ORIGINAL AND TRANSCRIPTS

OF LETTERS WRITTEN TO

MARY ANN SAVILL TAME FROM

HER MOTHER, MARY ANN SAVILL,

BROTHERS - GEORGE AND JAMES,

AND SISTERS EMMA AND ELIZA.

ALSO ADDITIONAL MATERIAL FOUND

THAT PERTAINS TO THE FAMILY.

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Mary Ann Savill, daughter,
"Underwriter" 22 April 1861

George and family, Emma and
James and Ellens sister
Carolyn,
"Constitution" 24 June 1868

Josiah, Mary Ann & Eliza Savill,
"Nevada" 26 July 1871

Bps Stortford
Nov 25/61

My Dear Sister

I feel truly thankfull to God that I have the opportunity of writing to you. I felt glad to hear of your safe arrival in the home of the saints we were expecting a letter from you every week I dare say that all brother has told you all the news yet will darn me for me to tell you that over again things at home are as usual as about the same as when you left you wished me to tell you how Father and mother go on towards Mother well I think as far as I can see that he treats her as about the same if there is any difference it is for the better I was not at all surprised to hear that you and Jamie had breaking off your engagement nor was I sorry because I think it is always better done that there was not that

Better to bless and sustain you and that his Holy Spirit may be upon you at all times well good is his merciful great is his love to us Ellen send me a letter to you do not let any one else see this and you must forgive me for writing it so bad for it must be going off to Li in time God bless you my Dear Sister prays your affectionate Brother

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& Harriet Lolari and Mother will tell
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(3) to do my best to get away but you know that I have not much chance to do much after I have paid the church affairs and keep myself decent. I find that I have not much left Give my kind love to Br & Sister Brazier and

family and also to Br Doll and family and all the people that I know not forgetting James and Frank & Betsy & Fanny & Harriet I dare say Mother will tell you a little about my affairs well I do not mind you knowing but I do not whant you to tell anyone dear but keep it to yourself if there should be anything before long (I need not tell you what for you may guess) I will let you know about it well I do not know that I have anything else to say just now as there is not much time for it must be posted to night to go by this mail well my Dear I pray God my Eternal (4) Father to bless and sustain you and that his Holy Spirit may be in you at all times well good bye my dear and God bless you Ellen joins me in kind love to you do not let anyone else see this and you must forgive me for doing it so bad for it must be going off to be in time God bless you my Dear Girl. I remain your affectonate Brother

G Savill write us often as you can

Bro Stratford

Commenced May 16 — 1862

Finished June 2

My very dear Girl

I have waited for a letter from you till I am weary with hope deferred I therefore have come to the conclusion of writing a few lines to you which I most earnestly hope will reach you safely and find you well and happy, I think God I can say we are all pretty well at this time. You will know how anxious I have been and still am when I tell you that I have received no letter from you since the 4th of November which is now just upon 7 months therefore my dear Girl if you have not written or if you have pray write to us as soon as you receive this. Thomas Clark tells me they have had several letters from Frank as many as 5 or 6 so it appears very that neither I or Sister Sanders get any. He received one from James some weeks but not a word from either of the Girls since they were at Florence. We do not wish to accuse any of you of neglect because of it one cannot tell how it is. Sister Sanders has sent 3 letters and received no answer to any of them. I answered the one I received from you as soon as I could which I hope you received or else you must be as

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the 11 of January they are living in Church St
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a nice comfortable little home Ellen appears
to enjoy better health than she did at one time
but George does not seem very grand. Emma
is still at home but is talking of going to
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while she was without a servant I know what
you will say to that. Elisa is still at School
and James you would really be surprised
to see them they have grown so tall Elisa
almost as tall as she James grows more
like you every day he lives he makes me
feel almost bad sometimes when I look
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you him look better than he does but quite
as better towards the work of God as ever
and still he says nothing at least to me I
Uncle John has been ill with Rheumatism
or 16 weeks and is not able to work yet
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came home with us for a few days it has
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of going but I dont know how it will be as
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the distress in the manufacturing districts
is really dreadful and I never in my life saw so
many people begging. I hope dear you get the papers
I send you by them you will see to some extent
what a state the country is in I wish we were
all with you I expect you will see very much
that you know this year Mr & Mrs Lindsay Mr
Scott & family went out in the first ships. Mr
Carter & family from London in the second ship
Braintree came from Norfolk but now from Stuff
but all decided of doing so I hope you will see
of them Mr & Mrs Lindsay will give you of personally
for he has much to say to you I am very much
grieved that I could not send you a little
coal by them I should have done so only I thought
they were not going till the 2nd ships when Mr &
sent them word they were to go by the 1st at 8 o'
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School and James you would really be surprised to see them they have grown so tall Elisa is almost as tall as me, James grows more like you every day he lives he makes me feel almost bad sometimes when I look at him, Your Father is quite well I never saw him look better than he does but quite (missing) bitter towards the work of God as ever but still he says nothing at least to me, Uncle John has been ill with Rheumatism (missing) or 16 weeks and is not able to work yet (missing) went to see him a fortnight ago and brought him home with us for a few days it has been a very bad job for him but he must espect something, Your cousin Sarah Nelson has lost the sight of one eye and poor Sukey has been under 3 operations in her throat for her deafness and they think she will be cured

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much greived that I could not send you a little parcel by them I should have done so only I (missing) they were not going till the 2nd ship when Bro (missing) sent them word they were to go by the 1st at 3 days notice and they living so far from me I could not possibly manage it but I hope to bring you one next year, I don't know that I have much news to tell you. Emma Radly was confined a fortnight ago with twins she went in the Union last Friday they belong to Mr George Duke that makes her 4 what do you think of that - I tell you that sin and wickedness abound more and more Stortford now (missing) quite equal to London for depravity.

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We have had no more additions to our members since I wrote to you, Bro

Webb has began preaching out of doors again he has been to Haril End twice he says the people are very attentive.

Bishop Stortsford
Commenced August
Finished Sept. 20, 1862

My Dearly Beloved Child:

I take this opportunity of writing a few lines in reply to your long looked for and most welcome letter which I received safely on the 12th of july, and Oh! how I felt I cannot describe, but my heart overflows with joy and gratitude to God for his great goodness and mercy towards you in blessing you with health and strength and all you need. I am truly thankful to say we are all well and most sincerely hope you are enjoying the same blessing.

You say, my dear, that you sometimes feel dull when you think of being so far from us all. I know you must feel so, but I hope you will endeavor to keep up your spirits at all times for as you observed in your letter, time slips away quickly and it will not be many years, I hope, before we shall meet again and then in the joy of that, we shall forget all we have endured by separation. Your being so far off without one of us is the only thing that disturbs my mind.

I cannot feel sorry that you are safely in the beautiful valleys of the mountains. You have got over the toilsome journey while we have got it before us, but I feel as if I shall not mind that or anything else to be able to join you, my dear girl, and be near you. How often I look across the Meads and wish I could wing and fly to you for you are never no never out of my mind, and my constant prayer to God is that I may soon have the privilege of coming to you for I assure you dear I don't wish you back to England for things get worse and worse here with no prospect of improvement. I wish with you that we were all safely with you, but there will have to be some great changes take place before that time comes. What they will be are known only to the Great Ruler of events and is He not making bare his mighty Arm among the nations of the earth to establish his great work in bringing about the restoration of all things? My heart burns with gratitude when I reflect that I and all my dear children have a part in the great work of the last days. May we every one be kept faithful to the end is my earnest prayer.

I hope dear, that you received the letter I posted to you on the 10th of July, two days before I received yours. I had waited till I could wait no longer. I directed that to Bro. Dall's but I hope you will get it safely I shall direct this to the city, Sister Sanders is writing a piece to enclose in this for Fanny so please dear, give it to Fanny as soon as you can. Poor Sister Sanders has received no letters yet which we all think very strange. She was very sorry to hear the news you sent respecting Fanny being married, but as she is writing it is not worth while for me to say any more about it. William sent us a letter to read that he received from Bro. Kelsey in the Valley and we heard from him that (Barny) is living with a Bro. Walls, but I really do wish some of them would send their Mother a letter to ease her mind a little. Harriet has not sent a line at all since she left her home. I feel thankful my dearest girl that such is not the case with you and I hope never will be till we have no more need of writing, for I don't think I

could bear it quite so well as Sis. Sanders does but poor thing, she feels it very much. I do not intend waiting for your letters any more but will write to you as often as I can and hope you will do the same for you know my dear that you cannot send me more letters than I want to receive. I had one from my very dear friend Bro. and Sis. Lindsey by the same post that I had yours. A real good letter. It was written from Florence (Neb.) I expect it will be late this year before the Emigration gets in as they are so late in starting from Florence (Neb.). I hope dear that you will see Bro. & Sis. Lindsey and get acquainted with them. I feel sure that they will be almost like a father and mother to you for my sake. They have been dear and faithful friends to me and I have missed them very much indeed and do now for it is, as I dare say you have found out by this time, rather difficult to find people that you can fully and freely open your mind to but such they were to me and, therefore, I want you to get acquainted with them and then if you are near each other you can often talk of me and old times. I shall send a letter for them to the City, so if they have not arrived when you get this you can enquire for it and take charge of it for them if you like. I wish we could write to each other with as little difficulty as we can in this country. I should not mind the separation quite so much. You speak in your last letter about the girls coming. I hope they will never have to do that without me. I don't feel that I could let them. I am sure my dear girl that you have realized the truth of much that I said before you started. I could forsee many things that lay before you going as you did, but I felt to place you in the hands of that Almighty God who has brought me safely through so many trials and I now feel to bless and praise his Holy name for all His great mercies toward you and my constant prayer is and shall be that He will continue to bless, cheer and comfort you under everything he may call you to pass through, for his gospel's sake. Well my dear as regards your getting married, you pretty well know my feelings on that subject. I tell you now as I told you before I shall be most happy to hear that you have got a good husband. I should then feel that you had some one to speak to and to care for you, but there is one thing let me say, be sure you have the man <u>You Love</u>. Don't rush headlong into matrimony. Remember it is a solemn covenant for time and eternity. You know that I never wish to control one of my children in that matter. Give them my advice and then let them act according to their own feelings. Give my kindest love to whoever it is. I wish you had told me for I feel anxious to know. But I have full faith in you my dear c hild, that you will act with wisdom and may God bless you both all the time. I hope you will be <u>number one</u> though.

George and Ellen desire their best love to you. Ellen was pleased indeed with the piece you wrote to them. They appear very comfortable now. There is no prospect at present of your being Aunty and I hope there will not till they get where you are. Emma is still at home. She, with Eliza and James, desire their best love to you. I don't know yet whether I shall get them to write a few lines to you. I often scold about it, but they don't forget you I assure you dear, there is not a day passed without our talking about you. I do feel so very much grieved that I did not send you a parcel by Bro. Lindsey, but when you write again tell me what things you are most in need of so that I may get them by degrees ready in case I have an opportunity of sending next year. But I hope and pray that something will turn up so that we may come for I feel that I cannot rest here much longer.

Sept 20

It is some time since I wrote the first part of this letter. I really find it difficult to sit down and write a letter now there is so much to do

but having heard of a situation for Emma and having to go to London with her to see about it I thought I would wait and see the results so that I could send you word. Mrs. Cornwall told her of it and recommended it. It is at a friend of theirs at a coffee house in Bishopgate St. near the bank. It is a most excellent place. She has been there now for three weeks and likes it very much. It is just her delight, plenty of life though there is also plenty of work. They do not open on Sundays so she has that day to herself to go where she likes. Father, Eliza and James were there last Sunday and spent the day with her and went to the exhibition on Monday. She told Eliza she had 30^{s} given her the first week she was there. I was surprised. If she stays and is careful it will be a good thing for us all but I don't wish Father to know exactly what she gets in fact I have not told any one for it was a great struggle to me to get her things suitable to go and now she must pay for them. I hope she will do well but she causes me a deal of anxiety for fear she should be led away. She is so very flighty and she has grown such a tall showy girl that I feel fearful. I shall be glad indeed when I have them safely in the land of Zion.

Well my dearest girl I am very glad to tell you that Sister Sanders has received the letter from Fanny and Betsy which gave much pleasure to all of us. They were very interesting. Anna is home for her holiday and she has brought one that she received from Betsey T. Clarke tells me they had one by the same mail from Frank. Sister Sanders also recieved a paper containing the sad news of poor John Brazier. Poor boy, we were all very grieved to hear of it. What his parents feel I can imagine poor things. I hope the Lord will bless them with strength to endure but it is a heavy stroke for them. George went to Harlow and broke the sad news to poor Priscilla. Poor girl, she was cut up and had buried her Aunt about a fortnight before. I have not seen her myself, but she with her Husband and family are pretty well. We had two sudden deaths in Stortsford last week. Old Bro. Beadle the tailor was taken and died in his chair in a few minutes about half past 8 in the evening and old Mr. Player at the wharf dropped dead while dressing himself the next morning. There has been quite a number of thos very important and interesting affairs, In fact, the boys and girls all appear in a desparate hurry among them we have got M.A. Westwood married about 6 weeks ago. She was married at Epping, George and Ellen went of course. I hope poor girl, she will find things all that she expects but I have very strong doubts on the subject. You would be very pleased to see what a nice comfortable home George has got and Ellen takes such pride in it and keeps everything beautifully clean and nice, but poor George looks very sadly . Every one says he is very much altered in appearance since he has been married, but I hope he will get over all that. Wm Sanders has received a letter from James I forgot to mention this before, you must excuse the way my letter is disjointed for I write the news just as it crosses my mind. They have not told Mr. Sanders who Fanny married. We all thought I would be very unwise. I do know they have told him she is married and I believe that's all.

Sister Webb has written a few lines to enclose with this. We thought you would like to hear from others as well as me. We have not much alteration. Mrs. Searle has left us and is working Mr. Searle's Bro. Webb works at the shop now. I don't know if I told you that in my last letter. He desires his kind love to you and all the old friends . Mrs. Brett called the other day and wished me to ask you to send word when you write to me if you know anything of her husband. She cannot hear from him at all. She has sent three letters to him. I am sorry dear that you do not get the papers. It is dis-

couraging to send them but I shall send you one or two with this letter. I think I shall now leave off and leave the space for some of the others to fill up. I must say James said to William, everybody sends their love to everybody. Well my beloved girl, will conclude with the warmest love of my heart praying God my Heavenly Father to bless you at all times with his richest, choicest blessings, I remain as ever your very affectionate mother,

M.A. Savill
(Mary Ann)

My dearest Sister:

It is with feelings of regret and joy that I write a few lines to you. I regret that I have not written before and joy that I can tell you how we are and also how we are getting along. I suppose you will hear all the news from mother as she has, I expect, written a long letter to you. I have great pleasure in telling you that we are all very well at present and I was glad to hear you were the same. I have just been reading Fanny's and Betsy's letters which they have sent to their mother. They are very nice letters indeed. Marianne and her mother and me and Anna have been to Birchanger today and so they were read there to the old people who were very pleased with them. They were so surprised to hear Fanny and Harriett were married and wanted to know of course whether you was or not but of course I could not tell them but I expect you are before now. Emma has got a nice place in a coffee house in Bishopgate street in London not far from the station. Perhaps you will know where it is. She likes it very much. It is just what she likes to be running about. I wish dear Mary Ann, that we were there with you enjoying ourselves together. Father, mother and all of us. I hope it will not be long before we can come dear. I dare say you would be like Betsey, would not mind coming to meet us. Well dearest, mother is waiting to post this letter so I must close, hoping to see a line or two from you when you write to mother but I expect you do not have much time for writing there where you are. Because of my kindest and best love my dear sister, I remain your affectionate Sister in Christ,

Eliza Savill

(This was written in same letter by mother M.A. Saville...later)

We have a most beautiful harvest with plentiful crop and quantities of fruit, especially plums and apples. Potatoes are going very bad in many places but what are good are very good and heavy crops. We hear fearful accounts from America concerning the war. It is affecting this country very much. The distress is dreadful in the manufacturing districts. Calico and prints are getting very dear, they say that prints will go quite out of wear before long. They have got the best prints now at 10^{s} a yard and calico are likely to be enormous so I don't know what will be the result. They are getting up subscriptions all over the country for the distressed in the North. Be sure my dear and write as often as you can and tell me all the news you can. Goodbye, God Bless you, Sister Sanders has brought her piece for Fanny which will make mine over-weight so I have taken out the piece written by our James and Sister Webb. I will write again very soon and then I will send them. They do not contain any news only what I have told you but you must write a line to Sis. Webb when you write to me or else she will feel herself offended at my sending Sister Sanders and not hers.

education so that she may be able to [illegible] [illegible] employment for she is not very strong [illegible] you [illegible] surprised to see him [illegible] tell he had [illegible] he has been travelling 3 weeks in London one with William and 2 with Henry & Jane Taylor they have opened a [illegible] near St Martins Lane and if they [illegible] they will do very well your Aunt [illegible] is not able to [illegible] things I don't think from what I hear that she will [illegible] any better I have not seen her myself. Your Uncle John and family are all [illegible] as usual. Poor old Thomas Andrews is still in the land of the living but he is [illegible] sitting [illegible] by the fire with [illegible] very [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] you [illegible] for [illegible] poor fellow [illegible] and hope he will soon get over it. William [illegible] and his wife send their love to you and all the old friends they are all well and hope you are the same [illegible] [illegible] had [illegible] a letter [illegible] which I hope she will receive safely [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] them all and all [illegible] you may quite expect to see William and Benjamin next year and Sister [illegible] thinks of coming as well. Benjamin told William he should [illegible] they will work in that direction I hope the Lord will remove [illegible] out of the [illegible] but that we must leave to his [illegible] providence I only wish I had the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] family. Hast [illegible] Hertford has sent a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Brett & Mother it is above [illegible] they [illegible] [illegible] it [illegible] in the papers [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and said he should [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] bring it himself but hope he will [illegible] instead to come back here. We have [illegible] [illegible] pictures [illegible] bound [illegible] of yours [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] no one you know the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] he is a nice little fellow [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I hope [illegible]

[illegible]

Bsps Stortford
Nov 12th 1862(3)

My dearly beloved Girl

I take this opportunity of writing you a few lines as I know you like to hear from us and I felt that I should like you to have a few lines about Christmas as we cannot spend it together. I sincerely wish we could but I hope we shall not be separated many more Christmases. I hope dear you will enjoy yourself in your mountain home in the society of the good and faithful friends to whom you are united by the ties of the Gospel though not by the ties of nature.

I hope you are well in health and spirits. I thank God we are all pretty well at this time. I have been suffering very much for a month with Rheumatism in my face but it has now nearly left me. Your father met with an accident 2 weeks ago. he was cutting some leather pe_____the knife slipped and cut his wrist very badly. We thought at first he had severed the arteries and would lose his hand but as usual the Lord is better to us than our fears

(2) he just escaped the arteries but it was a very bad place it is now healing up nicely though of course he has no strength in it yet but before this reaches you I hope it will be all right again. I hope my dear you have received what I sent you safely and found them them useful I espect you had the parcel before you had the letter apprising you of it did you not. Be sure and give my kind love to Bro Berrett and thank him for me and when you send to me tell him to enclose a few lines. I feel that I have much to tell you dear. I hope you get the papers and you will learn from them some of transactions of Bps Stortford you will have seen the death of poor dear Mrs. Hughes. had quite a job there as you well imagine, I should like to tell you all the particulars but cannot do it very well in a letter poor dear I can never never forget it she is always on my mind She was likely to have an increase in family and the Doctor said she could

not go her full time her confinement must be brought on at 7 months and so they messed her about for a fort night and she was confined about ½ past 10 onSaturday morning the

(3) 3rd of October and was dead before 2 it was truly awful very little short of murder poor dear. She died with her hand on mine and her poor eyes fixed on me you cannot think how much I miss her the old lady has gone to live with Mr H. they none of them seem to think much of it now but the whole town was upset at the time I am afraid it will do Mr. Hodson no good for many people attach great blame to him. I think a great deal about her. I should dearly like to know how it is with her spirit. I have got a nice card on her death Mr. H had a number made and he gave me 2 one for myself and one to send you but I am afraid it will make a letter over weight. She used to speak of you very often and they gave me a black dress, shawl, bonnet, cap, gloves & collar.

Priscilla Savill spent the day with me about a fortnight ago She was well I never saw her look better her husband and family are all well she had just received a letter from her mother and was very pleased with it she brought it for me to read but I was not at all pleased with it from Sister B does not appear at all contented she seems to long for old England I am very sorry for I am sure there does not seem much here to hanker after at least not to see . the Braziers finely go on about it

(4) give my kind love to them all I espect they will have a letter from Priscella before you have this. Give my love to Bro & Sister Lindsay but I will write a piece to them. Also to Bro & Sis Hardy & family. I hope they are well tell Sis H I often see his Father he is about as usual he came in and had some breakfast with me a few Sundays back (your Father was in London) poor old man he quite enjoyed a cup of tea he told me to give his kind love to them all and say that he is very comfortable. George & Ellen are well they both send their kind love to you and all friends. I don't know when George means writing to you he has began a letter a long

time but he says its no use for him to write because I write such a batch and tell you every thing, he does not know what to say. E mma, Eliza and James are all well and of course send lots of love the girls are both at home I don't know what Emma is going to do she wants to go to London and we don't want she should sometimes Father says she shall learn the millinary she talks she should like it but I don't think she would like the confinement. Master James is not fine, to anything yet he is now going to an evening school to improve his

(5) education so that he may be able to take light employment for he is not very strong. You would be surprised to see how tall he has grown. he has been spending 3 weeks in London one with William and 2 with Harry & Jane Taylor they have opened a fish shop near St. Martins Lane and if they mind they will do very well. Poor Aunt Crowe is very ill not able to do anything I don't think from what I hear that she will ever be any better. I have not seen her myself. Your Uncle John and family are all about as usual. Poor old Thomas Andrews is still in the land of the living but he is now sitting here by the fire with a very severe fit of the skulks arn't you sorry for him poor fellow. I am and hope he will soon get over it. William Webb and his wife send their love to you and all their old friends. they are all well and hope you are the same. Sister Sanders has posted a letter to Betsey which Ihope she will receive safely.

Give my love to them and all you may quite espect to see William and Marianne next year and Sister S thinks of coming as well. Bro. Cannon told William she should if they will work in that direction so I hope the Lord will remove Sanders out of the way first but that we must leave to his superior judgement. I only wish I had the prospect of going with all my family. Hart from Hertsford has sent a reare letter to Brett's mother

it is abominable they talk of having it put in the papers. Brett sent his love to his wife and said he should write her a long letter and bring it himself but I hope he will never be permitted to come back here

We have got another apprentice he is bound for 5 years. he comes from Tholey no one you know Mr Vander Muelin apprenticed him he is a nice little fellow about James age. W Searle Hope Carter (6) and all the old hands are at work for us still we are very busy. George gets on nicely with the machine. he does some very nice work withit now.

Mr. Tucker the green grocer was buried last Saturday he has been ill 2 years. Wm Cornwell is very poorly I think he is in a decline tell Bro Brazier old Billy has done something at last by his boasted strength he has ruptured himself so he is obliged to be a little quiet now. I say it serves him right. I espect his daughter Elizabeth will soon marry she has come home for that purpose.

Give my love to Bro & Sis Dall when you see them and all their family also to James. Fanny, Betsey, Harriet, Charles,William and all who inquire after me. I cannot mention all their names but pray don't forget Wm Wright if he has arrived, I should like to have a few lines from him when you write as you are such a bad Scholar you cannot spell his name, Well dear its all right you have not lost much time yet. we thought of you on the 1st of February next year you will be of age you know so you must prepare to take your fortune.

