
while we heard the letter reading they have worn it most out
reading it so much, the day that you wrote your letter you
had heard verry dull preaching from the Reverend Bard
but I had the privelege of hearing from Eld. Stephens. he was
verry interesting he was liked unanimously I believe, he is
a workman, no mistake about it, quite a number of preachers
attended, principally strangers, they all seemed very dull compared
with Stephens. He would have been looked upon as quite
a good speaker if he had been alone. I think there was
the most people there on the Sabbath that I have seen there
for a number of years past. the house was full - and a hourd-
corner collection of people you seldom ever see - a great many
spoke of it- and even the preachers - the meting house has been
cleaned

(written up the left side: overlook all mistakes and pardon all imperfections)

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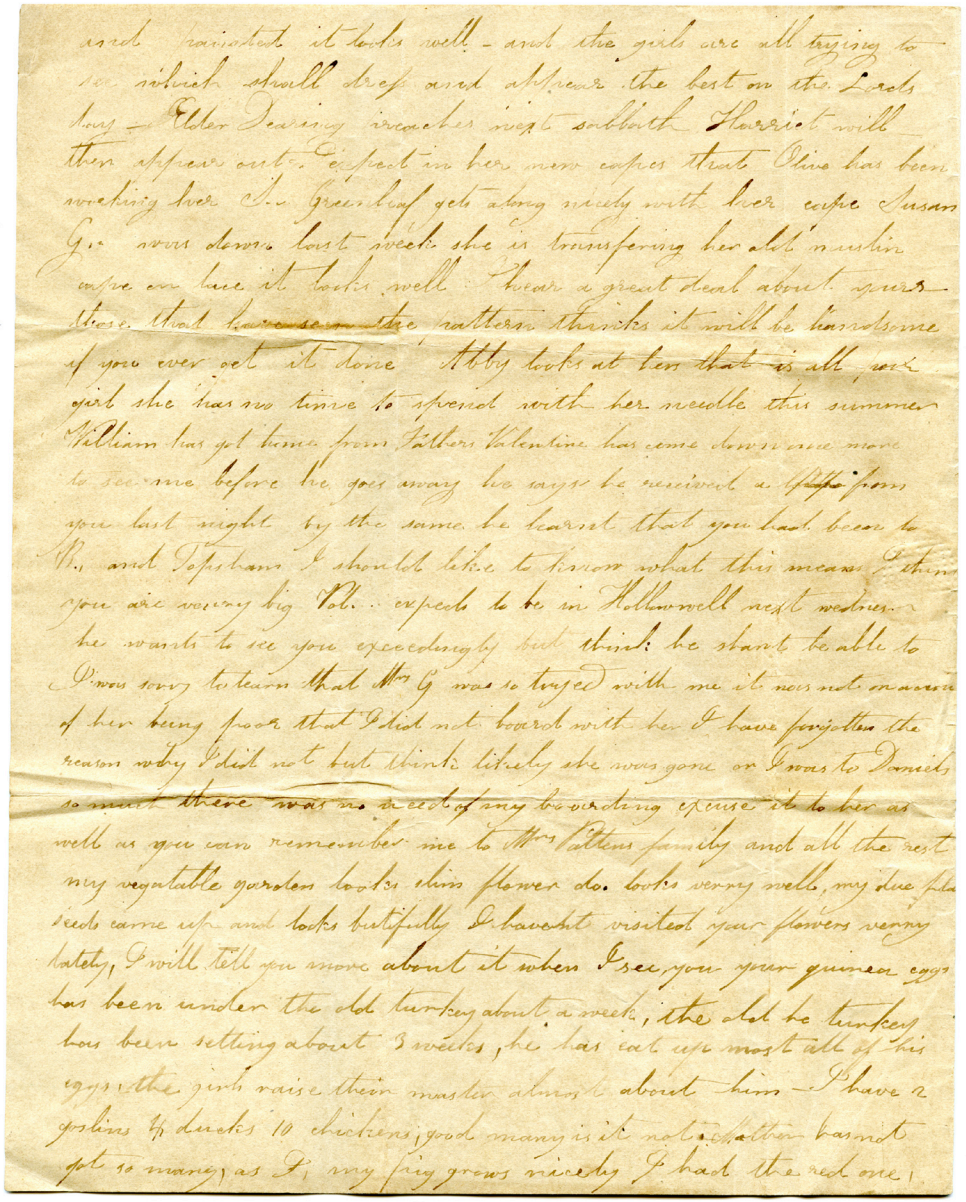
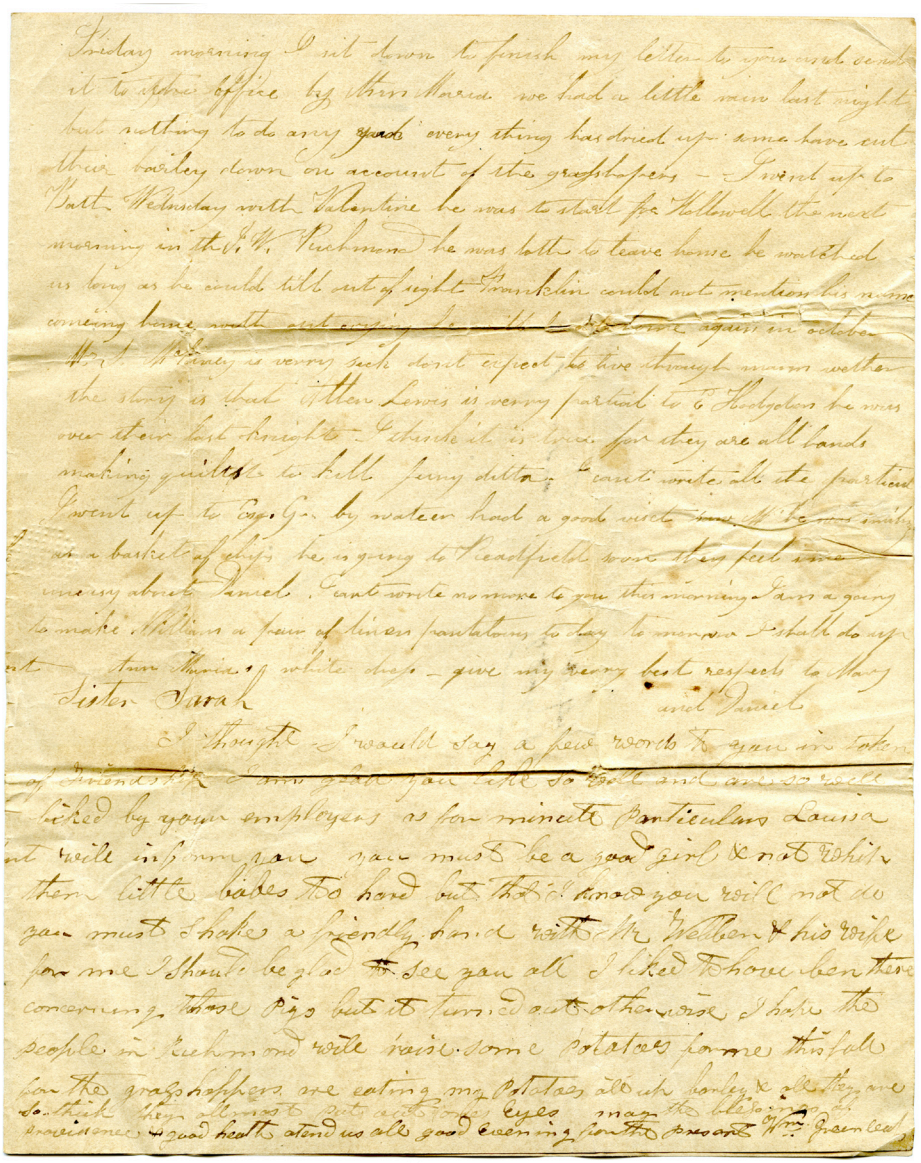