I have almost filled my paper so I think its time to conclude. I hope you will spend a happy Christmas my dear girl, and also a happy new year depend on it I shall think of you. and may my Heavenly Father to bless you with his richest blessings and grant you the righteous desire of your heart. May you ~~and I~~ and all of us be kept faithful and endure to the end is the earnest prayer of your affectionate mother. Accept my dear one my hearts best love.

Pray write soon - I am looking for a letter every post. God bless you

her peace and contentment in the land
Give my love to [illegible] both and
all our old friends. I must now
conclude praying God to bless
you with every blessing and
may we soon meet again
with [illegible] forever. I
remain your affectionate
Mother M. A. [illegible]

Mr & Mrs Christy both the Miss
Hughes desire their kind regards
to you. Dr Christy says he should
like to come and see you.
Sarah Brazier has just come
in. She sends her love to you
and says I am to tell you she
is as fat & saucy as ever.
Do have your [illegible] me your
portrait. I think [illegible]
[illegible] might do that some
day. I should so much like
to have them. I hope you
got the papers all right.

Private

Sep 16, 1863

My dear girl I am sorry I could not send this letter off earlier but I have been very ill with Rheumatism Inflamation could not move myself but thank God I am now getting on well before this reaches you. I hope with God's blessings to be quite strong again, I think I have told you in the other piece pretty well all the news in the other piece, so will now say a little about the parcel I sent you by Bro Berrett which I most sincerely hope you will get safely but I feel rather uncomfortable about it as I see by the Star that the Saints who went by that ship had a good deal of their luggage burnt but I hope poor Bro Berrett was not among the number I shall feel uneasy

(2) till I hear so I hope dear you will write directly you know I hope it is saved as it will be a considerable loss besides the disappointment to you all. I will tell you as near as I can remember what we sent you. Bro B has a pretty little box and a china mug. presents from Emma with their portraits which he took in his box independent of the parcel that contained a little box with a few flowers and some pearl beads and 2 6^{s} they were from Emma some embroidery and cotton hair pins and several little things from Elisa a case of crochet hooks some new coins from James with some 3 pieces from him poor old chap twas all he could send. A hair net & bonnet strings from George & Ellen pair of Gloves with a 3^{s} piece tucked in one finger from Bro & Sister Webb a black apron from Sis Westwood pocket

(3) handkerchief & lead pencil from Carey some paper from Jane & Harry Taylor pair of sleves & collar from Mr. A Cornwell & dress which I hope you will like a pair of boots and a few odds & ends from me you must

get Bro Hardy to put heels on the boots for you I hope they will fit you dear. Sister Sanders has sent a trifle for each of her family. Priscilla sent a bonnet ribbon for George's wife blackcap for her mother Sister Westwood sent a black apron for Sister Bearies and I sent her a piece of blond for a front and some flat pencils for Bro B. The other pencils are for you there is a piece of blend for Sister Hardy. I had a small parcel for Bro & Sis Lindsay but forgot to put it in also another portrait of Emma I was so sorry but if there is any trifle you can spare Sis L dear

(4) do so if I don't bring you & visit more next year perhaps I may send to you again, I have sent you a lot of buttons but I was forced to take them off the papers on account of the noise and put them altogether in a bag or you will have quite a job to sort them out I hope they will all be useful to you I don't think I should let quite every one know everything there is in the parcel I feel so sorry to think I forgot Sis Lindsay though it was not much I sent you some old ribbons dear I thought perhaps you might do something with them as ribbons are so dear, these I mean to take care of every piece.

Your private piece my beloved girl was very comforting to my mind I hope you never will

(5) keep anything from me and always retain the same good spirit that you possess now. hold on firmly my dear child to the great work we are engaged in. I never in my life felt so great a love for it as I do now I wish I could see the same in all my dear ones. I am sorry to say poor Emma seems very careless but Elisa is as firm as a rock you cannot think what a difference there is between them. I am very much afraid that George & Ellen don't think so much about getting away as I should like to see them they have

(6) (across)

got such a dear little home I'm afraid they will be loth to give it up I do wish he had kept single. she thinks of nothing but dress and her house. she is very childish in her ways but I hope she will know better some day before its too late. I forgot to tell you to give my kind love to Mr Wright. I have not heard from Sister Hardy nor do I wish unless she writes differently to what she wrote to her Sister that was a letter to be sure full of complaints but I was not at all surprised because

(7) (across)

she never was contented in this land, Give my love to them both and all my old friends. I must now conclude praying God to bless you with every blessing and may we soon meet again.

With my fondest love I remain your affectionate Mother

M A Savill

Mr & Mrs Christy both the _____Hughes desire their kind regards to you Mr Christy says he should like to come and see you

Sarah Brazier has just come in she sends her love to you all and says I am to tell you she is as fat & saucy as ever.

Be sure you send me your portrait. I think Bro & Sis Lindsay might do that some day I should so much like to have them. I hope you get the papers all right

of the Church and with the blessing
of God such a time among the other
Saints the Lord is blessing the Saints in
a marvelous way in preparing the means for
their deliverance. I do know the Lord
will deliver his people from the
judgments that are about to be poured
upon the earth who put their trust in
him I pray that the way may be
speedily opened and that all things
may work together for our good
I can delight much in room the
importance of keeping faithfull to
my religion and trying ever exercise
the power to get out of these
lands. Dear I don't know how you
get on in the winter time were you
are for I am cold the use of a good
fire we have had it pretty sharp
this winter at times. But we live in
hopes that it will it will soon get
warmer. Well I must tell you there
is not much to encourage us to stop for
I think sooner than the mormons in
a more dull a state than they are

at the present time for ever since there
any strangers come now and if it was
not for Emma & Eliza I should feel my
self quit set down with the Old
married people Fanny therefore
has got a little Girl she was confine
feberay 4th I must draw this to a close
I have not got any more news to tell
you I should be glad if you would answer
this letter and tell me all about the
Valley and all the news you know becaus
I like to know all I supose you have
hear that William Landre is coming out the
year and Mars Smedgre and all the Children
if they can come but I have not heard
for a truth Dear Morgan Except my
kindest love as I must bring this to a
close Remember me Kinley to all who
would care to hear from me and
please to Remember me in your prayer
may God bless and prosper you Constantly
is my constant friend & Remember
your Affectionate Sister
Ellen Jewell

abt. 1863

(first part of letter missing)

....of the church and with the blesing of God seck a home among the gathered Saints. the Lord is blesing the Saints in a marvilous way in preparing the means for there deleverance. I do know the Lord will deliver his people from the judgments that are about to be pored upon the earth who put there trust in him I pray that the way may be spead-ley opened and that all things may work togather for our good I can relize more and more the importance of keeping faithful to my reglion and trying ever excirsion in my power to get out of these lands Dear I don't know how you get on in the winter time weare you are for I am cold the side of a good fire. we have had it pritty sharp this winter at times. But we live in hopes that It will soon get warmer Well I must tell you there is not much to incurrage us to stop for I think I never knew the meeting in a more dull astait then they are

(2) at the present time for we never have any strangers come now and if it was not for Emma & Eliza I should feel my self quit set down with the Old Married people. Fanny Mumford has got a little girl she was confined feberuy 4. I must draw this to a close. I have not got any more news to tell you I should be glad if you would answer this letter and tell me all about the Valley and all the news you know because I like to know all I sepose you have hear that William Sandors is coming out this year and Mirs Sandere and all the children if they can come but I have not heard for a truth Dear Maryan Except my kindest Love as I must bring this to a close Remember me Kindley to all who would care to hear from me and please to Remember me in your prayer may God bless and prosper you continuly is my constant prayer I remain your affectionate Sister

Ellen Savill

Mr Hartford April 8/64

My dearest Mary Anne

With my fondest love I take this opportunity of writing a few lines to let you know that I received your letter with the portrait quite safe on good Friday morning March 27th and I can tell you dear it was better to me than I had ever been. I was pleased indeed we had all been anxiously expecting it every one who has seen it considers it an excellent likeness I dont think you appear much altered except being thinner I think you are looking much thinner but I suppose that was taken after your illness which will account for it we all like your style of dress we think you are very smart with your earrings and what we have set it down for the engaged ring on your finger, is it so. I gave it to Father he looked at it for some time and at first thought it was your cousin Susan but he soon saw who it was and he then asked more questions about you than he has ever done before he wants to know what wages you are getting and all the particulars as to how you write so that I can send it to him. I have done for you to Postpone for a week to see for Emma she was very anxious to spend with you but I persuaded her she should have the next to be for herself. The dresses

Mrs Hartford has decided for her also for Emma

Letter & have they heard any thing of Wills yet it is very strange I have been thinking of writing the letter thinking to be able to tell you of Letter under was coming so soon but we dont know yet. She told him about it last week and he told her she could go when she liked but his children should all go first he was pleased at that and he will then manage we all intend to go and Emma had written to tell them to keep in preparing and praying and all will be well. Marriage has not come home yet. The last ship will sail from London next Thursday week May 5th and this is now April 26 so there is a good enough time for them but he never mentioned it since it makes me feel very uncomfortable thinking about it. He wants to be married before he was counted his to do. She will do he will act under his business instructions. She thinks they will have to steal the children away if that should be the case it will make a pretty stir here. I wish we were all going out of it this year. I am sure dear Jonathan but you must try to be patient and trust God time, the time does indeed seem long since we parted and yet it appears to have flown swiftly I never thought I could have lived 8 years away from one of my dear children without seeing them but we dont know what we can bear till we are placed in it and then we realize that the promise of God is true that as our day our strength shall be but the hope and trust we shall not be deserted many more years

her kindest love to you and thinks you are very much improved in dress since you took quite the Lady.

I must now tell you a little of her proceedings she went to Sarah Melvin to stay a week or 2 and try for a situation and got one in Parlour Board at Poplar Hospital where Betsy Grimes from Hundon lives both but it is so very hard and her health is so bad she will not be able to stop her breath is so bad that at times she cannot speak and such pains in her side I quite think she has a disease of the heart it makes me very anxious about her she is not at all well to be away from home but poor girl she is anxious to get her own living and there is nothing to be got here and Bathers trade is very queer indeed people get into their debts so much that he cannot get his money together to meet his heavy payments I dont know what will be the end but I hope the Lord will help us I dont mistrust him he has always helped us and will do so still if I do right which is my desire and I hope it will be still, so my dear girl trust you matter yourself in all sincerity because all is right at present. You want to know the time of your birth, you was born just before 12 o'clock on Tuesday night – May 19th 1843. I suppose you are going to know your fortune tho are you not if it is so you might send one word the particulars, you also ask me if there is any prospect of your being married I think you may look for that most important event to take place about Christmas if all well but she is very odd in her ways and really she does not say much to me about it she tells Eliza most but I expect when the time comes she will cry out for me the tell Eliza she shall they both desire their kind love to you I expect you have received their letter long before now but before I forget it do mind you get your things away safe I am very pleased to hear from Bro Bennett I shall be glad to have a few lines from him at any time circle with yours and I will answer it the same I would gladly write to him but if it does not be expensive and I am quite short of cash to me at present and I shall pray I give him my kind love and I sincerely hope his health is quite restored. Mrs to Bro Lindsay and family I hope they are well I have the pleasure of a little Daughter also Bro Esther's wife is that time I have received one or 2 letters lately from our old friend W Moss after a long silence he has sent his Godson to Cirel he is now gone to visit his friends in Scotland previous to his return home for the Dalles if he was nearer I would send you a small parcel by him but of course as it is I can but I hope you under will be able to take it for me. Sister I received a letter from Sarah telling of the death of her dear Mary

Private

My dearest girl I feel to want to say a word back to you but cannot. I was very pleased with your letter but still there was something about it that was not satisfactory to me. I want to know more about what you are doing for a living and how you are treated. I cannot help thinking that some people change very much when they get to Zion is it not so dear. Bro Scott sent word he met James Sanders at Conference and he did not even ask how his Mother was we have not told her of it nor yet let her read the letter as Bro Webb and I thought it would hurt her feelings. Tom Clark called and told us they had got a letter from Frank and he said James haven't behaved well at all to him that made your Father go on finely. When

writing I feel to want to say so much Elizabeth says he [illegible] had his endowments and Betty [illegible] sent word they said you [illegible] not mention it so I suppose you have not tell me when you write and tell me if you are [illegible] [illegible] or how you manage —

forgot to tell you Father has retired [illegible] to do the [illegible] & [illegible] he shall [illegible] it next week James is going to [illegible] to work the business is very bad Your Father worries himself almost to death to get money to meet his bills when they come due it [illegible] the [illegible] very [illegible] but for their sake I am glad the [illegible] is there is but little [illegible] here I think Father [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Mary come and stay [illegible] days with us at Christmas there

Send word when you write again whether Mr Sanders has ever written to his wife. I have just heard that he has given notice to leave his house and is going to sell his furniture and go to London with Mr Mills. Poor old man how hard it does look to us to break up his home after all these years. I do feel for him and cannot bear to meet him.

I forgot to say Bro Green sends his love to you and all the Sanders

God bless you dear ones write as soon and as often as you can. Dear Alfred be sure you write directly after the well you know what

[illegible] your kind [illegible] was [illegible] send [illegible] love to all [illegible] Grand [illegible] summer [illegible] months one day he had been [illegible] in the [illegible] and [illegible] quite [illegible] back [illegible] they [illegible] him though they [illegible] the [illegible] he [illegible] them [illegible] friends each Well my dearest girl I [illegible] conclude [illegible] God bless now and for ever

you write again send me a prouett
piece and tell me all you can I do have
so many thoughts about you dear tell
me if James and you are acquainted
now or not - and if you are on friendly
terms with them all - I have heard
that Mrs J Lindsay is devorced from his
wife is that true and if it is what is
the reason I hope it is not - I cannot
help thinking about it. I am very
thankful dear that I have the opportunity
of sending you a few trifling things
which I hope will be useful to you
Mr Prouett has taken the Girls pictures
away with him to have them fitted
both in one case so they will not be in the
parcel but I shall send you one I
have of Emma as I think it is most
like her she has the same dress on in
both but you will not think it to be how
also taken a fancy box and chinese toy
presents from Emma to it going to pass
them carefully in his box so that they
may not be broken she has also sent you
some pearl beads and a lot of hair pins
Eliza has bought you some embroidery
cotton but I shall find all other things
on what they send they will all send
some trifle I have sent you a dress and
a pair of kid boots I hope dearest you
will like them Mr A Cornwell has
given me a pair of sleeves and a collar
for you Harry Taylor and Jane have
sent some nice scarfs and cuffs
I dare say you will find a use for
all there will be and may God bless
you with them I pray dearest - don't
neglect writing to me as often as you
can never mind the expense I shall
always have 1s to pay for your letters
I really dont know how to leave off

Bps Stortford
April 8/64

My dearest Mary Ann

With my fondest love I take this opportunity of writing a few lines to let you know that I received your letter with the portrait quite safe on Good Friday morning March 25th and I can tell you dear it was better to me than 2 hot cross buns. I was pleased in deed we had all been anxiously expecting it everyone who has seen it considers it an excellent likeness I don't think you appear much altered except being thinner but I suppose that was taken after your illness which will account for it We all like your style of dress we think you are very smart with your ear rings and what we have set it down for the engaged ring on your finger is it so.

I gave it to Father he looked at it for some time and at first thought it was your cousin Susan but he soon saw who it was and he then asked more questions about you than he has ever done before. he wants to know what wages you are getting and all the particulars or when you write so that I can send it to him. I have sent you to Poplar for a week to see poor Emma she was very unwilling to part with you but I promised her she should have the next - to keep for herself. She desires

(2) her kindest love to you and thinks you are very much improved in fact she says you look quite the lady.

I must now tell you a little of her proceedings she went to Sarah Nelsons to stay a week or 2 and try for a situation and got one as Parlor maid at Poplar Hospital where Betsy Graves from Hunsdon lives book, but it is so very hard and her health is so bad she will not be able to stop her breath is so bad that at times she cannot speak and such pain in her side I quite think she has a desease of the heart it makes me very anxious

about her she is not at all fit to be away from home but poor girl she is anxious to get her own living and there is nothing to be got here and Fathers trade is very queer indeed people get into his dept. so much that he cannot get his money together to meet his heavy payments so I don't know what will be the end but I hope the Lord will help us I don't mistrust him. he has always helped me and will do so still if I do right, which is my desire and I hope it will be still, now my dear girl don't you make yourself at all uneasy because all is right at present. You want to know dear the time of your birth, you were born just before 12 o'clock on Sunday night - Feby 19th 1843. I suppose you are going to have your fortune told are you not if it is so you might send me word the particulars, you also ask me if there is any prospect of your being Aunt. Well I think you may look for that most important event to take place about November if alls well, but she is very odd in her ways (I mean Nelly) she does not say much to me about it she tells Elisa most but I espect when the time comes she will sing out for me she tells Elisa she shall, they both desire their kind love to you I espect you have received thier letter long before now, before I forget it dear did you get your china mug safe, I was very pleased to hear from Bro Berrett I shall be glad to have a few lines from him at any time enclosed with yours and I will answer it the same I would gladly write to all my old friends if it was not so expensive and I am mostly short of cash so we must manage it in that way. Give him my kind love and I sincerely hope his health is quite restored. Also to Bro. Lindsay and family I hope they are well I hear he has a little Daughter. Also Bro Silver's 2nd wife is that true?

We have recieved one or 2 letters lately from an old friend A Ross after a long silence he has sent his Portrait to Elisa he is now gone

to visit his friends in Scotland previous to his departure for the valley, if he was nearer I would send you a small parcel by him but of course as it is I cannot but I hope Wm Sanders will be able to take it for me. Sister L received a letter from Fanny telling of the death of her dear Baby

(4) Poor girl I do feel for her also for poor Sister D. have they heard any thing of William yet - it is very strange I have been driving off writing this letter thinking to be able to tell you is Sister Sanders was coming or not but we don't know yet - She told him about it last week and he told her she could go when she liked but his children shall not go there he can prevent that and he will their names are all entered to go and Wm has written to tell her to keep on preparing and praying and all will be well, Marianne has not come home yet - the last ship will sail from London next Thursday week, May 5 and this is now April 26 so there is not much time for them Wm S has never mentioned it since, it makes me feel very uncomfortable thinking about it she wants to do right I know and whatever Wm counsels her to do she will do he will act under Bro Cannon's instructions she thinks they will have to steal the children away if that should be the case it will make a pretty stir here I wish we were all going out of it this year. I'm sure dear you do but you must try to be patient and wait Gods time, the time does indeed seem long since we parted and yet it appears to have flown swiftly I never thought I could have lived 3 years away from one of my dear children without seeing them, but we don't know what we can bear till we are placed in it and then we realize that the promise of God is sure that as our day our strength shall be, but I do hope and trust we shall not be separated many more years

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PRIVATE

My dearest Girl I feel to want to say a cart load to you but cannot. I was very pleased with your letter but still there was something about it that was not satisfactory to me. I want to know more about what you are doing for a living and how you are treated. I cannot help thinking that some people change very much when they get to Zion is it not so dear. Bro. Scott sent word he met James Saunders at Conference and he did not even ask how his Mother was we have not told her of it nor yet let her read the letter as Wm Webb and I thought it would hurt her feelings. Tom Clark called and told us they had got a letter from Frank and he said James has not behaved well at all to him that made your Father go on finely, (2) When you write again send me a private piece and tell me all you can. I do have so many thoughts about you dear tell me if James and you are acquainted now or not and if you are on friendly terms with them all. I have heard that Bro J Lindsay is devorced from his wife is that true and if it is what is the reason I hope it is not so I cannot help thinking about it. I am very thankful dear that I have the opportunity of sending you a few trifling things which I hope will be useful to you Bro Berrett has taken the girls portrait away with him to have them fitted both in one case so they will not be in the parcel but I shall send you one I have of Emma as I think it is most like her she has the same dress on in both but you will not thin, (3) so he has also taken a fancy box and china many presents from Emma he is going to pack them carefully in his box so that they may not be broken she has also sent you some pearl beads and a lot of hair pins Eliza has bought you some embroidery and cotton but I shall put all thier names on what they send they will all send some trifle. I have sent you a dress and a pair of kid boots I hope dearest you will like them M A Cornwell has given me a pair of sleves and a collar for

you, Harry Taylor and Jane have sent some nice paper and envelopes I dare say you will find a use for all there will be and may God bless you with them, pray dearest - don't neglect writing to me as often as you can never mind the espense I shall always have 1^{s} to pay for your letters I really dont know how to leave off (4) writing I feel to want to say so much Bro. Scott says he has had his endowment and Betsy A James sent word they had you do not mention it so I suppose you have not tell me when you write, and tell me if you are paid any money or how you manage - I forgot to tell you Father has ordered a machine to do the closing & binding we shall have it next week James is going to learn to work it. Business is very bad your Father worries himself almost to death to get money to meet his bills when they come due. I miss the girls very much but for their sakes I am glad they are away as there is but little peace here I think Father hates Mormonism now there were many came and stayed 3 or 4 days with us at Christmas (5) there is some fine doings with her and William Your Uncle John has had about 50 left - hear old Mr Graves died with his dinner in his mouth one Sunday he had been to Chapel in themorning and appeared quite well but was dead before they noticed him though they were at the table with him. he left them about 50 pounds each

Well my dearest girl I will conclude praying God to bless you now and forever,

(extra sheet)

Send word when you write again wether Mr Sanders has ever written to his wife. I have just heard that he had given notice to leave his house and is going to sell his furniture and go to London with Mr Watts poor old man how hard it does look to us to break up his home after all these years. I do feel for him and cannot bear to meet him,

I forgot to say Mrs Grow sends her love to you and all the Sanders

God bless you dear ones write as soon and as often as you can. Dear Alfred be sure you write directly after the
well you know what

[illegible]

[illegible] I forgot to tell that Richard brothers not yet Barnsdale have been home to see them. I hope they may not be many years more and continue to pray my dear that the Lord will open the way and remove every obstacle that does stand in the way of our deliverance. I was very glad to hear that you have passed out and get all the knowledge you can. It is very pleasing to hear of the progress the people of God are making in your mountain home. I think I expect to see quite a [illegible] if you go to it. Do you know what other [illegible] and [illegible] the trees and everything begins to look beautiful. Perhaps you get [illegible] of spring.

[illegible] Love to my kind love [illegible] thought to have a [illegible] from [illegible] but stated that he was dead of his disease and [illegible]

[illegible] there must be something [illegible]
in the atmosphere of the Prairies. Continued I suppose he
has found out that there is not so much [illegible] in
that his responsibilities are more than they used to be in
the land. Therefore his time is more valuable. God bless
them all in my prayers. I hope they get along nicely. Tell
Mrs Pratt she can write to her husband. He feels very
homesick. I know it. I hope his business will
take him home in a few days. We don't want to see him
the big Yankee and little Yankee and to Mrs Pratt and
family. Don't forget to give my love to Mrs Pratt and
I hope they are getting along better. The people here appear
to all know that they are not at all satisfied. I feel
as if I could go and encourage them. I think I should
enjoy myself begging the church of Christ to come out separately or

as Emma says I should. Give your patience. Give love to your
dear Mother. I will tell you more when I return. Remember
me to all that you will. Tell Lewis to come on to the meeting and
I wish he and she could come up to see her mother. The last
we heard of time we must be there in the morning at
I have left my baby and we have been 2 months coming to
the new going. Make a great deal greater than the same time
we heard. Tell Lewis that you have come home but don't
stop. We hope he doesn't that we will be in the course of
your letter. Write my dear beloved child I will now conclude
with my fervent love and that of all your Brothers being
and all the Saints desire their love to you and all that
old friends. Jesus my Heavenly Father to let his rich
choicest blessings rest on you my child. I remain your
affectionate Mother
R. M. Pratt

Sent Between May 1 + 16
1864

April 27

I have delayed finishing this letter thinking I should be able to send you word how things are going to be with Sister S. but I have heard today that the vessel does not sail till the 16th May so I shall not wait any longer, Wm has not come home yet and I don't know what course they intend to pursue but Sanders says if they attempt to take the children he will follow them and bring them back if it costs him his life poor man I cannot help feeling grieved for him. it is indeed hard for his wife and all his family to leave him now in his old days. He now looks quite an old man a person told me today that he frets very much about his wife leaving him it would be a mercy if the Lord would be pleased to remove him before the time comes.

Poor old Sis Ufford died on Good friday. Bro W goes on about as usual he is not allowed to come to the meetings, A Silvester & John Minnford have forsaken us so you see our branch decreasing instead of increasing, poor old Sis Waterman has not been able to

(2) get to Stortford for a long time She with the rest of the good folks from Birchanger desire their kind love to you and all they know.

I am sorry to say Emma is obliged to leave her situation and come home her health getting to much worse and one of her legs has been very bad one of the veins burst and then it gathered and was very bad but thank God since she has been home she is better and the leg is healing I think nicely. She appears so weak and has no breath to walk about but I hope please God she will get all right again She must not attempt to go to London service any more I wish she could learn the milinery She had such a taste for that but Father will not put either of them to a business, Eliza is trying for a situation as nursery Governess if she succeeds poor Emma will stay at home until she gets quite strong The doctors all say she will not till she is

older she frets a good deal about it when she sees other young people able to do something for themselves and she is not and is willing to work She often says she wishes she was with you.

May 8th We have had an exciting week here this week that is why I have not been able to finish writing but I am determined to do so to might - so am staying from meeting. last Sunday your Father was in London and we had our President here. Elder John Rider a very nice young man and Pricilla Savill came by the first

(3) train in the morning and stayed all day. She had breakfast & dinner with us and tea with her Uncle Ben, She came over to bring some things for me to pack to send by Wm Sanders with a little parcel I shall send you dear, but I am sorry to say we shall not be able to send all She wanted to send as the emigrants are restricted to 5 to weight of luggage, we talked of you all you may be sure she desires her fondest love to you and all her dear ones, she will write to her mother this week poor girl she seems like one of my own in the evening after meeting I went for a walk up Thekerile with Sister Sanders but little did I then think it was the last time I was to see or speak to her in this land on Wednesday morning she received a letter from Wm telling her she was to leave by the 11am train on Thursday morning poor thing she had then to go to work in earnest and get her things to Bro. Webbs and they packed them and took them to the station that night and she and the 2 children went off and no one had the least suspicion, she got every thing ready for her Husbands tea and he went home and had it and sat for an hour thinking they in the town when his eye fell on a note she had left for him telling him about it. Poor man only fancy his feelings at that time He told someone that the tears rolled from his eyes like peas, of course you may be sure it has raised a mighty big sensation in the town everyone is talking about it. We cannot at present

find out what his plans are but quite think he will try to fetch them back but I don't think he will ever find them I cannot think that the Lord has helped her so far through and desert her now. I have had a letter from her today but don't know at all where they are as the Brethren consider it best not to let anyone know until they are gone. Poor woman it has been a very severe trial to her indeed especially not seeing her dear old mother & father before she went Poor old woman she is dreadfully cut up but still she knows its all right I must go and see her when I can, You are sure Mormonism is thought something of here now I told your Father about it the same night fearing someone else might. He was very much put out about it but kept his temper and has not spoken of it since to me but it makes him think I know we have rather more salutes in the street now than we have had,

Old Mrs Jarvis at Harlow wants me to ask you to make inquiry about her Son, George Sister Brazier will know who I mean the old lady is very un easy about them as they don't write to her, she is now past work having been very ill for some long time,

I am going to send you a small parcel my dear by Wm Sanders it will not be much as I send before but I know you will find it acceptable I have sent the portraits of James & Eliza to let you see the difference there is in them since you left Miss E is quite the young woman and having letters from the young men what do you think of that, the young hussy, had one yesterday
(5) from Bro Rider our President We do have fun with her. Emma is sitting watching me write this she says you will have more patience than she has if ever you read this through but I know you like me to send you all the news I can.

Well I must tell you that George has an increase in his family. his old lady was confined last Thursday with 14 fine children but 3 of them have since died the rest with the mother are doing well, now are you satisfied, Your cousin Susan at Farnsdon is going to be married to a young man at Birmingham Sarah Nelson desires her kind love to you she is coming to stay a week with

us at Whitsentide, I have not heard from William and Maria for some long time now nor yet from the Crows I don't know what poor James is doing.

Emma wants you to get her destiny foretold or whatever you call it there I don't know, I will send you all their ages on a piece of paper I forgot to tell that William Sanders nor yet Marianne have been home so we shall not see any of them till we all meet in Zion which I pray God may not be many years we must continue to pray my dear that the Lord will open the way and remove every obstacle that now stands in the way of our deliverance. I am very glad to hear you have turned school girl again never mind being laughed at dear. you press on and get all the knowledge you can, that is a privilege you could not have had in this land nicely. It is very pleasing to hear of the progress the people of God are making in your mountain home. I shall espect to see quite a splendid city when I come you tell us of the Theatre but you do not say if you go to it, We have had rather a long cold winter but a very fine April, and now the trees and everything begins to look very beautiful with a good prospect of fruit.

Give my kind love to Brother & Sister Lindsay I quite thought to have a few lines from him in yours but tell him he once said if he did not write (6) to me often there must be something remarkable in the atmosphere of the American Continent so I suppose he has found out that there is, but I will escuse him seeing that his responsibilities are more than they used to be in this land therefore his time is more valuable, God bless them all is my prayer I hope they get along nicely together Mrs. Brett has sent money to her husband to fetch Him home but I am like you dear I hope his business will take him his life time for we don't want to see him here Thomas Andrews desires his kind regards to you and all the big Gunns and little Gunns and to Bro & Sis Brazier and family, Don't forget to give my

love to Bro & Sis Hardy. I hope they are getting along better the people here appear to all know that they are not at all satisfied I often hear of it from one & another Well my dear dear girl I think I must begin to think of closing this rambling epistle or Emma says I shall tire your patience. You tell me of your dream I will tell you mine I often dream of you I thought one night that you and Harriet came in to the meeting and I asked H if she was not going up to see her mother, she said no I have not time as we must be back in the morning as I have left my baby and we have been 2 months coming she was going back a great deal quicker than she came I have dreamed several times that you have come home but could not stop lets hope dearest that it will be us to come to you.

Well my dearly beloved child I will now conclude with my fondest love. And that of all your Brothers & Sisters and all the Saints desire theirs to you and all their old friends Praying my Heavenly Father to let his richest choicest blessings out on you my child. I remain your affectionate mother M A Savill

[illegible]

[illegible] Sunday and we expect one here very much before
to the door and how and [illegible] the [illegible] of thoughts of you my
husband and Mother the dear ones the [illegible] I
left her at [illegible] the [illegible] pretty good spirits but
very poor health I hope [illegible] it [illegible] as [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] Poplar Bluff on Sunday morning
and [illegible] and stood the [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] gives me [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] letter and hope to do [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] and the dear little ones [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] like [illegible] my dear John Powell tell him I have
not forgotten him I very often look at his dear old face
and wish to have [illegible] I would write to them all
often if it were not for the expense. Pa Webb and family
[illegible] to see to you and all those old friends they
are all well. I hope dear you will get that [illegible]
[illegible] I don't be surprised [illegible] I could not send you much
[illegible] they could not take it on account of the [illegible] I want
you in the next letter to send me [illegible] what you want
from England and then I will be getting them ready by
[illegible] I feel so I hope if I do not come [illegible]
[illegible] I may have an opportunity of sending to you
[illegible] I must tell you that Isabel Tomelin [illegible]
[illegible] Mrs. Dean gets quite [illegible] but they tell me he appears in
good spirits but I must [illegible] he talks of a [illegible]

when he gets home and see me and then I learned to love
him dear for many years I did not left very glad I think
it would your father get rather beat he told your Uncle
John a good deal about he told him if I ever go he
would go too but I am quite sure I shall be able to come home
I should never expect to be happy I don't believe I could
be if I lose the least bit never they are in that way
I do not mention Bro & Sister Harvey I hope they are
well give them my love and tell them that Brother
Brick died at Stratford last Sunday they are well and
desire their love to them all Sister Hanson Father is well
looks about as usual for old man. We have not heard from
your Uncle William for some time but I have no doubt
we will call on them on Broad you Uncle John is very
ill with Rheumatism he suffers a great deal with it all
better complaint he never leaves the house now he gets
quite the old man. Your Father looks about as usual I
think he gets a little of different now his back and they tell
me it does not look as old as it did 10 years ago but
I hope to see both of you like you say element I am
getting quite feeble I think I shall be all the 19 of this month
Tuesday and June I hope deserve thinks I know done to
you dear they are very neglected for getting a letter
talk to them about it they might often write to
you I am very sorry to say James is not yet doing
anything it is a great pity and I wish I could make you feel
how I mean to take a an example he will get
down to work and earn a living that he will
not trouble yet and I remain Your Father
think about him he does not say for any thing
for the Boy and yourself with the same love
and of course I continue first time and I have
used all the energy I can to keep off
of course little Kate I have to call her
Aunt the milk scarcely have to from the Father

Bshps Stortford

Begun June 1864

My very dear Girl

I take this opportunity of writing you a few lines which I hope please God will find you well. I am thankful to say we are all well at this time, we received your letter or rather letters to George, Ellen and the others and were all very pleased indeed to hear from you. I expect you had one from me, After I had that one from you I also received one from James Sanders by the same post. I was very much surprised as I began to think he had forgotten how to write to old England. Please give me love to him and tell him I was very pleased to hear from him. Such an interesting letter, William had not started so forwarded it immediately to him.

Well my dear one I know if you received my last letter you will be anxious to hear how things are moving along here. Sister Sanders & family left London on Friday morning June 3rd on board the Hudson our President Bro. Ryder went with them to Gravesend he has written to tell me that he left them all well

(b) and in excellent spirits. Bro. Ross also went in the same ship. May God bless them and carry (July 10) them safely through is my prayer. I only wish we were all with them I almost feel disheartened, I do so long to see you my dear girl I sometimes can scarcely bear myself but I know it will do no good to give way to my feelings as that will accomplish nothing so I will try to escarcise patience and yet more faith We had a visit from Bro Bullock last Sunday, we had a fine meeting he preached twice and gave us every encouragement to hold on to the gospel though it did no good as we so seldom have any change and our meetings now are so very small

I was very sorry to hear such a poor account of Harriets poor girls it is a bad thing for her but I must say I think she was in too much of a hurry to get married, she should have known a little more of him first -

Give my kind love to her also Betsey - I hope she is safely over her confinement Also poor Fanny I do feel sorry for her losing her dear baby its such a sore trial to her I'm sure don't forget my love to James Charles William George with their wives & families - tell Wm I wish him much joy but I don't think any the better of him for not writing me a few lines, And dear Bro & Sister B. I hardly know what to say my heart feels too big for my breast - when I think of them and their kindness to you my dear one May the God of Israel bless them and prolong their lives yet a many years is my prayer that (c) I may be privileged to come and thank them in person I do feel to thank God that he has provided you with such kind friends, I hope dear you will be a daughter to them I am sorry to hear of your being so unsettled but I hope you are comfortably situated long before this I cannot give you any advice on the subject - as of now & I know nothing of circumstances but I hope dear you will seek for counsel and wisdom from your Heavenly Father. George & Ellen desire their kindest love to you. They will write again some time or other They are both well I was very pleased with the letter you sent him I hope he will carry out the advice you gave him to save all he can for his emigration, I don't believe he has began to do that yet but they ought to have done it if they have an increase in family they will find that will make a strange difference in their affairs but they must gain wisdom by experience

Poor Mary Ann's husband is still very ill He has had a fit now and lost the use of one side and she is expecting her confinement every day, poor girl I never knew such a hard case in my life I believe they want for bread often times George has gone to day to see them Ellen does not appear to think much her She will have every thing she fancies in dress , it makes her mother very sad indeed to see so much difference Poor Mr S has parted with nearly everything for food and Ellen is dressed like a lady she actually gave 3 s for a

(d) feather to wear on his hat for week days but I must say she works for

it and takes care of her clothes when she gets them but still she might do without many things she has but of course it is no business of mine and if I was to say anything I should soon be told so don't take any notice of what I say to you, Emma desires her best love to you I think she will enclose a few lines in this She is very poorly, not fit for much but she is in and out at Mrs. Cornswell Elizabeth and her husband are there for a month Poor William is very ill indeed not likely to be here but a very short time He has a sweet baby about 9 weeks old it is very sad, old Billy is about as usual, they desire to be very kindly remembered to you and Bro & Sister Brazier tell Bro B old Mr Joseph Taylor is dead, Charles old donkey & cart passes every day to the station it looks so natural it often makes me think of him have you any donkeys in the Valley,

You mention your Saints abounding dear in Georges letter your Aunts Eliza or Sarah are both in London but I don't know anything about them, Eliza's daughter Sarah is married and got a child I don't know dear what you mean about Sarah Nelson They are well she and the baby have been staying a week with us Your father is gone there to stay she has got a right good husband

(e) he begins to look quite the young man, you would be surprised to see him he is so tall, I have sent you his portrait and Elisa's I hope you will get them safely also the other little articles send me word when you get it - is but little but I hope to send more next year

July 27, Another change has taken place while I have been writing this letter, Mrs Mills has been to Southend and while there heard of a situation for Emma and being the Sea Side thought it would be the means of restoring her health so poor girl she was determined to try it and she says if she is compelled to give it up this time she will then give in and not try service any more I went down with her last Monday and we enjoyed ourselves very

much we were on the Sea an hour and a ½ it was beautiful I thought of you my beloved girl and wished we were on the way to meet you once more I left her at ½ past 5 in the evening in pretty good spirits but very poor health I hope please God it may do her good but I am very much afraid of it. She went to Poplar Chapel on Sunday morning and fainted and had to be taken home to Sarah Nelson's

(f) Please give my kind love to Bro Lindsey, I have not yet received his letter but hope to do so soon, also to both his wives and the dear little one, kiss them for me all of them if you like also my son John Berrett tell him I have not forgotten him, I very often look at his dear old face I will write to him soon, I would write to them all often if it was not for the espense

Bro Webb and family desire their love to you and all their old friends they are all well I hope dear you will get the small parcel safely I sent by Sister Sanders I could not send you much as they could not take it on account of the weight, I want you in the next letter to send me word what you want from England and then I will be getting them ready by degrees during the year as I hope if I do not come out next year, that I may have an opportunity of sending to you by some one, I must tell you that Sister Sanders leaving was very soon dropped We seldom hear it mentioned now. The poor old man gets quite feeble but they tell me he appears in very good spirits, but I must think he feels it a good deal when he goes home & sees no one there I cannot hear who does for him, Ana__ has not left her place I think it made your father feel rather bad, He told your Uncle John a good deal about He told him if I was to go he would go too but I am quite sure if I was to leave him I should never espect to be happy, I don't believe I could do it I hope the Lord will never try me in that way You do not mention Bro & Sister Hardy I hope they are well, give them

my love and tell them that Brother Fred was at Stortford last Sunday they are well and desire their love to them all Sister Hardy's Father is well looks about as usual poor old man, We have not heard from your Uncle William for some time but I dare say Father will call on them tomorrow Your uncle John is very ill with Rheumatism he suffers a good deal with that nasty complaint he never comes to Stortford now he gets quite the old man Your Father looks about as usual

(h) don't see a bit of difference inhis looks and they tell me I don't look any older than I did 10 years ago but I begin to feel rather older like you. My dearest I am getting in to years I shall be 48 the 19 of this month, Elisa and James both desire thier kind love to you dear they are very negligent in writing I often talk to them about it they might often write to you, I am very sorry to say James is not yet doing anything - it is a great pity and makes me feel very uncomfortable as I am afraid he will get into drink & indolent careless way that he will not easily get out of I cannot think what Father thinks about him he does not try for anything for the Boy and quarrels with him for being easy and of course I cannot put him out I have made all the I can of people for him but I should like him to have a trade but am afraid he will never have one from his Father

(end of part of letter that we have....undoubtedly written by Mary Ann Wright Savill)

Dunmow Road
Bishs Stortford
Nov 1-1864

Dear Sister Maryann

I must begin to beg your pardon for not writing to you before this. Well i know it is nothing but neglect on my part that I have not done so but I hope you will forgive me. I am happy to say that I received you letter and was truly thankful to hear that you was well. Well Deare I hope this will find you the same and likewise your Husband if you have one give my love to him Dear maryann you must excuse the shortness of this letter and the bad writing as I feel very nervous and cannot write but I will write more next time I would of wrote before only I thought I would wait a short time and then I should have some news to tell you Well I am truly thankful to my heavenly father that his hand has been over me and blessed me this summer and up to this time with a goodley portion of health and strength that I have been enabled to go through childbearing safty I was safty delivered out of my trouble on Sataday October 15 at 1/2 past 6 o clock at

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I have a little Girl and her name is to be —
Jessie Agnes Savill I had a very sharp
time at the last but I am glad it is all
over, and I am doing well. I feel very weak now
but I have beeing going on remarkable well
Mr Hodson says I quit astonished him and your
Mother, my breasts was bad for a few days
but they are all right now and the baby
sicks nicely. I am happy to tell you your
mother was with me for 9 days and nights
and I cannot expreces my feelings, the joy I felt
towards her for so doing I have had every
care and attention that possibly could be paid to
me for which I feel thankful towards
all that have assisted me. Maria
was confined yesterday with a little boy
her Husband is about the same he is allowed
from the parish They are still living
at Epping Mother Lady Willie are quit well
and send there kind Love to you they are all very
pleased with the baby your Mother feels
quit proud of beeing called Grandmother I can
tell you your Father has beeing up to see it
but he blushes when you call him Grand
Pa. I must bring this to a close Excuse my
Bad Hand. Love from your affectionate sister
Ellen

Dunmore Road
Bps Stortford
Nov 1, 1864

Dear Sister Mary Ann

I must begin to begin to beg your pardon for not writing to you before this. Well i know it is nothing but neglect on my part that I have not done so but I hope you will forgive me. I am happy to say that I received your letter and was truly thankful to hear that you was well. Well Deare I hope this will find you the same and likewise your husband if you have one Give my love to him Dear Mary Ann you must excuse the shortnefs of this letter and the bad writing as I feel very nervous and cannot write but I will write more next time I would of wrote before only I thought i would wait a short time and then I should have some news to tell you Well I am truly thankful to my heavenly father that his hand has been over me and blessed me this summer and up to this time with a goodly portion of helth and strength that I have been enabled to go through childbering in safty. I was safly delivered out of my truble on sataday October 15 at ½ past 5 oclock. I have a little girl and her name is to be Jessie Agnes Savill. I had a very sharp time at the last, but I am glad it is all over, and I am doing well. i feel very weak ward but I have beening going on remarkable well. Mr Hodson says I quit astonishes him and your mother, my brests was bad for a few days but they are all right now and the baby sucks nicely. I am happy to tell you your mother was with me for 9 days and nigts and I cannot express my fealings, the joy I felt towards her for so doing I have had every cair and attention that posibul could be paid to me for which i feel thankful towards all that have assisted me. Maryann was confined August 7 with a little boy her husband is about the same he is alone frome the

(2) (2)

parish they are still living at Epping Mother Ceady Wille are quite well and send there kind love to you thay are all very pleased with the baby your Mother feels quit proud of being called Grandmother I can tell you, your father has beening up to see it but he blushes when you call him grandfather

Dear I must bring this to a close Except my kindly love from you affeshunate sister

Ellen

Note:
(a P.S. follows and is written on the front page over "Dear Mary Anne)

(1) You will say I have not told you much news but I have left that for others to do Give my love to all thas ask aftere me the names are to numerious to meancheaning.

England
Portsmouth

My dearest Sister

You must think me very unkind for not writing to you but dear you must forgive me I have said so many times that I would write and so I did and then I put it in my box and then I went to Poole and I quite forgot to send it to Mother untill it was too late but I have made up my mind to write oftener to you.

Well my dearest Sister I hope you are enjoying good health and good spirits I know my happy little Jess I know much better than I have been I suppose Mother has told you I have not enjoyed very good health lately neither have

I been able to keep a' take but
such a little time an account
of my letter but thank God
I have got well manae mos.
I wish I was with you dear
Maryann I cann neither go to
Canada and this is nothing to
do at home we are both at home
now and we have been for a con
time and this seems no chances of
ever getting any thing to do I do
wish we could and it makes it
Bad for Mother as both being at
home dear Lois I hope the time may
soon come when we shall all be
together in the Land of Lair
O how I wish I was with you dear
to tell you many things but I
must tell you in writing half
what I want to tell you if I
said all I should like to say I think
I could fill a good size paper and
that would take to long to relate
I must rite often and tell you

a little every time and you must
rite to me and tell me as much
as ever you can I shall always
affect a rise in answer to your letter
Well my dear Lois I hope you may
be have been as well getting on but
I have not much to tell as Mother
tells you all the news but I will
I will tell you a little in the first
place I must tell you we are
Aunt Maryann that I fear you
will be very sorry to hear that
was confined on the 5th of October
at half past six on Saturday
I was with him all night and
came in the afternoon next morn
with him I was very bad then
up and I think I shall do very
well as Consider [illegible]
this is getting in very nicely
took a very great deal
of care with him and he has
got on very fast she thinks
thinks time Mr Glover has
been doctor she has got

England
November 1864

My dearest Sister

You must think me very unkind for not writing to you but dear you must for give me I have said so many times that I wood rite and so I did and then I Put it in my box and then I went to Popler and I quite forgot to send it to Mother untill it was to late but I have made up my mind to rite oftener to you.

Well my dearest Sister I hope you ar enjoying good helth and in good sprits I ham very hapy to tell you I ham much beter than I have been I sopes (suppose) Mother has told you I have not enjoyed very good helth latley neither have

(2) I been abel to keep a place but such a litle time on a count of my helth but thank God I have got well wonce mor. I wish I was with you dear Mary Ann I can nether go to servas and ther is nothing to do at home we ar both at home now and we have been for som time and ther seems no chances of Eliza geting eny thing to do I do wish we could and it makes it Bad for Mother us both being at home dear Sister I hope the time will soon com when we shall all be to gether in the Land of Zion O how I wish I was with you dear to tell you meny things but I cannot tell you in writing half what I want to tell you if I said all I should like to say I thing I could fill a good sice (size) paper and that wod take to long to rite so I must rite oftener and tell you

(3) a litle every time and you must rite to me and tell me as much as ever you can I shall always expect a pice in anser to mine do write. Well my dear Sister I sopes you want to hear how we ar all geting on but I have not much to tell as Mother tells you all the news but still I will tell you a litle in the first Place I must tell you you or Ant Maryann that I know you

will be very pleased to hear Ellen was confined on the 15th of October at half past six on Saturday every I was with hear all day and Mother came in the affter noon and was with hear a week and then I was up and I think I shall stay with hear as long as she wants evry on she is geting on very nicley Brother toock a very great deal of cai with hear and so she has got on very fast she had a vry sharp time Mr Hodson was hear doctor. she had got

(4) such a nice Babey, it is a dear little thing I now you wood be pleased if you could se it it groes very fast you may gass on that a fine fuss this is with it it has got so meny ants and unkels that thy all make a fine fuss with it Mother is very very fond of her first Grandchild. I hope we shall soon hear that you ar married then I shall think I should be ant again I should think mor then ever of that do let us know when the wedding is to be for we will keep it up hear as well as you, O wile I think of it dear do send me your Portrait as soon as you can and the young man that is to be my dear brother in law don't forget dear sister I do not think I have much mor to to tell you this tim only give my very Best and kindest Love to all the Saints that

(5) I remember and not forget poor Sister Sanders and dear Mary and all the other poor girls when you rite to use tell me how thy ar all geting on and what Mrs Sanders and Maryann ar goin to do I shall long to hear from you as I want to hear how you ar and what you ar doing. Well my very dear Sister I must draw this scribel to a clos and conclude with my fondest and best love to you my dear Sister and remain as ner you as a loving and affectate Sister Emma Savill. do rite apeac to me in your next leter with your portrait.