and painted it looks well - and the girls are all trying to
see which shall dress and appear the best on the Lords
day -- Elder Dearing preaches next Sabbath. Harriet will
then appear out I expect in her new cape that Olive has been
making her. Sue Greenleaf gets along nicely with her cape Susan
G. was down last week she is transfering her old muslin
cape on lace it looks well I hear a great deal about yours --
those that have seen the pattern thinks it will be handsome
if you ever get it done Abby looks at hers, that is all poor
girl she has no time to spend with her needle this summer.
William has got home from Fathers Valentine has come down once more
to see me before he goes away he says he received a letter from
you last night by the same, he learnt that you had been to
B. and Topsham. I should like to know what this means I think
you are verry big Val. expects to be in Hallowell next wednes.
he wants to see you exceedingly but thinks he shant be able to
I was sorry to learn that Mrs. G was so tryed with me it was not on account
of her being poor that I did not board with her I have forgotten the
reason why I did not but think likely she was gone or I was to Daniels
so much there was no need of my boarding excuse it to her as
well as you can remember me to Mrs.Pattens family and all the rest
my vegatable garden looks slim flower do looks verry well. my due plant
seeds came up and looks butifully I havent visited your flowers verry
lately, I will tell you more about it when I see you your guinea eggs
has been under the old turkey about a week, the old he turkey
has been setting about 3 weeks, he has eat up most all of his
eggs. the girls raise their master almost about him – I have 2
goslins 4 ducks 10 chickens, good many is it not. Mother has not
got so many, as I, my pig grows nicely I had the red one.



Friday morning I sit down to finish my letter to you and send
it to the office by Miss Mared. we had a little rain last night
but nothing to do any good every thing has dried up. some have cut
their barley down on account of the grasshopers -- I went up to
Bath Wednesday with Valentine he was to start for Hallowell the next
morning in the J.W. Richmond he was lothe to leave home he watched
us long as he could till out of sight. Franklin could not mention his name
coming home with out crying. he will be home again in October
Mrs. S. McKiney is verry sick dont expect to live through warm weather
the story is that Allen Lewis is verry partial to E. Hodgdon he was
over their last knight I think it is true for they are all hands
making quilts to kill ferny ditta I cant write all the particulars
I went up to Esq. G. by water had a good visit saw W. he was smiling
as a basket of chips. he is going to Readfield soon they feel some
uneasy about Daniel. I cant write no more to you this morning I am a going
to make William a pair of linen pantaloons to day tomorrow I shall do up
Ann Maria's white dress -- give my verry best respects to Mary
and Daniel

Sister Sarah

I thought I would say a few words to you in token
of Friendship. I am glad you like so well and are so well
liked by your employers as for minute particulars Louisa
will inform you you must be a good girl & not whip
them little babes too hard but that I know you will not do
you must shake a friendly hand with Mr. Webber & his wife
for me I should be glad to see you all I liked to have ben there
concerning those pigs but it turned out otherwise I hope the
people in Richmond will raise some potatoes for me this fall
for the grasshoppers are eating my potatoes all up barley & all they are
so thick they allmost put out ones eyes may the blessings of
providence & good health atend us all good evening for the present Wm
Greenleaf