You must excuse this scribel but you know I ham a very bad writer and I do not write offten enoff to improve but you must excuse it dear Sister Adiu

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] present on
I felt almost [illegible] [illegible] April the same
in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Please remember
me [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
enquired after me. I [illegible] dear I must
close [illegible] constantly [illegible] Kindest love to you
all three [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] bless you with
every blessing [illegible] & [illegible] the time when
we shall meet again. I remain your affec
Mother [illegible] [illegible]
I have been a [illegible] [illegible] day

blessed in every undertaking. Give [illegible] very
best love to dear Alfred. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] are
also [illegible] for the [illegible]. I would send
a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
I have had [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] but they
[illegible] at all [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] send
one till I have some better. We have Elders
Williams & Grant travelling in [illegible] conferen-
ce; both from the Valley. Elder [illegible] is a very
nice young man. I have not seen [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] married [illegible] [illegible] well
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the letter I had sent

[illegible] Hope they could get on [illegible] there one of
[illegible] Sunday to come there [illegible] more news
[illegible] which I know you would be glad
[illegible] George has read this [illegible]
[illegible] out next Wednesday if possible
[illegible] William has [illegible]
[illegible] but they seem only [illegible]
but they [illegible] Maybe they will
be able to be [illegible] and tried to persuade him to go. He
[illegible] but he [illegible]
[illegible] a word in the interest of Christ he would
[illegible] people [illegible] drop it
[illegible] but began [illegible]
[illegible] dear [illegible] you there and we here [illegible]
our prayers [illegible] in [illegible]
[illegible] that God may give the desire of
our hearts in righteousness. Well [illegible]
[illegible] time and send us
word what is [illegible] that is best
and you also may send the [illegible] of these

Dec, 1, 1864

(1) I shall not say anything a bout the girls as they have written themselves, James sends his kind love to you all, he is going I espect tomorrow to open a shop at Farnham. Mr. Steed _____that he lived with has taken a shop there in connection with Ben brobb at Claydond, the latter cannot leave till after Xmas so J is going to open it for them, he will have to be cook house maid and all the rest as he will be alone we tell him he had better take Carry over with him he is going to send you his portrait. don't be frightened at the length of it. I am very glad dear that you
(2) liked the contents of the parcel & found them useful don't think I hurt myself I assure you I did not, I ought to have put each of the donors names on but forgot it tell it was packed, it was very kind of Bro R to take charge of it, I hope we some of us may have to take one for him some day, Oh how pleased I felt that he was with you, it must have seemed so you say dear next to having one of your own, he was always very kind to me, did you not find him a good nurse, Sis Webb & Ellen say he was the best they ever had of all the Brethren. I have recd one paper of his _____ting
(3)
and many of your dear thanks for them I hope you get what I send all right tell Sis B I sent the one with W Bearies Esq on

Give our love to Sister Sanders & family. I am happy to hear they are well I wish the newly married ones much joy, I have no news to send of Mr S - they are about as usual he looks well so does _____ have they answered Sis S letter yet, Sister Waterman is about as usual still keeps her bed Mr W & Charlotte are well is Phebe going to send for her Mother next year do you know, Your uncle Wm has got out of the Police and has gone to live at colchester but I don't know what he is doing John & family are—I

(4) believe well but we seldom see or hear of them

Sister Webb sends her kind love and thanks you for your good advice & hopes to have faith enough to carry it out. Wm also sends his love and more nonsense than I can think of I espect he will have some thing to say to you when you meet again, poor old chap he has his work to do everything is getting so dear. bread is now 8½ meat 10 & 1s per lbs butter 16 salt 18 fresh, I wish I could help you in your pig killing I would make your sausages & eat them for you afterward - really when I think how the almighty has blessed you my dear Girl I feel overwhelmed with gratitude and I pray that you may be kept humble & faithful in the midst of prosperity, & be

(5) Bro Rider or you will see the bad news of JM I hope they will get on better than we espect.

Dec 1st I could not finish this last Sunday, so now have a little more news to add which I know you will be pleased to hear. George has made his mind up fully to go out next year if possible Bro Williams has councelled him to do so if they can only get to New York but if they start I hope they will be able to go through, he had told Father and tried to persuade him to go, he appears favorable but has no spirit to wind up his affairs, he has not said a word to me about it I wish he would but George does not mean to drop it now he has begun with him, so let us my dear ones you there and us here unit our prayers to Almighty God to work upon him that we may gain the desire of our hearts in righteousness, tell Bro R to write again soon and send us word what to provide that is best and also dear send me word if there

Great Hallingbury
Jan 15th/65

My dearest mother and father

After a very long silence I again take my pen in hand to write a few lines to you. I fully hope, that you with the dear brothers are in the enjoyment of good health. I am happy to tell you I am well and comfortable in this my loved home. You will guess how very much surprised I was to hear of your being to come although I am very pleased to know that it is settled. I hope you will be able to come. My best love to you and

and tell him to write and
say "Fanny" I should very
much like to have the pleasure
of keeping him - but I have no
hopes of a future day at present
I regret very deeply the sad
[illegible] and send my best love
to Cecil. Opportunities as we
should be glad to have it
[illegible] George & Charley have
been great excellent. George has
altered a great deal for the
better. Thomas is fine. The time
for ever I remain dear Jane your
affectionate sister Emma. My
kind love to Cecil Marriage and
all the rest. I am trying
[illegible] by the binding of [illegible]
[illegible] gentleman to marry Fanny I have
some [illegible] but the expected
every day now. The [illegible] is a
[illegible] lady. They are very nice
people & seem [illegible]
[illegible]

Great Hollingburg
Jan. 16th 1865

My dearest sister and brothers

After a very long silence I again take my pen in hand to write a few lines. I will first express a hope that you with your dear husband are in the enjoyment of good health. I am happy to tell you I am well and comfortable in this my new home. You will guess how very much surprised I was to hear of your being so Tame although I am very pleased to think you are settled & happy. Give my best love to your husband (2) and tell him to mind and keep you "Tame". I should very much like to have the pleasure of knowing him, but I live in hopes at a future day to be able to enjoy his society. You must be sure and send his portrait the first opportunity as we should so much like to see it. Those of George & Charly Brazier are most excellent. George has altered a great deal but poor old "money" is just the same as ever. I presume dear you often see Sister Sanders now give my kind love to her & Marianne and all the others. I am living as you see by the heading at Hollingburg. (A bright place isn't it) with a gentleman as nurse (fancy) I have four children & another expected every day now. My mistress is a Polish lady they are very nice people & seem to like me very much so I suppose I shall (3) (read across) stay I like being here better than at home now I have got used to them. I have been here over two months now. I hope to be able to stay as I am well know there is nothing at home for either of us to wish for only the liberty I missed the society of my dear friends very much when I first came but I have grown off that now. I hear they are all well there. I do so wish we were all coming to see you this spring, prospects are very dull at present but God only knows what will turn up before that time, My earnest prayer is that the day will speedily arrive when we shall all see Zion and enjoy the society of all

(4) our dear relatives and friends. I must wish you much joy dear, and may God our Heavenly Father bless you both with every needful blessing and may you have many years of health and happiness in Zion is my heartfelt prayer. Give my kind love to all enquiring friends - ask Marianne to write to me & I will answer it as I don't know where to write first. I must now conclude for the present, accept of my warmest love and believe me ever to remain your loving sister in the Gospel.

Please dears write to me soon.

Eliza Savill

Please dear give my very 26 The old house
best Love to Ray & sister looks desolate
~~[illegible]~~ Wednesday
My dearest sister
You will see I am afraid to write but Jennie Rutherford has told you all the news however, I am so pleased to have the pleasure of writing a few lines, & hope the same will find you enjoying good health & spirits. Mrs Burnett says I am so glad to say we are all well at present. I have been at home nearly two months now, Emma is looking out for a place, but she has not succeeded yet. I tell her she had better take a trip over the water, she would be more likely there as you do often hear of places. Well dear Fanny paper is nearly full, therefore I must leave off, but I hope before long to be able to write

Private

I have sent
some letters
to you
I dare say you think
I quite forgot you but I have not
but another is coming so I thought it must
fill a little piece so and I hope it will
find you all well I am happy say
I am quite well I hope it will not be long since we
shall see you we shall see you perhaps
some fine morning I should like to see it I was
very glad to see a piece for me in the last
letter because you know I like to have
letters as I hope to hear from you and over the
contents I shall see a piece for me
Eliza and Emma are going to write
I think I have done I Deseret they
must tell all the news so I will conclude
with my kind love and remain
your affectionate Brother
Joseph

Good bye dear

Private (cross part on 1st page)

I have sent you the copy of Harts letter so you may guess what a talk it has made he must be a poor miserable wretch I think to write such a letter, Brett wrote a piece to his Father enclosed in his letter and sent word he would write a long letter to his wife and bring it himself. She is in a fine fever about it, Sister Brazier's letter is anything but pleasing I am surprised she should write so she appears very disadvantaged speaks of that Wilderness and wishes she could come back for theres no place like Old England if it was not for the Sea she would come but perhaps it is the desire she has to see Priscilla and her family. You might send me word privately if there is anything like truth in any part of Harts letter. don't show this piece to anyone dear, Mr Hughs has given me a very handsome summer shawl and a brown, velvet bonnet of poor Mrs H. for what I did for her, the bonnet cost her 1 pound 17 shillings. it is very handsome I wish I could send it to you

(1) (page straight)

My dear Sister

I dare say you think it quite time you had and note from me but mother is writing so I thought I must put a little piece in and I hope it will find you quite well. I am happy to say I am quite well I hope the next time we hear from you we shall see your portrait inside for I should so like to see it I was very glad to see a piece for me in the last letter because you know I like to have letters so I hope when you answer Mothers I shall see a piece in for me. Eliza and Emma are going to write a piece I think to you so I espect they will tell all the news so I will conclude with my kind love and ever remain

Your affectionate Brother
James
Goodbye dear

(Other side - lengthwise)

Please dear give my very best love to Bro & Sister Lindsay xxxx

The old house
Wednesday
evening

My dearest sister

You will see I am stinted to space, but I guess Mother has told you all the news, however, I am pleased to have the pleasure of writing a few lines & hope the same will find you enjoying good health & spirits also as Bro Berrett says "I am also glad to say we are all well at present. I have been at home nearly two months now, Emma is looking out for a place but she has not succeeded yet. I tell her she had better take a trip over the water. she would be more likely there as you do often hear of places. Well dear my paper is nearly full, therefore I must leave off but I hope before long to be able to write

(crosswise)

a long letter to you, as there is a great talk about making a penney postage across the ocean. that will be fine won't it dear

There are beautiful pictures in the papers to show what the envelopes will be like. I do hope they will carry it out into effect. Don't you forget dear to send your Carte de Visite & some of these fine days Emma & me are going to have ours taken to send you. But I must really say goodbye for the present & hope soon to see you. ever praying my Father to bless you, I remain ever your affectionate sister

Eliza Savill

letter to day from Eliza she is very happy and comfortable, tell that Quaker Emma feel it more the lady that Eliza live with cannot speak English or at least very little, she is going to teach her and she is going to be a French girl. I return to you my respect to see her quite accomplished when she comes home. Emma is at work the portrait I will send your portrait as soon as you can and we will have Mr Carter and they taken together for you the first opportunity I can, such one would decrease what not a cloak you would like and I will try and get you one and send it over. I hope you get the few trifling things I sent

Nov 23

Father & Mother Noble desire their kindest love to you & hope you will meet on this occasion & enjoy yourselves. I shall not be able to write you long to see you & your family & hear from you & your family. I hope you will be able to read this & make out the contents. I received your letter & portrait & was very much pleased with the portrait. Tell Emma I will send her some. I hope you get the papers safe that I sent you & not and have heard that there is a large collection in Portage from Mount Pleasant. I will endeavor to find out this week what it is and write you. Give my love to Mr Barnes & family. Tell them I am afraid the paper he wants for his 2d will not be

[illegible] she will
be [illegible] there [illegible] her
[illegible] other [illegible] cannot
[illegible] alone.

I feel you dear
in the [illegible] that I could
say something more to feel
better well he is likely to become
your brother in law. He has
made poor Emma no offer
while [illegible] of marriage. I have
[illegible] very [illegible] of her and the
[illegible] have had some very
serious talk with him on the
subject but all I can say [illegible]
[illegible] mind on the subject
to investigating [illegible]
and [illegible] deeply interested
[illegible] I have left [illegible]
[illegible] I don't know what

will be done. Hattie seems to
imagine that [illegible] at
heaven by your leaving home
but [illegible] nothing [illegible]
will not tell the [illegible]
with [illegible] as soon as you can
tell us what you think about
it. He says that if we go away
it should make no difference
if she was left to go she should
[illegible] would [illegible] to tell him
plainly what I shall do if
please God to open the way for
me. I feel as [illegible] I have done
my duty in the matter and
must now leave it from [illegible]
she feels it was much [illegible]
able to keep up heroic [illegible]
her own living and have had a

Nov 22nd 1865

(1) Brother & Sister Webb desire their kindest love if I have room, they will send a piece but I am afraid I shall not - he is quite as anxious to see you as you are to see him - we often talk of you, Before I forget it again dear your letter with the portrait was not the girls are very anxious for another & I hope you get the papers dear but I am afraid you do not as I have heard this week that there is some alteration in postage from New York but I will endeavor to find out this week what it is Give my love to Bro Brazier and tell him I am afraid the person he wants for his 2nd will not be

(2) of much use to him She will be worse than the one he has got for poor old girl she cannot go out alone,

I told you dear, in the other piece that I would say something more about Mr. Carter well he is likely to become your Brother in Law, He has made poor Emma a very honor able offer of marriage - I know he is very fond of her and she of him - I have had some very serious talk with him on the subject - but all I can say does not alter his mind on the subject - he is investigating mormonism and appears deeply interested in it, I have lent him several books so I don't know what

(3) will be done Father seems to incline that way but he is as he was by you leaving home he says nothing and I expect will not tell the last minute, write a soon as you can and tell us what you think about it, He says that if we go away it should make no difference if she wished to go she should and so would he - I told him plainly that I shall do so if please God to open the way for me, I feel dear that I have done my duty in the matter and must now leave it poor girl she feel it very much not being able to keep in service to get her own living, and have had a

(4) letter to day from Elisa she is so very happy and comfortable and that

makes Emma feel it more, the lady that Elisa lives with cannot speak English or at least very little so Elisa is going to teach her and she is going to teach E French in return so you may espect to all hear her quite accomplished when she comes Emma says be sure and send your portrait as soon as you can and she will have Mr Carter's and hers taken together for you the first opportunity she has, send me word dearest what a cloak you would like and I will try and get you one and send next year I hope you got the few trifling things I sent

(5) you by Sister Sanders I espect dear you will get this letter about Christmas I hope you will and I wish you a happy Christmas and most sincerely hope you will enjoy yourself, and all you are connected with I espect I shall have 2 absent from me this year, how I do long for the time to come when I may once more see my dear ones <u>all</u> round me

Emma has sent a piece of their dresses for you to see they have both got one alike and violet velvet bonnets alike they want to know what sort of dress yours is that you portrait was taken in send them a piece of it and if there is anything particular that you want be sure dear you send me word

Well my dearly beloved child I must draw to a close I think I have given you a good history this time so will conclude with <u>all</u> our very best love to you and all enduring friends

(6) praying god my Eternal Father to bless and preserve and sustain you through every trial and spare us all to meet again in the flesh I remain dearest your affectionate Mother

M A Savill

You must escuse this bad writing as my eye sight is getting very bad

Good night God bless you darling, pray write as soon as you can

P.S. I will try and get the back number of Cassells paper for you dear I began to send them to you with the first number of false steps and I thought I would finish behind the smile to Mrs. Lindsay and then send them

to you only and you can send them to them, tell him and Brother Ross that if that awful lassie Elisa goes to Ireland she will be albe to talk to them both in their own language they will both know what that means

well the child by cannot get anything he
d or great home to his poor girl she has to
work very hard for a peice of Bread she
wants to come and live with you, I have endeed
a letter to Melanchor you can read it and
deal it down and then send it to him
at once if you will be so kind take
any notice to any of them that you know
for my mind care to Mr Ryder the bridle
was not surprised he was struck for Ellen
and me have often spoke of it can get the
one all of a sudden at Dover you are close to
the shop opposite and he is a good customer all the time and not much
money I shall pull his ears when I see him
Mr Reff was staying with me I sent a pair
of boots back to you know the family they live
in the 20 years she thought he knew you
he is a good man we had a little party and
spent the evening but not you we met at
8 o'clock in the morning it was grand tell
Mr Bragg that Mr Cornwell (Dan) is going a long
he is a very large Man if he can keep it
up you would be surprised at the change in him
Poor old Billy died well I have about
run out this time so will close praying
God my Father to bless you all and preserve
and direct to meet again in the Church
I remain your loving Brother G. Sewell

thought about it he said he thought
there must be something in it he knew
there was a power in it for he felt it
he had no courage to say what he think
I will ask you to send your faith and
prayers on his behalf that he may
gather out every thing against his with
that Clothing and the rest may be returned
for at present Mother thinks she could not
leave him if he did he would get
not know how it could be done pray
I tell you the truth I don't think he
would have 10 after he had paid all
debts and demands so if you can spare
anything from that you I hope you will
not forget for he told me once that he
could not do it if he had a farthing under
he was indebted to his creditors much
he would not do for you know he is
very honest James has just gone to
the Forester late Rivet and I believe he
sent at 10 for you he will not be able to

to have much and he does not value it only
at what he should say he wants to get
out Eliza and Emma will have some but
more Emma I fear will have to come home
for her leg and Nobl are very bad at times
she is very impatient Eliza says she
ought not to be at threes for the sugar
very much I Charles is about to be Baptized
in Toronto where he now is staying I do not
know what I think about him he is a bussy
man under an alteration I hope he will not
be my Brother only in the Gospel the
Rev R De Brett has cut a few days since
his arrival he has the faith and prayers
of the church in this Branch he has lost
a month at College if it did not clear
the muscle of the flesh it did the rest for
I hardly knew him it will take some time
to get it to its former condition since then
he has been down on to buy the pieces
towards his wife he is thought nothing
of here the Place could not take him
through the streets for the roughs were
waiting for him to look his round the
lane but he smelt so strong they found
him out and hooted him all the way
since think he has been rather quiet

B Brazier Esq is dead and a lot of others
if you were to come here you would see
a great change a great number of Deaths
have taken place in the town of late
I want you to send me word if there is
any thing in my trade either as Boots or
as materials to make up, for I can get
them at wholesale prices and a few at a
time during the Day or Week as my the
light that will bring me in a little when
we get over of your are sister Eliza I have
asks him as he will know what is wanted
most for I expect new Clothes will not
what is allowed send me the lasting they
her Mother Alfred Boot materials Boots and Clothes
Clothes is very badly she is just going to
my eyes are flesh when she is gone I know
I am in Business as well be gone and
have heard of the Death of Charles Masterson
(Chairmaker) is cut off and Eliza is married
and cut off also Richard is there is only Dan
and the Doctors dead as can be that family
has all gone but Clemmie where and how
is he Sister Washington is very badly Barry
and William are well if you want to know
anything about Lady Jane Franklin
Nobl and family are well Mr Dillon is

Oct. 1865

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(1) ....thought about it he said he thought there must be something in it he knew there was a power in it for he felt it he has no courage to say what he thinks I will ask you to use your faith and prayers on his behalf that he may gather out even if it is against his wish that Mother and the rest may be delivered for at present Mother thinks she couldnot leave him if he said he would go I do not know how it could be done for if I tell you the truth I don't think he would have 10 after he had paid all dues and demands so if you can spare anything this year I hope you will not forget for he told me once that he could not do it if he had a mind unless he was dishonest to his creditors which he would not do for you know he is very honest. James has just gone to Mr Fookes late pavet, and I believe he suits at 10 L per year he will not be able

(2) to save much and he does not value money at what he should Seeing he wants to get out Eliza and Emma will save some but poor Emma I fear will have to come home for her leg and ankle are very bad at times She is very unfortienate Eliza says she ought not to be at Service for she suffers very much F. Carter is about to be baptized in London were he now is staying, I do not know what I think about him he is a funny man unless an alteration I hope he will not be my Brother only in the gospel the Hon. R. H. Brett has cut a fine dash since his arival he has the faith and prayer of the Saints in this Branch he has had a month at Colledge if it did not clean the inside of the plater it did the out for I hardly knew him, it will take some time to get to tis former condition since then he has been bound over to keep the peace towards his wife he is thought nothing of here the Police could not take him through the streets for the roughs were waiting for him so took him round the lane but he smelt so strong they found him out and hooted him all the way since then he has been rather quiet

(3) B. Brazier is dead and a host of others if you were to come here you would see a great change a great number of Deaths have taken place in the town of late I want you to send me word if there is anything in my trade eather as talls or as materials to make up for I can get them at wholesale prices and a few at a time during this year or seeds or anything light that will bring me in a little when we get over if you are near Br T Hardy ask him as he will know what is wanted most for I expect our clothes will not weigh what is allowed Send me the length of his honers Alfred BBoot outside Poor old Sister Blackes is very sadly she is fast going the way of all flesh when she is gone Mormonism in Birchanger will be gone out you have heard of the Death of Sister W S Harmon John Minifor is cut off an Eliza is married and cut off also Arther so there is only Fanny and she is as near dead as can be that family have all gone but Thommas where and how is he Sister Westwood is very sadly Carry and William are well if you want to know anything about barry ask James Will Webb and family are well M A Allen is

(4) well the child leg dose not get any better he is a great hand to her poor girl she has to work very hard for a few of Bread She wants to come out next year. I have enclosed a letter to M. Sanders you can read it and seal it down and then send it to him at once if you will be so kind don't take any notice to any of this that you know give my kind love to Br Ryder tell him I was not surprised he was struck for Ellen and me have often spoke of it Poor girl she was all of a flutter at first a first give our love to Bro Sister Brazier and to GMC tell him he is a good sort all this time and not send us a word I shall pull his Eare when I see him Br Felt was staying with me 3 days a few weeks back do you know this family they live in the 20 ward. he thinks he knows you he is a good man we had a tea party and spent the evening did not give one till 3, o'clock in the morning it was grand tell Bro Brazier that M Cornwall Jr. is

going a head he is a very large man if he can keep it up you would be surprized at the change since poor old Billy died well I have about run out this time & will close praying God my Father to Bless you all and preserve our lives to meet again in the Flesh. I remain your Loving Brother G Savill

My dear Sister Lavinia

But little from your loving

Friend & Bro. Wm.

Frederick Carter

Cousin Emma will tell thee

my dear Sister & Brother

as I am requested to fill up the sheet

of Patience expires & I must do so.

Well I must say I was very pleased

at your letter and the joyful news

of Caroline & Rothy but I cannot

be glad my away about you but

nevertheless appears quite reasonable

I must not say much as she is pretty

and has told you all the news

besides but tell Hannah my

love to her you as Marian & my self

and I wish you both every

happiness and say that can be afforded

on both

From Frederick Carter Esq. Cattegat

Bishop Stortford

Oct 1861

My Dear Sister

I have taken the great pleasure

of sending you a few lines by the

request of your Beloved Brother

I hope that if it shall

pass to please you Lavinia I

shall address you as a sister

I hope that some day before

long I shall be able to call

your sister Emma my wife

& I sincerely hope that we

we shall endeavour to

make each other happy I have

seen you before but I cannot

call you to remember and

you must know that I

have been married before

but I think that which we

learn as had been good wife

to me the more sorrowful to

obtain happiness to fill

the place of affection

that it is pleased God therefore

to bestow upon my friend I have

found in your letter a desire

Dear Friend to me. I lived with
the Bar a Married Woman for some
years. But your letter I know
Well I dare say tell you more
time for I'd rather a Day talk
to Write about me Self, but I am
Coming with you some Day. I hope
in the Chain of Life in wish you
have Lately found it. I hope that
God will bless you both in all
your undertakings, I wish you health
& Strength Long Life & Prosperity.
I hope the present year that we
have just entered into may prove
happy & prosperous, unto us all.
& that all through the Changes
Scenes of life, may be Sanctify
to our Eternal Interest, I
must tell you that I Dearly
Love your Sister Emma, I dare
say she will tell you what she
thinks of me, I don't think I
shall ever have the Pleasure
of seeing you. But I hope
we shall all meet Some
day I am now living with
Mr. Eyre & the Cottage Bishop
Stafford where I dare say you
will know. I must Bear
Grace this. Being a Short Letter
but I rather Defficult to
find Words to express my
great Respect & Feel for you
all of I had seen you I should
not feel quite so Backward.
But I feel myself like
one of your Family &
shall feel Very Happy for
a few lines when not you
Writing Home, so that I may
Better Judge how I may
Write you for the Future, I
Shall Now if I Have Emma
have Left Savill, She will
think herself some years Older
than I shall, I Dare say you will
much like to see him all
at Home, God Bless you

From Frederick Carter
The Cottage
Bishop Stortford
Herts
1865

My dear Friend

I have taken the great pleasure of sending you a few lines by the request of your Beloved & Dear Mother. I hope that if it pleases God to spare our lives i shale adress you as a Sister I hope that some day before long i shood be able to call your Sister Emma my wife & i Sincerely hope that we shale Endeaver to make each other happy I have seen you before but i can't cale you to Remembrance you must know that i have been Married before but i think that when a lean as had own good wife he is the more anksious to obtain some one to file the place of affection - that it as pleese God to Bestow. My Dr friend i have found in your letter a Dear

(2) & kind Freind to me. I lived with Mr. Bat. a Tenford House for some years. But your Mother & Emma Wile i dare say tile you more of me, for it is rather a Dry tale to write About one self. but i sinciarlly wish you eavery Joy & Happiness in the chains of life in wich you have Lately joyned & i hope that God wile bless you both, in ale your undertakeings, I wish you health & strennth, Long Lif & Prosperety. I hope the Pressent year, that we have jest Entered into may prove a Happy & Prosperous own to us ale. I thot all through the changing seanes of life may be something to our Eternale Interess, i must tell you that i Dearly Love your Sister Emma & are Sor She wile tele you what She thinks of me, i don't Know if i Shale eaver have the Pleasure of Seeing you, But i hope we Shale all meet Some Day. I am now Living with

(4) Mr Eyre the cottage Bishop - Stortford, witch i Dare Say you wellKnow. you must realy Excuse this Being a Short Letter but it is rather Deficault

to find Words to Semperthise my greate Respect i feal for you, all of i had seven years i should not feal quite so Backward. But i feal myself like own of your Family. i Shale feal veary Happy for a few lines when next your writing Home, So that i may Better Judge how i may Stile you, for the Future. i Shale Now if i have Emma have wife Sevill. She will think her self some years older than usale. I Dare say you would much like to see them all at Home. God Bless you

(4) with my Kindest Love & Best Wishes from your Senceer Friend & wele wishes

Frederich Carter

Prefear Emma wile file this up.

My dearest Sister & Brother

As I am requested to fill up this sheet of paper I suppose I must do So. Well I must say I was very pleased with your letter and the joyful news it contained Mother had begun to grow very uneasy about you but now she appears quite reconciled I need not say much as she's writing and has told you all the news in her last letter. I am very very pleased to hear you are maried my dear and I wish you both every happiness & Joy that can be afforded you both.

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of a 8th crop of fruit but we have not seen it here I hope you get the papers all right I send them as regular as I can I dont think I have much news to send you about old Stratford I sent you most of it in my last letter to you I hope you got all right and have you received a letter with a collar in I hope you did but you have never mentioned it, I hope I shall be able to send you a trifling parcel this year I dont know of any one going at present except our half President Elder Rider he is released to go home and I know he will take charge of one for me if there is any thing particular you want dear send me word as quickly as possible I hope & trust you got the one I sent last year as it contained useful things

Tell Bro & Sis Brazier that Mrs Harvey has bought thier old home and enlarged it very much and made a public House of it as well as her other business she is the woman for business she surprises every one Where is the great Richard Bell now, his wife is doing quite a trade in the Shoe making in connection with Mr Gurney

Poor Mr Carter desires his kindest love to you both he is always pleased to hear of you I am sorry to say he has been out of employment some months through bad health he has gone into a situation to day but I very much fear he will not be able to keep it long he is so extreme weak & delicate but he is still foolish enough to think that he shall get strong again and marry Emma but God forbid I should ever see that without a very great alteration not that I have the least fault to find with him as a man but that is not every thing I think poor girl she sees it now at least I hope she does she has had plenty of talking to about it, I forgot to tell you in my last letter that I am now obliged to keep a little maid she is no one you know, she is a

[illegible] I was forced
to have some [illegible] I could not manage
the horse and every thing else
[illegible] Hester to be very
kind [illegible] to you [illegible]
[illegible] little [illegible]
the above just [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] spirits [illegible]
not be [illegible] this [illegible]
[illegible] not [illegible]
[illegible] to write [illegible]
[illegible] to you
[illegible] I hope [illegible]
[illegible] not [illegible]
[illegible] only
[illegible] you
[illegible] alone
[illegible] home
[illegible] very [illegible] of
[illegible] in [illegible]
[illegible] fit to [illegible]
[illegible] you would
[illegible] on us all
[illegible] night
[illegible] full of [illegible] spirits
Will my beloved children I cannot

you write to me then I may perhaps
from a better opinion of you
now let me say if you not to love
so much time in playing with
that red boy, you have bought
but spare a few minutes just
to send us a description of it
Please give my love to Bro & Sis
Hardy and family I hope they
are well, I was surprised to hear
of Hannah I have not written
it, I have not seen Sis Th Bates
for some time now but I have
enquired and I believe she is well
Give my love to Bro & Sis Lindsay
I was sorry to hear such poor news
of Sister L. Bro Penrose told us
a little when I enquired after the
you must tell me about it when
when you write, also my love
to all my old friends and again
I long to see them all. We have
had a wonderful mild winter
much rain very little frost or
snow in some places they talk

her birth of [illegible] Mother & brother [illegible] Still [illegible] are mysterious. However did this afflicted [illegible] and family bear the heavy blow [illegible] think [illegible] heart aches for her I think [illegible] such a good husband & father. I am sorry to hear [illegible] of the death of Gov. [illegible] [illegible] suddenly [illegible] heart disease, [illegible] the Friday afternoon [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] Mrs Buck [illegible] the death on Sunday morning, it is a great loss to her family, to whom she was [illegible]. Give my [illegible] love to sister [illegible] & family. Could write to her [illegible] pleased to hear from her and that [illegible] James [illegible] so well [illegible] and Annie are both well [illegible] them this letter [illegible] day they [illegible]

I [illegible] think [illegible] the [illegible] in the way [illegible] I [illegible] any of us. Poor old Sister Ackerman is very ill indeed she is not likely to be here but a very short time the [illegible] is [illegible] she is in bed with the [illegible] she takes very little and her cough is distressing it would be a mercy to her [illegible] to release her. She was very pleased indeed with [illegible] letter [illegible] both send their kind love to all [illegible] them I can possibly put in this letter. [illegible] book is I think [illegible] [illegible] she cannot be troubled [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] much. We have [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] our [illegible] we [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] of them [illegible] you [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible] because [illegible] believe it still

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Bishops Stortford
January 13, 1866

My Beloved Children

In the first place I wish you all a happy new year. I need not tell you how very pleased and thankful I felt on receiving Sister Betsey Lord's letter and her mothers telling me of the increase in your family. Oh, how anxious I had felt and how eagerly I had watched every post for the news, but I certainly did quite expect it would have come from dear Alfred. Please my dear to tender Bro. Lord my most kind sincere thanks for the kind and friendly manner he dispatched me a paper; also sister Betsy give them my kind love. I sympathise with her on the loss of her first born, but I hope by the time you receive this she will be safely over her second confinement.

Well, my dear girl you now know what it is to be a mother. It has pleased God to give you an immortal soul to train for him. Oh, may you both be blessed with wisdom in the discharge of that most responsible of dutys, Dedicate that dear child to God my dear ones, that he may grow up a blessing to his parents and all connected with him and a useful member in the kingdom of our God. Oh what would I give to see him. How often do I think of you all,

(page 2) especially when I see George's little darling. She grown quite an interesting child how she runs about anywhere and says many words. They dined with us on her birthday, we talked of you, but little thought how matters stood with you at the time or I should not have eaten much dinner. I fancy it was I think rather singular that your dear boy should be born on the same day of the month that Georges first was. Please dear, kiss him very often for me. And when he can understand, talk to him of us all, but my sincere prayer to God is that we may not be many more years separated for

really I do long for the time to come when we may rejoice together in peace and freedom.

You will be getting anxious dear to know how we are getting along. Thank God we are all well. I have now neither of my dear girls near me. Emma left Southend in November and Josiah staied at home till New Years Day. Dear old Eliza came home and staid a week with us and E mma went back with her as promissed. I have had a letter from each of them this week. They are well and happy, they have promised me to write to you very soon (page 3) and I hope they will do so.

Mr & Mrs Coventry think a great deal of Elisa, they are always making her presents. You would be surprised at the influence she carries where ever she goes. Her dear little people as she calls them do adore her, I need not tell you my feelings on parting with them both. It was just like your leaving dear Polly. I think really I am growing silly. It seems now as if my beloved girls are all gone. They are both very good. They write to me every week. George, Ellen and James with your dear father all join in fondest kindest love to you both and the dear boy. Before I forget it, Emma wants him named George, Alfred (is it so) you must tell us. I was in hopes of having a letter from you before now, but of course I know you have not much spare time on your hands now and I suppose Mr. Alfred never intends writting. I will give him a dressing when I see him! I have been blowing George up (page 4) several times because he does not write to you. He has spoiled, I should think a dozen sheets of paper in the attempt and says he is ashemed of it when he has done and away they go into the fire. They are likely to have another addition to their family. How true dear, have your words come to pass, respecting him. You told him he would find it more and more difficult every year to get away. And sure enough he does, but I hope their day of deliverance will come. James is still at his situation, and gets on very

well. His pay is but very little at present but it is employment and he is learning the grocery business so he will be able to open a store when he comes to the Valley. He is as tall as your Uncle William. Eliza could scarce believe it was him. He has altered so much in the last year. Please give our kindest love to Bro. & Sis Brazier

(page 5) and all their family; especially Charles. Your news respecting them caused me both sorrow and joy. I was truly sorry to hear that dear Bro. B was so sadly. I hope, please God, he is better now. I was pleased to know that they have been prospered as they have. It must be a great consolation to his mind, poor man, I'm sure. How long would they have toiled in this land before he would have had the satisfaction of leaving his dear wife provided for in that manner. I think Sister B. must see the kind hand of God in his dealing with the, in gathering them out and blessing them with such good sons as they have. Tell dear Charles that I pray God to continually bless him and I know he will be blessed foe the Lord has promised to bless those who honor their parents.

Priscella and her family are well, poor girl. I sent your letter for her to read as I could not go. She was confined in October and her baby only lived a day. She seems to feel it very much. She sends her best love to all her dear ones. I expect she has written before now. She is so pleased to get your letters because you send her the particulars of her family. Tell Bro. B. his brother Ben and family are all well. Lois is married. Susannah is going to be shortly. Sarah Ann sends her kind love to them all. She intends to be an old maid she says. She often comes in to cheer me up a bit, since the girls have gone. She is about the same as ever. I hope, dear, you got your parcel safely, I long to hear. How grieved I and including all who knew him felt when we heard of the

(page6) sad death of poor Brother Sims. Truly God's ways are mysterious. However did his efflicted wife and family bear the heavy blow. Poor things. My heart aches when I think of them. Such a fond husband and father. I am sorry to have to inform you of the death of poor sister Mumford. She died almost suddenly with heart desease. She was at Stortford on the Friday afternoon and was taken with a pain in her side. Mr. Bines sent her home in his cart. She died on Sunday morning. It is a great loss to her family, to whom she was a perfect slave. Give my kind love to Sister Sanders and family. I will write to her soon. I was pleased to hear from her and that Wm and James are doing so well. Mr. S. and Anna are both well. I did not show them the letters because they say they don't wish to hear anything about them as Sis. S. chose to leave (lean) in the way she had. They never speak to any of us. Poor old Sister Waterman is very ill. Indeed, she is not likely to be here but a very short time. She can't lay down in bed. She is so large with the dropsy. She takes very little now, and her cough is distressing. It will be a mercy when, please God, to release her. She was very pleased indeed with Sis. S. letter. They both send their kind love to all and more messages than I can possibly put in this letter. Poor Sis. Cook is, I think, worse than ever. She cannot be trusted alone any where. She falls about so much. We have now C. Penrose for our President. We have had one visit from him. He tells me he knows Alfred (Tame) and his family, and I must say, he speaks very highly of them; but I don't want you, Mr. A. to feel at all proud over it because I shall not believe it till

(page 7) you write to me then I may perhaps form a better opinion of you. Now let me beg of you not to lose too much time in playing with that new toy you have bought but spare a few minutes just to send us a description of it.

Please give my love to Bro and Sis Hardy and family. I hope they are well. I was surprised to hear of Hannah. I have not mentioned it. I have not seen Sis H Father for some time now but I have inquired and I believe he is well. Also my love to Bro and Sis Lindsay. I was sorry to hear such poor news of Sister L. Bro. C. Penrose told us a little when I inquired after them. You must tell me about it dear, when you write. Also my love to all my old friends and acquaintences. I long to see them all.

We have had a wonderful mild winter. Much rain. Very little frost or snow. In some places they talk

(page 8) of a 2nd crop of fruit but we have not seen it here. I hope you get the papers all right. I send them as regular as I can. I don't think I have much news about old Stortford. I sent you most of it in my last letter, which I hope you got all right. And have you received a letter with another (?) in . I hope you did but you have never mentioned it. I hope I shall be able to send you a trifling parcel this year. I don't know of anyone going at present except our late President, Elder Rider. He is released to go home and I know he will take charge of one for me. If there is anything particular you want, dear, send me word as quickly as possible. I hope and trust you got the one I sent last year as it contained useful things.

Tell Bro and Sis Brazier that Mrs. Harvey has bought their old house and enlarged it very much and made a public house of it as well

(page 9) as her other business. She is the woman for business. She surprises everyone. Where is the great Richard Brett now? His wife is doing quite a trade in the shoe making in connection with Ginnes (?).

Poor Mr. Carter desires his kindest love to you both. He is always pleased to hear of you. I am sorry to say he has been out of employment several months through bad health. He has gone into a situation today, but I very much fear he will not be able to keep it long. He is so extremely weak

and delicate, but he is still foolish enough to think that he shall get strong again and marry Emma, but God forbid, I should ever see that without a very great alteration. Not that I have the least fault to find with him as a man. But that is not everything. I think, poor girl, she sees it now. At least I hope she does. She has had plenty of talking to about it.

I forgot to tell you in my last letter that I am now obliged to keep a little maid. She is no one you know. She is a

(page 10) niece of John Hutchins. I was forced to have one as I could not manage the books and everything else. Mrs. Hutchins desires to be very kindly remembered to you, poor woman, she has five little children, the oldest just turned 6 years, and she will very soon have another.

January 20: I will now begin to finish this rambling epistle or it will not be posted this post. I will be like you, My beloved M.A., not wait for any one for it is hours work to get them to write. Bro. and Sis. Muir both desire their kind love to you all. I am sorry to say, she is very poorly indeed but I hope she will soon be alright again. We hold our meetings now at their house. Only one a day. I should just like you all to see the old room. They have done nothing with it, nor the house. The boys have smashed every square of glass and the shutters and go in and out just as they like. It is not fit to look at; is filthy to a degree. You would never believe the sensation we all have when we pass it at night. I say, it appears full of evil spirits.

Well, my beloved children I must

(page 11) conclude with my very fondest love to you both in which your father joins and so do everyone of the family. Praying my Father in Heaven to bless and prosper you in every way, and hasten on the time when we shall meet.

I remain your affectionate mother. Don't forget to give my kind love to your brothers and sisters and all who enquire after us. Pray write soon. God bless you my dear ones. 1,000 kisses for the dear Boy.

M.A. Savill

Bps Shoffner
April 30/1866

Dear Mary Ann

I thought I must write a few lines to put in the parcel with the crochen & stays for I have sent you some crochen & Mother as sent your dear child a pair of Stays. Well Dear I hope this will find you and your husband & child quite well

I should be very much pleased

Pair of Corsets I expect she is grown quite fare Although it is this time of the year to my opinion it was Warmer and from the 10 hours to the 20 it was very Warm and cold, I feel sometimes as if I should drop

April - 30 - Good bye - remain - God bless you

Write to me

to see you. but I cannot my
when I shall have that pleasure
but I do hope that it will not
be much longer.

Dear

Mary sister I have not got much to
say tonight as I hope to write to
you before you will receive this
and I have not got much time
to write tonight. So I go with
my love to you and hope to
be at home in the morning but
I do not know if I can either

time at daylight My love to all
you and your husband and to the
girls Mr. Mother. Mary and all your
in time for a share of your kindness

Emma was born about 7 P.M. o'clock in the day
February 6th - 1845; Elva Oct. 29. 1847 but I cannot
remember the hour nor yet the hour of James
birth the day was May 17th 1850. George 14th
July 1841 between 4 & 5 in the afternoon,

Bps Sterfford
April 30, 1866

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I thought I must write a few lines to put in the pacel with the croched & stays For I have send you some crochea & Mother as send your dear child a few of Stays. Well Dear I hope this will find you and your husband & child quite well

I should be very much pleased

(2) to see you but I cannot say when I shall have this pleasure but I do hope that it will not be much longer.

Dear Maryann I have not got much time to write know as I go out to needle work and I have to go at 8 o'clock in the morning till 8 at night and that is a many hours to sit and I feel rather

(3) bad at night My kind love to you and your husband kiss the baby for me. Mother, Maryann and all join in kind love to you & your husband

(4) (Change of handwriting...)

Emma was born about 12 o'clock in the day Feby 6th 1845, Elisa Oct 29, 1847 but I cannot remember the hour nor yet the hour of James birth the day was May 17th 1850. George 14 July 1841 between 4 & 5 in the afternoon,

Give my love to James I expect he is growing quite an astrologer by this time Also to my old favorite Wm Brazier and poor old Charley, I do long to see them all, I feel sometimes as if I must start right off, Goodbye dearest - God bless you

Mother July 13

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(the edge of this letter has been nibbled on by mice and can't be read)

Bps Stortford
June 5, 1866

My dearly beloved children

With the greatest pleasure & satisfaction I received your welcome & cheering letter on the 5th of March and I ought to have answered it before but one thing or other keeps transpiring to occupy my time, but depend on it you are never out of my mind. (Missing) I do most earnestly pray that this is the last year we shall be seperated, I need not tell you how truly happy and thankful I feel to hear of your welfare & comfort my dear ones, surely God is good, let us not forget to live at all times so faithful before him that we may have a claim to the blessings which he has in

(2) store for his faithful children. I am happy to tell you we are all middling, some of the folks are grumbling perhaps before I finish this letter they will be making a much greater noise, such is life. I espect you have received a letter from the girls sometime since they are still in Yorkshire, I hope well but I have not heard this past fortnight, Emma is often very sadly, James has been ill but thank God he is much better, he had outgrown his strength Mr. Hodson says he is consumptive but I hope not though there are many symptoms of it. he is 5 feet 8 inches and ½ high You my dear girl would not know him I am certain, he has written a piece to send with this he

(3) was home 3 weeks and went back to work last Monday but he has but little strength the heat tries him much, Bro Rider would liked to have taken him with him but that could not be managed Bro R sailed on the 2d of May on the American Congress and took with him a parcel for you, which I hope & trust you will get safely, before I forget I will say he has 2 chenille hair nets which are not in the parcel as he bought them for me in London

one is for you from Ellen and the other for Marianne Sanders from Eliza & there are 2 silk ones in the parcel Sister Westwood sent for Charlotte & Miriam, the others you can do as you please with I bought them. I hope you

(4) like what we have sent you also the Darling God bless him I do long to have him in my arms I often tell dear Jessie when she is on my knee, I wish I had him on the other one, your discription of him amused us much I hope you got the letter I posted the 3d of January, you will there find how I spent his birthday, I hope you will not spoil him bless him, when he can understand talk to him of us all. You ask me dear who Jessie favored some say our family & some her mother, Bro Rider says she favours both she grows a very interesting little thing now. such a happy disposition and talks very plainly but that is a matter of course she being a girl Your letter gave us all much joy. I hope you are progressing

(5) You ask me dear Polly to tell you what your Father says, I cannot tell you because he says nothing one way or the other, it grieves me much, but you wish me to tell you and you know what he is

16th he is now sitting here and I asked him what I shall say for him to you, but he says I know what to say, give his love to you all he is glad to hear of your welfare so I asked him if he would go he says there is not much chance of that so I said would you if you had the chance he said that would alter the case, I believe he would God send he may, your Uncles & Aunts are all about as usual they all send thier love. the child that Jane keeps is her eldest brothers she never had one a good job too. Bro Rider will tell you

(6) of the portraits as (missing) us. Your Father is esact, I am really as fat & jolly as you call it as that represents me, people tell me I don't

look a day older than I did 10 yrs ago. but I begin to feel older I cannot work as I have done Though I have to do my share now. but I have great cause to be thankful to God for his blessings toward me You were right in supposing Mr Summers dead and Mr Ley the Lawyer is dead lately, I am sorry dear I cannot get those back papers for you it is a pity. I get the Deseret News very regular used thank you much. I hope they are not espensive to you if they are don't send them so ofte. how beautiful those lines were the 2 Elisas, I don't think dear stamps would be any use pray don't trouble to send any I think

(7) we can manage to send you a trifle once a year or it is odd indeed, Perscella & family send thier best love to all thier family she has sent a small parcel there is a scarfe each for her Mother and you will see the one with the ring is for Charles

23rd I have just had a letter from Elisa. they are well & happy. She has received a letter from Marianne We are glad to hear of thier welfare Please give our kind to them one and all you said Fanny was living in the City is Bro Dell & family thier I hope dear Fanny & Betsy are doing well I was glad to hear of Betsey's safe delivery, give them my kindest love, also your Mother in law & Sisters ac, I was pleased to here of your enjoying your selves so much (paper missing) as there is not (corner missing)

(8) enjoyment here, ever (paper missing) looks very (paper missing) and growing more so. Provisions getting dearer men turning Masters, Strikes on every hand nothing talked of but Wars & Murders, it makes the heart Sick to contemplate the fearful state of things, but it ought to cause the Saints to rejoice knowing that redemption draws near, well my beloved ones don't forget to pray for us who are still in these lands and longing to be freed I don't know how to leave off writing to you for I feel just as if I was talking to you but what would I give if I was, you will not get this by my birthday, I shall be 50. Poor old soul, I must now conclude with my hearts fondest love to you all 3 Your affectionate Mother

[illegible] bare them she is so
anxious to be so expensive a jour-
ney I cannot go to see how
she really is. They are remark-
ably kind to her in every res-
pect. She has cost them a great
deal for doctoring & I expect if she
go to the Isle of Man I should not
see them till next year unless
any thing unforeseen occurs.
I have written to tell Em whether
she is come home but she writes
not to her as she can write, she
tells me she cannot help feeling
her situation she thinks she
is so unfortunate (which she
really has been) to you she says
she feels like an old woman
when she adds Elizabeth appears to
be blessed in every enchantress
I hope yet Oh M. that you will
write to her and cheer her up.
you can, you need not say
I told you, I know she
have a letter from you
perhaps you have received
one from Mr Carter long before
this also one from George, Oh
wont wonderful, you might

[illegible]

[illegible]

Stortford April 67

My dearly beloved Mary Ann

Your welcome letter I recieved safely on the 4th of April and very pleased & thankful I felt to hear of your all being well (missing) it does my heart good to hear of your welfare. I wish I could hear every week from you as I do from dear Emma & Eliza they are good girls for that they know how anxious I always feel if I (missing) dissapointed if my letters (missing) of course it is impossible (missing) hear from you so often (missing) the penny ocean postage would (missing) in force we would try to write to each other oftener but I fear that has fallen to the ground as I never hear any thing of it now.

(2) Well my dear I am happy to say we are all pretty well at home. I suffer considerable with Rheumatism especially in my right arm which is very bad at times James is much better but he is far from being strong I am (missing) when the warm weather comes he will be queer again. he is like me always best in cold weather, you may well say his long fingers do not look like much hard work, they are long & thin I tell him he ought to have (missing) a Doctor. I am happy to say (missing) is in a situation at the sh(missing) in South St. that Paoit(or Pavit) us(missing) to keep Paoit has retired, a (missing) names Hooks keeps it now. it is made a fine large shop of J

(3) (missing) been there a month. he sleeps & boards in the house & is very comfortable. I hope he will keep there till next year when I hope & pray he & all of us may come to join you my dear ones, for God only knows how I long for that time to come. the girls are now especting to go to the Isle of Man they have agreed with Mrs Covey to stay with her till next March or April & she has promised to pay thier expenses home at that time as they have

told her they intend to Emigrate next year, Mrs C says she believes (missing) will be the only means of (missing)ing poor dear Emma to (missing)alth, poor girl she still suffers (missing) afraid more than they (missing) me know, Elisa being with (missing) of course makes a great difference, but it is a great an (missing)iety to her poor girl, she sent me word this week that Emmas knee is vary bad at times also her ankle, but she will do
(4) in fact more than she is ab(missing) and being so expensive a journey, I cannot go to see how she really is, they are remarkably kind to her in every respect, she has cost them a good deal for doctoring, I espect if they go to the Isle of Man I shall not see them till next year unless anything unforeseen occurs. I have written to tell Em she had better come home but she said not so long as she can crawl She tells me she cannot help feeling low spirited she thinks she is so unfortunate, which she really has been, so far she says she feels like an old woman & then she adds Elisa appears to be blessed in every undertaking (missing) I hope dear M.A. that you so wi(missing) write to her and cheer her up (missing) you can, you need not say I have told you, I know she (missing) to have a letter from you, (missing) I espect you have recieved (missing) one from Mrs. Carter long before this also one from George, Oh most wonderful, you might
(5) to le(missing) is turning grey, your fathers is quite white in front, people tell us that I carry my years better than he does, he never appears happy man. he went to conference with George to all 3 meetings on the Sunday, they say he appeared very much interested. he told someone that he saw there that there must be some truth in mormonism, but he has never spokin of it to me, I wish I could get at his feelings, but I espect I never shall I don't know what George has said to you but I espect he has told you pretty well all the news. May 20 I will try to finish this letter to night or you will begin to

(6) think I am not going to write again. I have now a little more news to impose. Bro Webb has this morning recieved a letter telling him to prepare to take his family Liverpool, it has quite upset us all as it has come so unexpected. I don't know how they will manage as they are very short but they will go anyway, I cannot think what we shall do here, we shall miss him so much. he has been a good (missing) fellow & G(missing) is sure (missing) (missing) I should not be able to send a parcel by them as the time is so short and they don't know if they are to come through or stay in the states. George is nearly mad now. He says he cannot bear to think of staying here another year without William.

Give my love to all my many friends & I hope my dear children that you will not forget to pray for us, we need all the faith & prayers of our loved ones at home, The dear children are well & finely grow, they all send thier best love - write soon as you can, I must conclude with best love & a

Mothers blessing

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[illegible]

George had some talk with Father last week about going, he [illegible] [illegible] day a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] asked them many questions and seemed favourable to [illegible] that Junius & Clara [illegible] [illegible] Pound. [illegible] [illegible] intend trying to get out some [illegible] but [illegible] they can [illegible] all we can and [illegible] [illegible] cease praying the Lord for deliverance [illegible] [illegible] and will [illegible] us [illegible] [illegible] his own time. We are expecting a [illegible] in this conference from the Apostle [illegible], we [illegible] know for what purpose but we have to be cautious [illegible] respecting him.

T. Mumford has sent for his Brother & Sister George & Mary Ann. I am glad to hear they are going, [illegible] [illegible] not intend going he says I hope dear you will write directly you get this and say if there is any thing they can bring you that you want from England. I am afraid there will not be [illegible] get a [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] money it has cost her so much for doctors and illness, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and I must [illegible] [illegible] will never get [illegible] at all I will write again [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 2 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]

Bps Stortford
Nov 10, 1867

My Beloved Ones

Your dear & welcome letter was received with much joy by me & all of us at home, I had been getting very anxious indeed to hear from you. I have made my mind up to have a letter from Alfred directly the important event was over I think he ought not to have disappointed me I should have a very long score against him by the time I get there, would to God I was coming with this letter to pay him. Well dearest I cannot espress my feelings of gratitude to God for your safe delivery in the hour of natures sorrow, and sincerely hope long ere this that you have regained your strength and that the dear little ones are both well God bless their dear hearts. how I long to press their dear lips and hold them to my heart and

(2) have them love me like those I have here. Jessie is always with me now, She will not stay at home long at a time and I cannot move & step but she is after me, she often gets an extra kiss for dear little Freddie, She is now sitting by me writing letters to dear Aunty & cousins, but it is in such a peculiar language. I fear you would not interpret it if I were to send it.

Your letter dearest was full of interest to us, as they always are, but they never appear half long enough for us, George always complains of that. but we don't wonder at him grumbling when we take into consideration the number & length of those he sends to his Sisters, he has actually never written one letter to those dear girls in Yorkshire. its a shame considering they are away from all never seeing a Saint or Servant of God from years end to year end

(3) I espect you will have heard from Elisa before now, of the changes that

have taken place, but best you should not I will tell you, Mr & Mrs Coventry & family have left England for Russia they wanted Eliza to go with them but we would not consent to it, so of course she had to leave as well as Emma. Poor Elisa it was a great trial to her in fact to both of them they had been very happy together and did pretty much as they liked and had grown so very fond of the dear little affectionate children that they really were very grieved at parting especially Elisa she quite fretted about it and now she tells me she does not think about them she has taken a situation at Hull with an old lady quite contrary to my wish for she has gone for less wages instead of same, I wish they had both come nearer home but she
(4) says she is comfortable but not so happy without Emma - she is living at Bridlington still you spoke of her recovery to health. I wish it was so dear but I fear it is quite different. I have a letter from her last week telling me she thought of giving notice to leave as she is suffering so intensly with her knee & ankle. she has foolishly taken a parlor maids place where she has to carry heavy trays up 4 lots of stairs. they have everything in the first of style, Elisa says it is an immense house and filled with splendid furniture so she has a great deal of work

My dear girl I could not finish this letter the evening I began it, the next morning I had one from poor Emma telling me she was in Hull Infermary, very ill and obliged at last to give up being unable to stand her knee having got so much worse. she is still there

(5) (across)

Well again long before this reaches you my dear Girl we did not forget you on the 19th, we took poor Emma to Cambridge Hospital that day, for we found that Hudson was doing her no good at all. I hope & pray that she may soon get better now. they are treating it quite differently & they make her

try to walk on it which gives her great pain after being 15 weeks without putting her foot to the ground, but we cannot say much about it yet the time is short, I will write to you again very soon. Elisa has posted a letter to Mrs Owen and enclosed a piece for you. Give our kind love to all we have been especting another letter from Bro Webb as he said there was one to follow the one George had. tell him that was overweight. so mind the rest as we are very poor here now but thank God we got over that. We hear that Ufford is coming back is that true tell Wm that groom has left Stortfordl he draw what little he had in the Emigration fund, when he left as he had no money we have not heard of him since. How is poor dear Bro Brazier give our kindest love to them all. I have not seen or heard of anything of Priscilla since Christmas they were all well then. Give my love to your mother in law & Sister I hope they are all well with their families

(6) (across)

George had some talk with Father last week about leaving, he didnot say a word against it, but asked him many questions and sounded favorable he knows that James & Elisa intend trying to get out but I don't see how they can without some assistance, but we all intend to do all we can and not cease praying the Lord for deliverance. he has promised and will perform in his own time. We are especting a visit in this Conference from the Apostate Squires. We don't know for what purpose but we have a caution sent us respecting him.

T. Mumford has sent for his Brother & Sister George & Maryann. I am glad to hear they are going. John does not intend going he says. I hope dear you will write directly you get this and say if there is any thing they can bring you that you want from England I am afraid Elisa will not be able to get a machine and poor Emma has no money it has cost her so much for doctor-

ing in illness, Well my loved ones I must close or this will never get sent at all. I will write again as soon as ever I know who is likely to come out this spring. Kiss them 2 darlings a thousand times for me and ask A..... (next page missing)

Bro. Stone

April

My dear Abner

I will not attempt to describe the joy I felt at receiving a few lines from your hand, I could not imagine what could be the reason you had never wrote to me before you had been there three weeks I shall expect a free correspondence Polly writes, I think it high time now since you have courage enough to take a wife that you had courage enough to write a letter, she seemed about [illegible]

what you promise
plenty of my tongue
when I come, which I pray
God may not be long, you
cannot think dear Myra
how much I long to be with
you all. every letter I get
makes me more anxious
if there was nothing beyond
meeting with me I can say
it would make me happy
but when I reflect I know
of a truth that there are
such mighty blessings in
store for the faithful, &
look around me I can see
the degredation, sin, & misery
in every hand I feel
[illegible] they

[illegible] nothing, many [illegible]
tell you expression
kindness, and like you I pray
that God will overrule all
things in our behalf, I read
your letter to Father last
evening he said nothing
O my dear son, what has
got to take place before my
deliverance comes I cannot
think, I feel to bless
my Heavenly Father daily that
I count to go, and all the
time makes every possible
preparation, & trust to him
for the rest, and I want
my labour once all
[illegible] in as
[illegible] ation, &c

Bps Stortford
April 67

My dear Alfred

I will not attempt to describe the joy I felt at receiving a few lines from your hand, I could not imagine what could be the reason you had never written to me, now You have broken the ice I shall espect a piece every time Polly writes, I think its high time now since you had courage enough to take a wife that you had courage enough to write a letter, (blurred)dle excuses about b(blurred)re but write (missing)

(2) (missing) what you prov(missing) plenty of my tongue (missing) when I come which I pray God may not be long, you cannot think dear Alfred how much I long to be with you all every letter I get makes me more anxious if there was nothing beyond meeting with my dear ones it would make me anxious, but when I reflect & know of a truth that there are such mighty blessings in store for the faithful, & look around me and see the degredation, sin & misery on every hand I feel (missing) cannot stay (missing)

(3) (missing)sting, many (missing) all you espress (missing) kindness, and like you I pray that God will over rule all things in our behalf, I read your letter to F ther but as usual he said nothing

Oh my dear Son, what has got to take place before my deliverance comes I cannot think, (missing) I feel to tell my Heavenly Father daily that I want to go, and at the same time make every possible preparation & trust to him for the rest, and I want you my beloved ones all, to remember us in all your (missing)cations so (missing)

(4) (missing) mother & tell her (missing) that I am not (missing) to have the pleasure of dining with her next Christmas but Hope to do so the follow-

ing one, Father & George are in London, G & Bro Webb are gone to Conference they intended asking Father to go with them, I hope he did he would hear some startling truths and who knows what effect it may have on him, your description of the darling pleased us all, I hope you will not idolize him too much bless him, kiss him for me (missing) time you kiss him (missing) also his mother.

Broughton in Furness

I was very pleased to see a few kind enclosed in Mother's letter for me, it did me good to know I was still held in remembrance. Thank you very kindly. I shall be always happy to see a few lines from you or Alfred. How are you both dears? I long to see you. I become disgusted with the "Brother". I am happy to tell you dear that I am quite well at present, very much better than I have written to you before I hope. I hope you have heard in Lancashire, if not I give you the news as from dear Father, who generally writes to you. Good news I think I have heard lately in the summer, but now I am getting cold & dreary here, I am not certain whether we shall stay here all through the winter, but I wish I expect not. You asked me the name of the people I live with at the Coventry. He is a Civil Engineer. My little people are all quite well, my baby has grown such a nice fat girl. She is 8 months old. You say you suppose I shall speak French quite nicely perhaps I shall when I come to see you. But we can never get a chance to have any lessons, & when lessons offer some forgetting all they know I sometimes feel but my Aunty is always taking up with me. She & the other Mr & Mrs Coventry always talk in German so I have a good opportunity to learning that I think I understand more German that I do French. When I come I shall

be happy to teach you all I know about it.

Dear Polly when you write you must tell me what you do with yourselves these long evenings. But perhaps you will have something to amuse you soon another Christmas will be here & then it will be very nice amusement for you. I hope you won't have as many to Tea parties as almost drive me mad. But I shall have to put up with it. I wish we were all coming next year to see you. I may be my dear Parents are still blest with the privilege of assembling with the people of God. I must bring this scribble to a close please give my very kind love to Grandma Alfred to Sister Sarah and Mariamy & what is the latter doing. Also to the rest of my attached friends who enquire after me. Give my love to Brother Ross. Accept of best & warmest love dear and beloved ones to remain your fondly loving and devoted sister

1867-8

Broughton in Furness
Lanceshire

My beloved Sister

I was very pleased to see a few lines enclosed in Mothers letter for me, it did me good to know I was still held in remembrance thank you dear very kindly I shall be always happy to see a few lines from you or "Alfred". How are you both dears? I long to see you & become acquainted with my "new brother". I am happy to tell you dear that I am quite well at present & very comfortable. I think I have written to you since I have been in Lanceshire, if not I guess you have heard about it from dear mother, who generally sends you a good deal of news I liked this part exceedingly in the summer, but now it is getting cold & dreary here I am not certain whether we shall stay here all through the winter, but I rather expect not. You asked me dearest what is the name of the people I live with it is Mr Coventry. He is a Civil Engineer. My little people are all quite well, my baby has grown such a nice fat girl. she is 8 months old, You say, you suppose I shall speak French quite nicely. Perhaps I shall when I come to see you - but we can never get a chance to have any lessons. when lessons drop one soon forgets all they knew, I sometimes read but my time is always taken up with one thing and the other, Mr & Mrs Coventry always talk in German, so I have a good opportunity to learning that I think I understand more German than I do French. When I come I shall be happy to teach you all I know about it,

Dear Polly when you write you must tell me what you do with yourselves these long evenings, But perhaps you will have something to amuse you soon - another little Tame will be finding its way here probably & then it will be very nice amusement for you both. I hope you won't have as many as I have, Mine almost drive me mad. But I guess we must put up with it, I wish we were all coming next year to see you Oh may the way soon open up when we shall

be blessed with the privilege of meeting & associating with the people of God. I must bring this scribble to a close please give my very kind love to your dear Alfred also to Sister Sanders and Marianne What is the latter doing? Also to the rest of my esteemed friends who inquire after me. Have you seen Brother Ross? Accept of best & warmest love dear and believe me to remain ever your loving and devoted sister -

Elisa

(Written across the bottom in a different colored ink.)
Praying God to bless you both with every blessing you need. I remain your affectionate Mother Mary Anne Savill

I have had no letter from Bro. Lindsey yet Bro & Sis Webb and all Saints desire their best love to you and all their old friends

When you write don't forget to tell us of Brothers Ross & Berrett and all in fact that you can think of. I should like a paper if you can send one sometimes without much expense.

I see by reading my letter over that I have told you twice over of my accident. never mind, I am no worse for that, it is the affect of being so long writing.

My dearest [illegible]

[illegible] quite [illegible]

a [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Yorkshire [illegible]

been they are [illegible]

the [illegible]

[illegible] Recently [illegible]

[illegible] the time [illegible]

[illegible] all in darkness [illegible]

[illegible] Father [illegible] asked [illegible]

[illegible] and we [illegible]

[illegible] left here alone he said [illegible]

[illegible] cannot agree [illegible]

[illegible] Saturday the 25 [illegible]

[illegible] Hartford

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My dear Sister [illegible]

I [illegible] quite [illegible] the opportunity of enclosing a [illegible] in his [illegible] sincerely [illegible] well [illegible] happy to day [illegible] which we have all in our turn it is some time since I wrote to you [illegible] I have [illegible] you [illegible] I must tell you a little about my own [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] and [illegible] have [illegible] was [illegible] The [illegible] of course wanted [illegible] an advertisement [illegible] London which I answered and received an answer [illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible] the Gentleman [illegible] should [illegible] Monday morning and saw him about half 3 o'clock [illegible] it was [illegible] quite

but he turned out to be a reader: and
after I had been there a fortnight
I ran a splinter into my hand and
couldnot do any thing the consequence
was I had to either work or leave so I
the doctor and asked him if it
be wise to use it and he of course
so so I came away as quick as I
Sarah Nelson and Charles
quite well and desire their love
love to you whenever I write I am
now at home and shall stay in
Stockport as I am going to live at Mr
his old shop. I suppose you know
has left but I hope I shall be comfor
think I shall I mean to stop there
1868 when I hope I shall be
to visit and see your dear faces
that are so dear to us here I dont know
what to think about you sometimes I hope
father will consent to go as next with us
dear sister I am sure if we keep
true to the Lord he will open
way for us and that we shall
your dear faces again at any rate
are that we see before that
there is that we have had the pleasure

of seeing but they are the same
to us as though we had known them
for years I long to see you I have
content myself here long but we
must wait patiently the time of
Lord and make up the arrears
ever the way opens however
the sacrifice and it will be
all right I must now conclude
praying God to bless and protect
you in all things and with
kindest love I remain
ever dear Brother
Please excuse haste and
I think Alfred might write
little it would be worse than the
I am sure your by Thursday
this morning by post I hear I shall
at home I
Giving my love to all the Marples and
Tell Hannah I think Humphrey will
not be so forward because I am as
with a little bigger poor Ben died
just dead he died about 11 o'clock the
12th of March and his son Fred is very bad

(12) March [1867-8]
Bridge St.
Bps tortford

My dear Sister & Brother

Mr C has given me the opportunity of enclosing a piece in his (missing) which I sincerely hope will find (missing) both enjoying good health (missing) all I am happy to say pretty (missing) except cold's which we have all (missing) in our turn it is some time since I wrote to you but it isn't because I have forgotten you far from it I must tell you a little about my own doings The first place you are aware of (missing) of my being a grocer and I believe (missing) have heard where I was living (missing) was in Hackerill, but at the (missing) The agreed time I of course wanted to better myself so left that vicinity and saw an advertisement in London which I answered and recieved an answer directly (missing) must go and see the Gentlem(missing) I thought I should like it so I w(missing) Monday morning and saw him in (missing) about ½ pair 3 obtained the situation (missing) went in the next morning so it was ra(missing) quick

(2) but he turned out to be a rebel and after I have been there a fortnight I ran a knife into my hand and couldn't do anything the consequence was I had to either work or leave so I (missing) the doctor and asked him if in (missing) be wise to use it and he of course (missing) so I came away as quick as I (missing) Sarah Nelson and Charles (missing) quite well and desire there kind love to you whenever I wrote I am now at home and shall stay in Stortford as I am going to live at Mr (missing) old shop. I suppose you know (missing) has left but I hope I shall be comfort(missing) think I shall I want to stop there (missing) 1868 when I hope I shall be (missing) to trot and see your dear faces that are so dear to us here I don't know what to think about it sometimes I hope Father will consent to go as well

with us (missing) dear sister I am sure if we keep (missing) full to the Lord he will open (missing)ay for us and that we shall (missing) your dear faces again at any rate (missing) that we've seen before but theres 2 that we haven't had the pleasure of

(3) seeing but they are the same to us as though we had known them for years. I long to see you I can't content myself here long but we must wait patiently for the time of the Lord and make up our mi(missing) ever the way opens however (missing) the sacrifice and it will hi(missing) all right I must now conclude praying God to bless and protect you in all things and with kindest love I remain (missing)

ever dear Brother James

Please excuse haste and (missing) I think Sir Alfred might write (missing) little it won't be worse than this I am sure good bye dearest kiss that darling boy for me bless his heart I should like to see him Give my kind love to all the Braziers and (missing)

Tell James I think he might write (missing) not be so proud because I am as (missing) and a little bigger poor Ben Br(missing) is just dead he died about 1 o'clock this (missing) 12th of March and his son Fred is very bad

(4) My dearly Beloved ones all Mr C has given James liberty to write a line, & James has given Mother same privilege, which I gladly embrace, I have (missing)riously looking for a letter from (missing) last week or 2, but I guess I have (missing) before you get this, I hope please (missing) will find you all well in health (missing), I thank my God we are all at home (missing) well, Sept my Rheumatism which troubles me a good deal at times I heard from the 2 dear ones in Yorkshire last week, they were well & espect to move to the Isle of Mann in June. they might (missing) as well be with you dear. I sometimes feel it keenly to be so far (missing) from all my dearly beloved (missing) God hasten the time for our (missing), but all

is darkness at present (missing) Father I asked him a short time ago if he would go as all the dear ones would be sure to go and we should then be left here alone, he said no but I could he would not hinder me (missing) what I felt, I cannot express, but (missing) all will work right in (missing), I don't know if George will (missing) this year but I think not as (missing) no teams coming down. I had (missing) from Sister Sanders on the 25 of (missing) & which cheered my head & did me

(5) (across...first 3 lines mostly missing)

(missing)ily the(missing)elt to (missing) good news of (missing)arest on((missing)lso from (missing)to condradic_ the (missing)at miser(missing)retch Brett (missing)ht home he has (missing) giving lectures at all the lowest public houses in the town and telling people that Sis Sanders was begging bread from door to door and lots more lies but his lecturing was cut short he was only at home about 3 weeks before he was in Hertford jail for cutting a mans head open with a poker. I sent the paper to Alfred which I hope you got, he came to see us the night he came home & began telling a Catch, but I told him it made no difference to me what he said but I should thank him not to come to my house to disturb the peace of your Father, so he never came again.

I will write to Sis Sanders this week if possible , if you see any of them give all our love & tell them that Sister Waterman was released from her suffering on Saturday March 2nd & was buried Wednesday Mar 6th, I went over on Sunday not knowing she was dead, she looked lovely just as if she was in a sweet sleep.

(6) James has told you of the death of B. Brazier, it is young Ben, he has left 11 children, it is very sad.

Give my fondest love to Alfred also that dear child I do think so much

about him and indeed all of you, also to Bro Rider, and tell him I have been especting to hear from him again, also Bro & Sis Brazier and family & all who enquire after us. I must conclude this as Mr Carter is so anxious to get this posted, I will write you very soon accept dearest Polly my fondest love, kiss that darling for me and often as you can also your dear Husband, May God preserve all our lives to meet again in the flesh is the prayer of your mother

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Good bye dea[illegible]

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abt. Jan. 1867

Dear Sister

With pleasure I (missing) to you hoping it will find (missing)ll and happy I was very (missing) to hear from you also that (missing)s quite well I was longing (missing)r from you for I thought (missing)r so long that I should be kept (missing)n knowing how my sister was (missing) The time came at last. you (missing)id dear in the piece enclosed (missing) Eliza that a piece from me (missing) be acceptable In Mother's (missing) I enclosed a piece but She

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(3) (missing) there is no hopes of (missing)ng but God knows best (missing) and he is doing things (missing) best I expect but I do (missing) and pray at all times (missing) something will soon happen (missing)t we shall be gathered home (missing)nd there live in peace and (missing)appiness for I can tell you (missing) I only wish we was away from (missing) for I wish more and more (missing)day that I was away from (missing) there is very few in this (missing) now as the girls are all (missing)w. Well dear you want (missing)w how we spent our (missing)tmas we was all at home (missing) Maria was here and we (missing)yed ourselves very much (missing)mna and Aunt came down (missing)n Christmas morning I went (missing) meet them we had some (missing)es in the evening and (missing)ot get to bed until

2 o'clock in the morning (missing) shopped until the (missing) owing Emma went (missing)urday before but (missing) to leave again. Well my (missing) I think I have told (missing) though it is not much (missing) will conclude with my (missing) love to all the friends who (missing) after me also yourself and (missing)

ever remain your

beloved and (missing)
Brother
James

My pen is poor
My ink is pa(missing)
But my love for (missing)
Shall never (missing)
Goodbye dear (missing)

[illegible]
Nottingham
[illegible]

My dearly beloved sister

I have been going to write a letter to you for [illegible] past, [illegible] [illegible] you doubtless [illegible] [illegible] dear sister, I [illegible] [illegible]

if all is well, you will probably see [illegible] [illegible] & family this year; they are determined to start & I sincerely hope that we may also accompany them, altho' very gloomy prospects appear for our undertaking, still our faith is in the God of Israel, who will bring his chosen people through all opposition [illegible] of [illegible] will. Keep his commandments relating to the Gospel. It is joyful news to hear through the "Star" of the large amount of money been raised by the good Saints in the Valley for their friends & the poor of this country. I do so hope that we shall all join you this year my beloved sister what great rejoicings there will be when we all meet with you & our other dear friends. there will be tears of joy, as we join our hands, after so many years separation. I have been [illegible] at home, to [illegible] to Marianne Owen, & to see her whether she can help us a little, if she could we should be most grateful &

Of course you heard of the death of Master Herbert George Smith. They tell me he died quite a fine boy. George's family is mourning very fast, & I think he begins to feel rather older. Son Willie Jesse was getting out of bed on Easter Sunday & Emma was helping him down when he fell & dislocated one of the shoulder joints. They were so terribly frightened but the Doctor tells it was done last week. Poor dear Jesse was greatly upset as it was so suddenly done.

Feb 26th I have just received a letter from Mr Rider & am so pleased that it has come before I finish this letter he tells me that you & Jesse & Alfred have been all have very sorry I am to hear that that any illness entire. I hope you are both quite recovered. It was very unfortunate for you both to be ill. Mr Rider seems to be very happy which I am very pleased to hear. I suppose you know Mrs R. tell my beloved sister I must bring this scribble to a close, & am almost afraid that you will have some trouble in reading it. Give my best love to Jesse dear Alfred. Bless him the little one for me, & please dear remember me in love to all our kind friends who inquire after us, praying our heavenly Father

Fushia Cottage
Cottingham
Feb 7th 1868

My dearly beloved sister

I have been going to write a letter to you for a long time past. but have driven it off from one week to another hoping that I should have some better accounts to send you of our darling Emma. You have doubtless heard from poor mother all the sad trouble she is in I can assure you my dear sister, I have scarcely a moments peace of mind, & what dear Mother feels, I cannot think. when I last wrote to brother Rider soon after we left the Coventrys', dear Emma seemed quite well & took another situation in the Quay intending to stay there until the spring when we both intended to go home. However before she had been there long her health began to give way & it was with great difficulty that she managed her work up & down stairs. I (2) begged of her to leave & go home for a month or two, to rest herself but poor girl she said she would not go until she was forced, of course she was anxious to be earning a little to try & get away. I shall never forget meeting her in the street on her way to the "Hull Infirmary." She seemed in the greatest agony & her poor foot was dragging behind her apparently lifeless, I went in with her & saw the house surgeon, Then I had to leave her, one so dear to me among strangers, how my heart sank within me when I reached home at night & thought of that dear suffering girl. I went once or twice every week to see her & took her little comforts that were not allowed in there but found to my sorrow that she was getting worse, we both went to Burlington where we spent Xmas, & having packed up all her things, I came with her again to Hull, I saw her safely off for London where dear Mother met her. From a letter yesterday I learn that she is no better, poor Mother seems almost afraid to tell me the truth about it, but I know

(3) from what she says that the dear girl has yet more to suffer before she is cured. it will be sad news to you my dear Mary Ann to hear that she is so very ill, the doctor says it depends entirely upon her health being kept up whether she loses her leg or not. you may guess how we all feel, but poor E does not know that of course. Mother will not tell her. Mr. Hodson wants her to go into Cambridge Hospital, I firmly believe that Hodson does not know what to do with it & he will be glad to give up the case, oh! dear Mary Ann, I know that your with us will be united in praying for God to restore her, for it is very hard to know that she is suffering such intense pain, I am afraid the bone is decaying, as there is nothing to see but swelling. Oh I wish I could hear it was getting better, but we must hope on & continue to pray earnestly to Him who answers prayer, that our own loved sister may soon be well & strong again.

Darling Mary Ann

(4) if all is well, you will probably see our two dear boys & family this year. They seem determined to start & I sincerely hope that we may also accompany them, altho only gloomy prospects appear for our sweet Emma, still our faith is in the God of Israel who will bring his chosen people through all their troubles if they will keep his covenants & cling to the Gospel. It is joyful news to hear through the "Star" of the large sums of money now being raised by the good saints in the Valley for their friends & the poor of the country, I do so hope that we shall all join you this year my beloved sister, what great rejoicing there will be when we all meet with you & our other dear friends. There will be tears of joy, as we join our hands, after so many years seperation. I have been advised by them at home to write to Marianne Owen & to ask her whether she can help us a little, if she could we should be most grateful &

(5) should feel a pleasure in returning it to her as early as it laid in our power. I have not heard from her since she was first married, but I enclose a short letter on this for her, not knowing her address & hope my dear that you will kindly forward it to her, when you see her, I shall be anxious to hear from her & if it is convenient dear girl will you kindly favor me with a few lines you could enclose them in Mrs O's letter. I should love to know how you & dear Alfred are, also how those little sweet fat boys are getting along, I suppose little Alfred talks & runs about like a little man now, what is the baby's name?

(6) of course you heard of the arrival of Master "Herbert George Savill" - they tell me.he is growing quite a fine boy - Georges family is increasing very fast & I think he begins to look rather older. Poor little Jessie was getting out of bed or rather off the bed, & Emma was helping her down, when her poor little arm slipped out at the shoulder joint. They were so awfully frightened but she is now quite well, it was done last week, poor dear E was greatly upset as it was so suddenly done.

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earnestly praying that we with her may join in your happy mountain home this year I remain dearest sister with much love, ever your devoted & loving

Eliza Savill

April 22

3) Mother is writing to you we have just had a Letter from Emma her knee and ankle are worse the doctor has ordered her to wear an Elastic Stocking to support it poor girl she is very ill I do wish she could get away this spring Br Felt is released to go home perhaps you will see him when he arrives he thinks he lives close to you he is a first rate man I forgot to order some pegs you did not state the price we have them from Birmingham at 2.. the peck any size they pay the carriage to London so we will be a customer to you at the same rate if that will suit you send ½ pecks

I think I have said
about all I can think of at
this time I received the letter
Give my kind Love to Br.
Rider
answer this as soon as you
can for if I can get a chance
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I remain your Loving
Brother Lewis

April 22 (abt. 1868)

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I remain your Loving

Brother G Savill

(20)

Hyde Stratford

Tuesday June 16th

1868.

My darling sister

I am sure you will be getting very anxious to hear from us, & we should have written sooner, but we did not know for certain how many of us could manage to get off, & the vaccinations only came to a day or two ago. We thought it best to delay writing until we could send you word positively how things were settled. You will be disappointed to know, to know, to I will give you the names before I proceed further. George got his sale over last Monday & very strong it arranged. Now for him, Ellen & the 3 dear children, also for Harry Westwood, Mary Ann Allen & their little afflicted boy. One of Mrs. Reynolds's boys is young under George's care,

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one, for even those with fine
health & can sleep almost
& for the inferior it must
be much worse, but we must
look on the bright side, for
we are all aggravated with
the motion that transports
us to more & the dear God
who watches over us & the
guards the precious souls
who are obeying his commands.

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Bps Stortford
Tuesday June 16th/68

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be expected under the circumstances, she is so busy or would have written to you herself she will do so as soon as she possibly can. I am grieved my dear sister to tell you that you will not have the great pleasure of seeing Mother this year it is now quite impossible I will tell you why, Father's affairs are all settled for him to keep on the business a few weeks ago our apprentice boy ran away showing the state of things here. He thought he would get into a better place, This of course we were not sorry for because we thought that there would be then a thing in the
(4) way to prevent Father going off with all of us but alas! after 3 weeks absence the boy returned saying how much he had suffered through fear of being taken by the police & we then of course Father was compelled either to punish him for absconding, or take him back & keep him until his time is out which is next January. Father has taken the latter course with him so he must stay now he has bought all the furniture & ec in again and will now begin business again afresh poor mother is so fearfully dissapointed about it and so am I, but it cannot be altered we thought if Father went he would be able to help us all a little but as it is, he will want every shilling she has to begin business again - it has been very hard work to get Emma & James off with what has been done for George too - so I shall have to calmly submit to circumstances and content myself here a little longer with dear mother.

(rest of letter missing....written by Elisa)

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

My beloved Mary [illegible]

You will think it me a [illegible] to think [illegible] it a long time since you got a letter, but I hope you do hear of us from [illegible] little Agnes. Thank you dear for sending [illegible] send her letters I wish [illegible] [illegible] time was come when we could do all our [illegible] by word of mouth for really writing letters seems quite an [illegible] taking [illegible] so I don't think that [illegible] of my [illegible] [illegible]

Well dear I am happy to day your letter reached us safely and we were very pleased to [illegible] [illegible] once more and to know [illegible] [illegible] your dear husband [illegible] [illegible] most sincerely hope you are still enjoying health & happiness also the darlings bless them little Herbert has quite recovered

self, but she is too venturesome when she is able, I am also glad but I don't know why that she is not likely to marry the Doctor in fact I hope she will not be in too great a hurry to marry at all but look round her a little first and have a good faithful Man of God to lead her along in the right path, I feel very anxious about her poor Girl, but you dear must be her Mother now for a time, I hope you are all happy in each others society and united, I am pleased to hear of dear James getting stout E tells me he is, dear old boy how I do miss him of an evening, you amused me about the cat, I did not think you had cats I am very glad as I should my poor cat, I knew dear Mary Ann you would be pleased to have him there, I hope he is comfortable in his situation he did not say a great deal about it,

Your letter prepared me for the one I had from George respecting the death of their dear Baby bless it, it was singular

his clothes brought for me, tell Beady I am glad to hear his mother when I come I will bring him something else if he is a good boy. Oh how I long to see them all but it is almost too much for me at times, but I try all I can to be patient and not overcome by feeling. We cannot tell what the Lord will do, but at present there seems no prospect of our coming out this year, your Father never expects it and his mind is not shaken that he thinks of it but that he cannot of course tell. Business matters now go on pretty smoothly, he says for all as he has it so he is not worried to meet heavy bills as he used to lee but whether he is doing much good or not I know no more than you do. His expenses are not heavy as regards housekeeping, it is a mighty change I dont know how to cook now, the boy is out of his time so he still works for me, but boards & lodges out of the house, and pillills how more money that goes home to his breakfast & tea, so I have but the little one to give tea to now, we eat 1/2 quarter loaf a day and 1/2 quarter of potatoes is plenty for us 2 days so you will say we do not ruin him in eating, I dont know what effect it might have on him if Jesse Lovett starts I think that would cause him but I fear they will not be able to go out this season, but his mind is firmly made up to it I believe and Pissy is so delighted you cannot think, all the prospect of again seeing her dear Mother & Brothers but she fears she shall not see her dear Father again poor Man I fear as far from what you told us of him, I should dearly have liked to see him once more if he is still living give all our kind love to him and I pray God to ease his great sufferings; also to Sister B. and all the family they are all well at Stanlow. Mr Hutchins gets on well again now, We rec'd a letter from dear old Emma how thankful I feel to hear that her knee is so much better, I do hope she will take care of her

Stortford
Febry 16 / 69

My beloved Mary Ann

You will think of me as I began to think of you its a long time before you get a letter, but I hope you do hear of us now a little oftener than you used to - seeing we send many letters, I wish from my heart - the time was come when we could do all our writing by word of mouth for really writing letters seems now quite an undertaking for me, so I don't think that is a sign of my growing younger do you. Well dear I am happy to say your letter reached us safely and we were very pleased to see your handwriting once more and to know you and your dear husband were well. I most sincerely hope you are still enjoying perfect health and happiness also the darlings bless them. I hope little Herbert has quite recovered

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Your letter prepared me for the one I had from George respecting the death of their dear Baby, bless it. it was singular

(5) I have just read a letter from George the contents of which have caused my heart to rejoice. I do feel thankful that he is in better health & spirits - and I pray God he may continue so and all of them. Father appears much better satisfied now, tell him I will soon write to him, Also answer

dear Jesse's letter if I can, but I fear I don't know quite enough of short hand, I also got 3 papers from Carry, I really must say you are all dear good children to write so often to care our minds, God bless you one and all. I am surprised to hear that Bro. Webb has not had a letter from me but perk up he has before now. Eliza had posted one today to Emma and I have sent his 2 papers so I think between us you will get all the news.

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one of Fanny's pieces at your little
I hope dear you will send one like you
thanks for your darlings in your dear
letter as I long to see them dear Fanny
Give them your one and all Especially to Hard and
I shall bring them when I come, I expect
his poppa will be done for by this time,
how did he like his balls and dear little
Herbert, you are right in your remark
I shall have quite a number to share
your love, but I hope to have the lion's
share of it I may think so more
than another, you are all my
dearly beloved children and I am sure
I could not love or prize I love more,
I am glad to learn that your George
are playfellows as I should like them
to grow up with love to each other.
Oh what would I give this moment
to have one peep at them the dear
little innocent lambs, what a sight
that must have been on the 4th
to see all those 3000 children
you want to know what I think about
Emma drawing, I can tell you that
it took quite a load off my mind

Hartford Aug 8 – 29
My Rebecca Mary

My Rebecca Mary Ann

I feel disappointed that
we are not going to bring you this mornin
of sealing wax, but we must I suppose
bear it a little longer, I was dear very
much pleased with your interesting
letter which I received with one from
dear Emma, I began to think it very
long before I heard one from you and
I expect you will think the same by
you get this as I told Emma and you
to write to you the next week, I am
very thankful dear to know you are
all well and last week I got one from
George in which he said you were all
well, my heart overflows with gratitude
to my Heavenly Father for his great mer
cies towards you all my beloved chil
and I feel to bless & praise His great nam
Dear, I am happy to tell you we
are all pretty well I suffer somewhat
from Rheumatism but I suppose th
is one of signs of approaching old age, an
another thing I must tell you I have

not for not any one else enough to say
my believes yet, but when I come I hope
to have breath enough to climb
the hill to your house, Emma & Jane
I think take after one for breath and
Eliza too I often think she is worse
than one when we are out walking
together, I am nearly alone to day I
have Jessie Savill from Harlow here
Father has gone to London there being
an excursion train you will say
Father is doing the grand when I tell
you he went with Eliza to Stanwick
last Monday and on Friday beyond
to Yarmouth and at Whitsuntide
I stays to Colchester so I think he
must not grumble what say you
I went to Harlow on Friday and stay
till this morning and went from
there to Cambridge where she will
stay till next Monday with one of
my Cousins whose daughter has been
staying with us a month, I am happy
to tell you the Harlow folks are all
well and say they never felt so happy
in their lives as they do now" I fancy
just from not any one else enough to say I believe they have enlarged the gospel
believes yet but when I come I hope from a love of the truth I see we have
to have breath enough to climb all in his power to put out but
the hill to your house, Emma & Jane he cannot accomplish it this you
I think take after one for breath and and I think I may now safely say
Eliza too I often think she is worse it is a debtedness thing that we have
than one when we are out walking to stay another year I had hoped
together, I am nearly alone to day I not but perhaps it all for the best
have Jessie Savill from Harlow here as George is rather unwell this year
Father has gone to London there being it might upset Father and distracted
an excursion train you will say him just understanding the principle
Father is doing the grand when I tell we are my dear girls in the hands of
you he went with Eliza to Stanwick a wise Bridegroom who will arrange all
last Monday and on Friday beyond things right for us in his own time
to Yarmouth and at Whitsuntide & time, if we only patiently wait
I stays to Colchester so I think he Him which I trust we may, but nothing
must not grumble what say you I will tell you that we if I only had
E, went to Harlow on Friday and stay a few days notice I would be ready for
till this morning and went from I all the time feel like being preparing
there to Cambridge where she will if we stay till next year I would be
stay till next Monday with one of able to pay her own way if she is so
my Cousins whose daughter has been careful & cheerfully she has had a great
staying with us a month, I am happy falling off in her school the last 2
to tell you the Harlow folks are all months so many of the poor thing
well and say they never felt so happy having the whooping cough badly
in their lives as they do now" I fancy it notwithstanding has among children

I expect Jennie has got our letter long
before now and you will have heard
of Willie leaving us, there is not one
of the old places now on the ship but
old Hope, does it seem strange
how everything here has changed since
William left us, I am glad I got
the letter I sent you I cannot think
how it was he did not get it sooner
I hope Alan finds it getting on all
right still do you think he gets any
stronger I hope he does give my fond
love to him and I hope he will be
blessed & prospered I was so sorry
respecting what he had broken off
with Carey because I know all his
friends were opposed to it and I
must say I don't think they were
at all suited to each other, I am glad
Carey does not care as much as
I had done to him, his Mother got
a letter from her last week which
she sent off to Willie, poor old
woman she is very lonely indeed
now he is gone and will only
come home once in 2 or 3 weeks
but she appeared quite as anxious
for him to have a change as he seems
himself, as she thinks it is not good
for young people to be too long in one
place and your Father could not do
as they wanted him, that was to
give up all Women work and do
the best, he says he likes his Master
and the work very well at present
I hope he will and be able to do better
but I cannot help feeling for poor Willie
if she should be ill I cannot imagine
what she will do, give my kind love
to Alfred I hope he has plenty of work
tell him I was in hopes of seeing him
hand writing again telling me how
the horses & cattle are progressing
I told you you were preserving
strawberries I wish I could get at
them I have not even seen one
this year yet they very seldom
set, he says fruit this year we
had an apple pie yesterday for the
thank God the prospect for harvest

Stortford Aug 3rd 69
My Wedding day 29 yrs

My Beloved Mary Ann

I feel dissapointed then I am not going to bring you this instead of sending it, but we must - I suppose bear it a little longer, I was dear very much pleased with your interesting letter which I received with one from dear Emma, I began to think it very long before I had one from you and I espect you will think the same before you get this as I told Em I was going to write to you the next week. I was very thankful dear to know you were all well, and last week I got one from George in which he said you were all well, my heart overflows with gratitutde to my Heavenly Father for his great mercies towards you all my beloved children and I feel to bless & praise His Great & Holy name, I am happy to tell you we are all pretty well I suffer somewhat from Rheumatics but I suppose this is one of signs of approaching old age another thing I must tell you

(2) I espect James has got our letter long before now and you will have heard of Willie leaving us. there is not one of the old faces now on the shop but old Hope, doesn't it seem strange how everything here has changed since William Webb left us, I am glad G got the letter I sent Wm. I cannot think how it was he did not get it himself. I hope dear Jimpse is getting on all right - still do you think he gets any stronger I hope he does give my fond love to him and I hope he will be blessed & prospered. I was in some respects glad that he had broken off with Carry because I know all her friends were opposed to it, and I must say I don't think they were at all suited to each other, I am glad Carry does not lay it to heart give my kind love to her, her mother got a letter from her last week which she sent off to Willie poor old woman she is very lonely indeed now he is gone and will only

(3) come home once in 2 or 3 weeks but she appeared quite as anxious for him to have a change as he did himself, as she thinks it is not good for young people to be too long in one place, and your Father could not do as they wanted him, that was to give Wm all women work and that the best, he says he likes his Master and the work very well at present I hope he will and be able to do better but I cannot help feeling for Sis W - if she should be ill I cannot imagine what she will do, Give my kind love to Alfred I hope he has pleanty of work tell him I was in hopes of seeing him hand writing again telling me how the house & garden are progressing J told me you were preserving strawberries I wish I could get at them I have not even seen one this year yet, they say there will not be much fruit this year, we had an apple pie yesterday, for the 1st thank God the prospect for harvest

(4) is most beautiful the corn look lovely bread is now 6 s the quarters meat chees & butter are very dear,

I had a letter last week from the Crowes poor old Aunt is very sadly and Jane is not at all well, I espect her down here soon they all desire thier kind love to you all, Give our kindest love to George tell him I will answer his letter this week perhaps tomorrow but I shall send this off as I think its great time I did, altho I know you all hear of us by each others letters still I like to write to each and don't feel satisfied if I don't hear from each one, but I have no reason to complain you have all been very kindly to all who enquire after me names I cannot pretend to mention. I am very pleased to hear of Ellen's recovery and M.A.s marriage, give my love to them both, I will now close dear with fondest love to you Alfred & the dear ones all ever praying

(Cross writing) God to bless you with every blessing and hasten the time

when we may again see & embrace each other. I remain your affectionate Mother

M A Savill

Give my kind love to Sister Tame & family I forgot to give Father & Elisas love tell dear Jessie I had the letter she wrote me and she must write again (there must be a page missing . The following sheets are part of this same letter)

(5) not found anyone close enough to repair my bellows yet, but when I come I hope to have breath enough to climb the hill to your home, Emma & James I think take after me for breath and Elisa too I often think she is worse than me when we are out walking together, I am nearly alone today. I have Jessie Savill from Harlow here Father has gone to London there being an excursion train you will say Father is doing the grand when I tell you he went with Elisa to Harwick last Monday and on Friday he went to Yarmouth and at Whitsuntide 3 days to Colchester so I think he must not grumble what say you, E went to Harlow on friday, and stayed till this morning and went from there to Cambridge where she will stay till next Monday with one of my cousins whose daughter has been staying with us a month. I am happy to tell you the Harlow folks well and say they never felt so happy in their lives as they do now, I firmly

(6) believe they have embraced the gospel from a love of the truth, Jessie is doing all in his power to get out but he cannot accomplish it this year and I think I may now safely say it is a settled thing that we are to stay another year, I had hoped not but perhaps its all for the best as George is rather unsettled this year it might upset Father and dishearten him not understanding the principles We are my dear Girl in the hands of a wise and kind God who will work all things right for us in his own way & time, if we only put our trust in Him, which I wish to do, but one thing I will tell you

that is if I only had a few days notice I could be ready for I all the time feel like being prepared. If we stay till next year E would be able to pay her own way if she is successful & careful, she has had a great falling off in her school the last 2 months so many of the poor things having the whooping cough badly its astonishing how many children

(7) are suffering from it. poor little things I hope dear you will send me the portraits of your darlings in your next letter as I long to see thier dear faces Kiss them for me and ask Freddy what I shall bring him when I come, I espect his popgun flute is done for by this time how did he like his ball and dear little Herbert, you are right in your remark I shall have quite a number to share my love, but I hope to have wisdom given me that I may show no more to one than another, you are all my dearly beloved children and I'm sure I could not say which I love most. I am glad to know that yours & Georges are playfellows as I should like them to grow up with love to each other oh what would I give this moment to have one peep at them the dear little innocent lambs. What a sight that must have been on the 4th to see all those 3,000 children

You want to know what I think about Emma marrying. I can tell you dear it took quite a load off my mind to hear of it, I think it the very best thing she could do, and I am thankful to hear they are so comfortable & happy I espect poor old girl she wishes I was there now doesn't she, if she doesn't I do, Give my fondest love to them and to Sis B. I hope they are all happy together, and don't forget G.B. & his wife. we have had 2 visits from Bro Handie who is well acquainted with them, he is leaving England on the 25 of this month, he appears a very nice young man, he came last Wednesday with Bro Howard Spencer who is appointed to travel in this district. he is the first I have met with who knows Alfred Bro Clawson sailed on the 28th of

July so he will I espect be home before you get this letter, he promised me to see you all if posible, I am sorry he is gone in one way as Father appeared to take to him, Bro Spencer was only 16 days coming from the valley thats quick travelling, you might almost come and spend a day with us now

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Oct. 1869-70

(This is only part of a letter - the rest is missing)

(1) the Mormons she thinks she has suffered quite enough thro them. She passed me sometimes twice a day to the pump but she has never spoken and of course I shall not force my conversation Please give my kind love to Sister S. and all her family also Bro & Sis Brazier & family Bro & Sis Lindsay & Hardy and all who enquire after me I hope they are all well & happy God bless them. I long to see them one & all, Father myself and James went one Sunday to see Priscella and last Sunday She & WS came over here and had tea with us they are all well at present and desire me to send lots of love to all their loved ones also to you and yours. I do not think she will write to her Mother just yet, she will want a short time longer as she will have a little more news to send about the middle of next month can you guess, poor girl she does

(2) wish some of them would write to her she does feel it so very much because shà says there are so many of them there that one or the other might write a few lines, she cried when she saw your portrait She thinks your a dear excellent and when I read the part of your letter aleuding to Georges wife and you being so comfortable together she was so pleased to hear that, we both wished we could just drop in on you unawares, Well my dear I hope you have received your little parcel safely before this and that its contents though not worth much may prove useful to you I wish I could have sent you much more but I trust I may have the opportunity next year Give all our kind regards to Bro. G. Lims tell him we very often speak of him, next Sunday is our last in the poor old meeting room and we cannot get another at present I don't know how we are going to manage yet, the people are rejoicing. I suppose they imagine that Mormonism will be anihalated but they forget that the Lord still lives, oh how blind are the people to the signs of the

times. truly this is

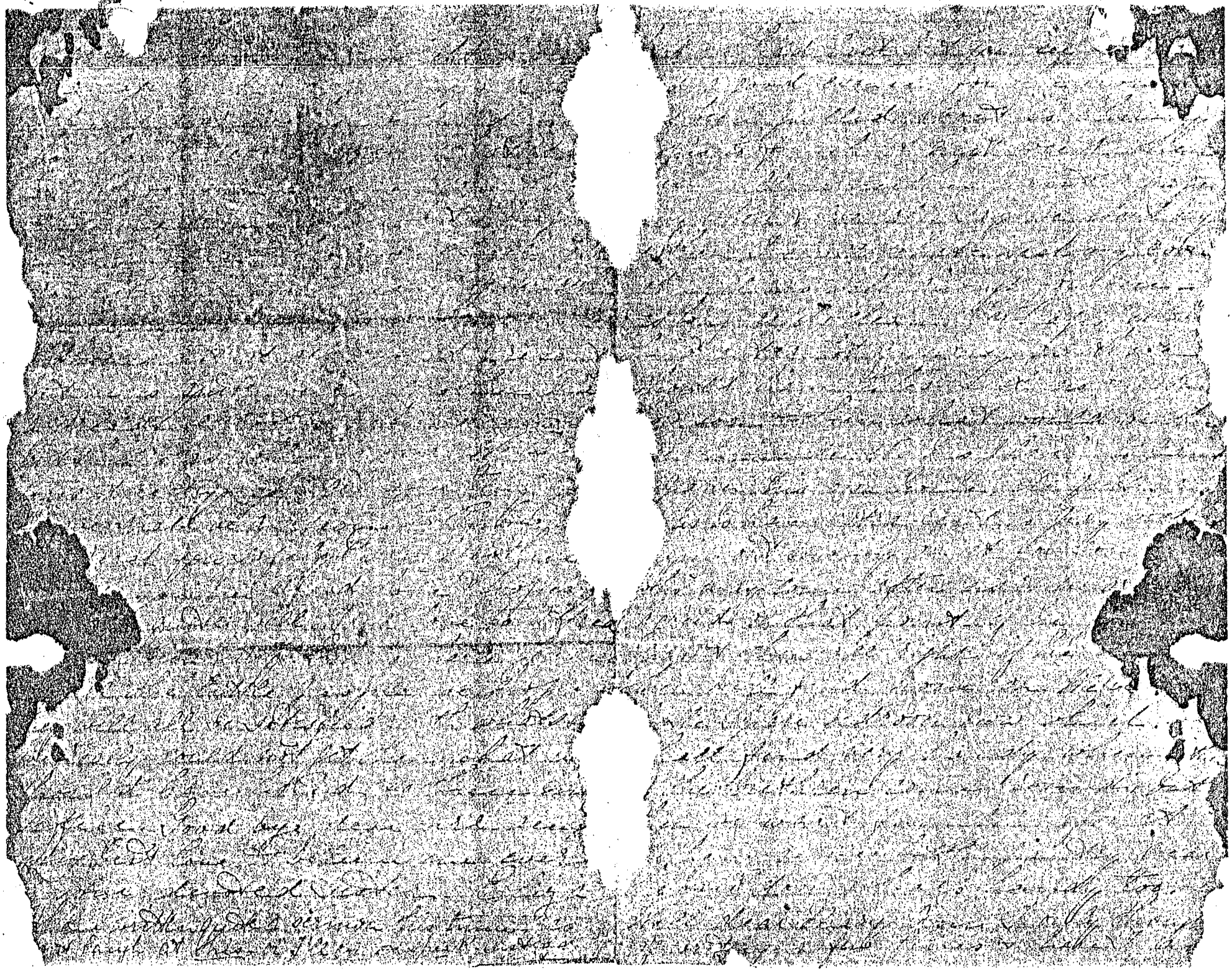
(3) the hour of Gods judgements we can see it daily, I hope my dear children that you get the papers I sent you I seldom miss a week sending you 2 Cassells and a newspaper for Alfred. if you receive them you will see what a sad defense there is among the cattle its fearful meat is now very dear beef steak 1 s per lb

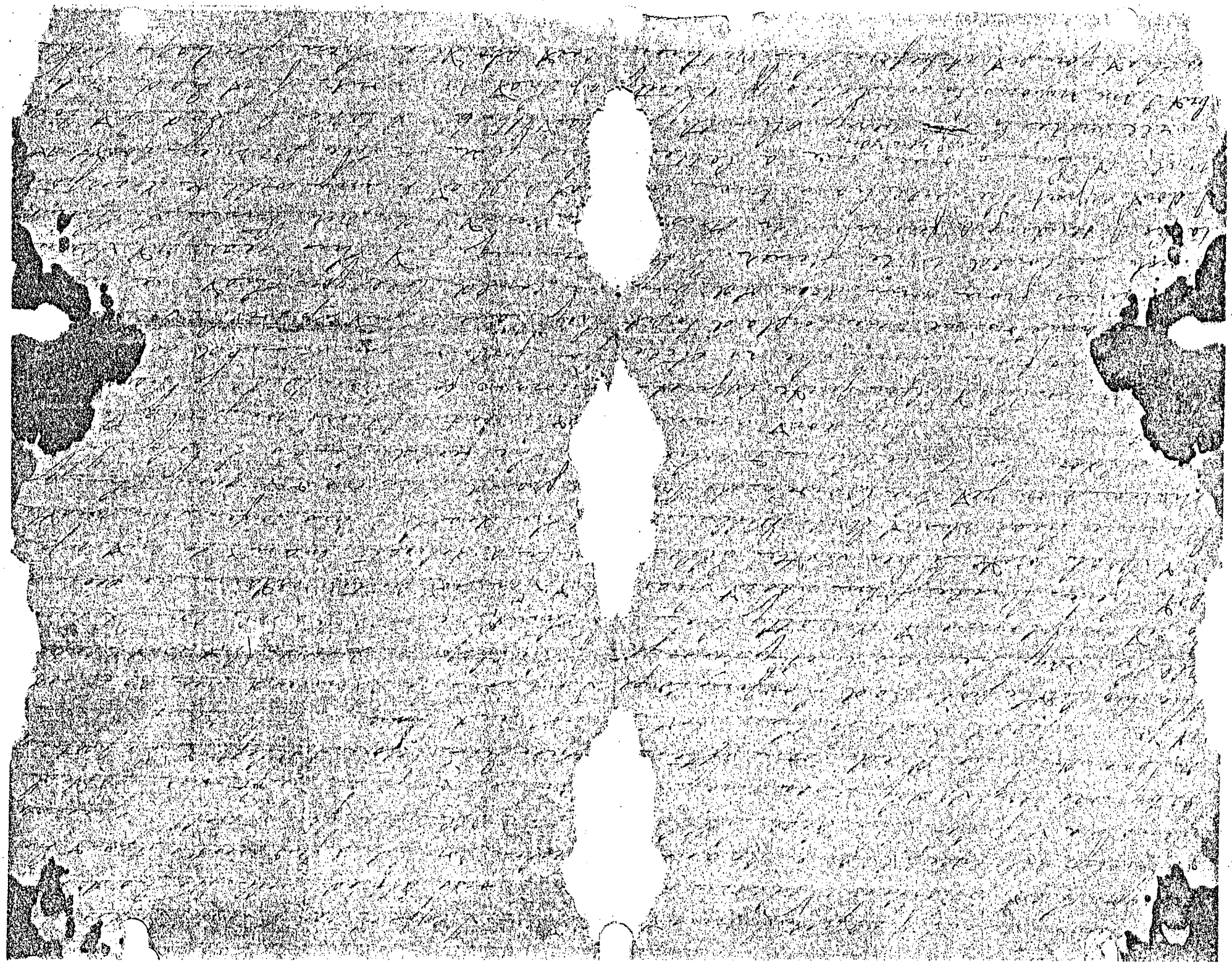
Sept 2

I could not finish this when I began so I have now a little more news for you though it is not of the most cheering kind. in the first place I had the misfortune to hurt my back lifting a washtub and bath Friday week I went to sit up with poor old Billy Cornwell and I suppose I forgot my back for I got off my

(4) chair to cross the room when I fell down and sprained my ankle very badly so I have had a week in bed but thank God it is much better and so is my back but still very weak

You will be surprised and so will Bro Brazier to hear that poor old Billy is dead he was ill only a weak to lay up he had been poorly 2 or 3 days but after he took to his bed he never took any notice of his affairs in any shape, it has caused quite a sensation in the town it was Gastric fever it is a house of sorrow indeed poor Wm I think most about on account of his bad health I cannot think what he will do poor fellow. He is to be buried on Monday. Old Mr. Summers is with





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(5) that we had last, but you see we have (missing)d a good excuse, for the house (missing)s been pulled about so. Christy hopes to finish it next week. Then (missing)ere will be neither paint or paper any where & we all say we won't buy either. I shall white wash my room, it will do well enough for me - as long as its clean. Perhaps if we laid out a lot of money on it we should have to leave it, no one kn(missing) how soon & then what would be the (missing)? I consider its his place to paint (missing) paper his own house, its quite enough (missing) us to have extra rent to pay without (missing)ing out money on it for some (missing) who may come after us & we are all agreed on that point - if he g(missing) paint then all right - if he does (missing) then he'll find none on. We've (missing) little spare bedroom now, which we shall find very handy when either of the brethren come round, but then we want furniture for it. We have a nice little pantry near the back door & thats handy too.

Well dear Mary Ann, I only thought of writing a few lines & here I am
(6) onto the 2nd sheet of paper. I must tell you that Charlie Nelson (missing) family all except one reached Canada safely. The dear little baby was very sadly when they (missing) on board, & he died soon after. it was a great trial to them both. The two little girls had hooping cough all the way. he was lucky enough to get employment directly he got there. Uncle John has'nt heard but Sarah wrote to her sister Ellen. We never hear about Uncle William Maria - nor yet the Crowe's - its true we seldom write to them, & when we do sometimes they don't answer. Tell James that Ellen quite expected a few lines from him. she is still (missing)hamston - we were so glad to get a few lines from him, dear old boy. I wish he could write oftener. Mother

talks of sending a few lines in this (missing) I don't expect she will have time to write it. Emma owes me a letter. I will write to one of you again very shortly but I am anxious to send this off directly so that you get it before the brethren

(7) set in - I expect you know Bro Tuddenham he knows Alfred well. We had Bro Neslen round a few weeks ago & he knew all your faces well especially James & Emma. The former waited upon him just before he left & he particularly noticed Emma in G Braziers stores. I suppose he admired her as most of the chaps used to do. (but don't tell her) I think he will travel round here but I'm not quite certain. he seems quite a delicate man & so cut up by the death of his wife. The weather (missing) grand here now & every thing (missing) the fields look lovely. The (missing)ther bed soldiers" are going to (missing)morrow - for their 10 days ha(missing) poor fellows you should see what they have to put up with. I wish we could tell you that we are coming out this year but I cannot (missing) must "bide our time". I think (missing)at a great many will be dissapointed this year for the journey £16-6 & it takes a good bit to save up that amount. if it had only cost about £ 12 then perhaps like

(8) a good many more I might have managed it - but then how could I leave dear Mother behind? (missing) you think dear Mary Ann that it (missing be right for me to do so? some say one thing some another but I hope from my heart that we shall all go together. I must leave off scribbling (missing) I shall now get it posted. Father is not at all busy at present but he is quite well. Mother ha(missing) a dreadful toothache occasionally but she is as jolly as ever. Write to us directly you get your tiny (missing) for we shall be anxious to know (missing) they reach you safely. Dear Mother sends you her kind love & hopes (missing) are all quite well. Our love to Alfred George, Ellen, Carry, Emma, Charles, James & all the "little people", we hope

they will all be satisfied with what's (missing) we really could not get them what w(missing) should have liked - so these (missing) suffice. Good bye dear girl. accept my best love, & believe me ever your devoted sister Eliza.

I have written quite a sermon this time- so don't laugh at this or I'll come & speak instead of writing.

you will be a help & comfort to each other
give my best love to him and tell him
I am pleased to hear he is getting along
so well with his house &c, I hope he
will build at large enough, I will
write to him next week, but now
not one line, my letter are both and
worst his last, perhaps he hasn't got
it yet, you wrote, give my kind love
to Ellen, I hope now that girl she is well
& happy, also the 2 dear children how
glad I was to hear of Lizzie getting fat
I expect I shall scarcely know them
when I see them, Jessie talks about us more, I
expect they will quite forget us, I talk
about you all every day, give my best
love to Alfred I am happy to hear he
is well and much obliged to him
for writing to me, Also to James & Emma
I was very glad to hear they were well
you did not mention Emma's cough
hope she does not suffer with it now,
but of course you would not think of my
thing [illegible] get a great huge
she seems to forget she has a Mother
she does not forget her, I am very pleased
to hear that James has employment
and is looking well, I should expect
him to write often as he has so little
time on his hands, but I am delighted
and will letter every week from some
of you my beloved children would
that he too much for me however I am
very thankful to hear as often as

I hope time and
will write to me Mrs Stratford
as soon as you are confined. January 2nd 1890

My Beloved Children

I embrace the quiet of
this afternoon to answer your most
welcome letter, When I woke yesterday
morning my first thoughts were with
you my Beloved children all absent
and I felt to earnestly ask the Lord
that this might be the last year
of separation and I thought if I could
but have a letter from some of you
it would be the most acceptable
New years gift I could have, well
the 1st post brought me one from
my youngest Daughter, when I and
delighted the 2nd post brought one from
my Eldest Daughter which made my
heart rejoice to hear that you were
all well, and the B D V of those 2
precious Boys, bless their dear fat
faces how I do wish I could get at
them, I like it very much dear but
like you I think dear Hs would look
best standing, how well Freddy
looks, I do feel pleased with their
Father says they are 2 nice looking
children he thinks Freddy favours
Jessie, Now I want George & the 2 —

but I know he cannot have much
cash to spare yet for furniture &c
I expect they are down there are they but
I am thankful to say we are all pretty
well, I have been very poorly but am
now much better the weather has
been very changeable so much wet
unseasonable weather that nearly
everyone have been suffering more
or less from severe colds, you wonder
my dear Girl what we were doing at
Christmas, well I will tell you, Chas
went to Cambridge on the Friday and
your Father & I went on Saturday morn
ing and stayed till Monday night
as the shops were all closed on Boxing
Day we spent a quiet but very comfortable
time my cousin Mr Stanley did all
in his power to make us comfortable
Chas stayed till the following
Saturday then went to Harlow and
stayed there till Monday, so I think
we did very well without you, I can tell
you my thoughts very often travelled
to Utah and I wondered what you
were all doing, and the silent tear
would fall in spite of me, I sincerely
hope you all enjoyed yourselves better
this year than last, even I hope this
is the last know we shall be seperated

for ever, I have not more time this
to write letter since last Sunday, you
you know this is a busy time for me
till writing and one thing or other
I have missed George in the house
and it seems to worry me so much I think
be glad when I have done with it, but
then I expect there will be something
else. However when I get over this hurry
my time will not be so much occupied
with my own affairs as you remark, but
that I shall have no time to spare to
spend with you, because you & I have
by your seperation to make up for no longer
and it will take some time to relate
all that has occured in that time
I hope before this reaches you, you will
be safely through your trouble and a
dear little Girl arrived for those dear Ma
to play with, I am not sure I ever
told about it, of course as your Mother
I cannot help feeling interested, but
at the same time I feel to place you
with strong faith in the hands of that
Great God who has helped you in the
past, and feel sure that He will help
you now, and raise Great friends to
assist you, you may well say dear
you shall soon begin to think to
run manage without me, I think
you have proved that long ago, I feel
glad that I is living near you I hope

the box, & I have sent them a pt. of gloves since then which I hope you got all right, I have a pr. for you and Emma but I feel almost afraid to change them in a paper & sent Ellen a pr. I hope she got them, I think I told you that Eliza Johnson was very ill she died poor girl the Friday before Christmas day a great Gun made her funeral sermon was preached by Mr Cockbertson the Independent Minister, and it was advertised, I never heard such a thing in my life before, she wished a bible and Hymn book to be given to all the scholars in her class, with her name written in them, I am to hear of poor Hannah, give my love to Teresa the Sunday and all the family, tell them Mr & Emma are well, I see them at the Group most day but they never speak, Don't forget my kind love to Sir Brewer, tell her I think she is a very useful person now, taking care of Joseph's children, I am glad she is able to do something for herself, it is much more comfortable than being dependant on any body, I hope God will continue to bless her with health & strength, I am heartily glad I hear he is better again of that nasty complaint, I shall be very pleased to see his portrait also his hand writing, I saw the Journal Daily

part every day, and it makes me think of him,

I had a letter the other day from Sawston town, they are unfully offended at my going to Cambridge but I cannot help it, I certainly could not have had them all here as I had last year, Aunt is very cross and unpleasant but I told her Mother not to mention her name to me at all, as you see I have done a pretty thing for myself now haven't I, Uncle John & family are well in health but I am sorry to say not in circumstances he is quite too old a man, and gets nothing at all to do sometimes for weeks, I cannot think how they live at all, trade in London is dreadful Charly Nelson is for ever to leave his home he has made his annual trip to go to Canada early in the spring, Wm & Maria are still at Batchelor he does no work, a great fat lazy fellow they deserve their Penal love to you all Father has been very busy lately but it is now falling off considerably, he never mentions a word about leaving England, I don't believe he intends it if he did he certainly would say something about it, but lately his temper has been almost unbearable, he is a great deal worried with the work

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Bps Stortford
Jany, 2nd 1870

My beloved child

I embrace the quiet of this afternoon to answer your most welcome letter, when I woke yesterday morning my first thoughts were with you my beloved children all absent and I felt to earnestly ask the Lord that this might be the last year of separation and I thought if I can't but have a letter from some of you it would be the most acceptable New Years gift I could have, well the 1st post brought me one from my youngest daughter when lo and behold the 2nd post brought one from my Eldest Daughter, which made my heart rejoice to hear that you were all well, and the CDV - of those 2 previous Boys, bless their dear fat faces how I do wish I could get at them. I like it very much dear but like you I think dear H would look best standing, how well Freddy stood, I do feel pleased with them Father says they are 2 nice looking children he thinks Freddy favors Jessie, Now I want George & his 2

(2) but I know he cannot have much cash to spare yet for portrait taking I espect they are dear there are they sent I am thankful to say we are all pretty wee, I have been very poorly but am now much better, the weather has been very charyable, so much wet unreasonable weather that nearly everyone have been suffering more or less from severe colds, you wondered my dear girl what we were doing at Christmas, well I will tell you, Elisa went to Cambridge on the friday, and your Father & I went on Saturday morning and stayed till Monday night as the shops were all closed on Monday. We spent a quiet but very comfortable time, my cousin Mrs Starling did all in her power to make us comfortable. Elisa stayed till the following Saturday then went to Henlow and staid there till Monday, so I think we did very well don't you, I can tell you my thoughts very often travelled to Utah and I wondered what you were all doing, and the silent tear would fall in spite of me, I sincerely hope you all enjoyed yourselves better this year than last, and

I do hope this is the last Xmas we shall be seperated

(3) 9th

You see dear I have not done anything to this letter since last Sunday, for you know this is a busy time for me bill writing and one thing or another I have missed George in the books and it seems to worry me so much I should be glad when I have done with it, but then I espect there will be something else, However when I get over there I hope my time will not be so much occupied with my own affairs as you remark dear that I shall have no time to spare to spend with you, because you & I have 9 yrs seperation to make up if no longer and it will take some time to relate all that has occured in that time. I hope before this reaches you, you will be safely through your trouble and a dear little girl arrived for those dear Boys to play with, I am not sorry I was told about it, of course as your Mother I cannot help feeling anxious, but at the same time I feel to place you with strong faith in the hands of that kind God who has helped you in the past, and feel sure that He will help you now, and may well say dear you shall soon begin to think to can manage without me, I think you have proved that long ago, I feel glad that G. is living near you I hope

(4) you will be a help & comfort to each other, give my best love to him and tell him I am pleased to hear he is getting along so well with his home etc, I hope he will build it large enough, I will write to him next week, but we do not owe him any letters we both answered his last, perhaps, he had not got it when you wrote, give my kind love to Ellen I hope poor old girl she is well & happy, also the 2 dear children how glad I was to hear of Ernest getting fat I expect I shall scarcely know them. does dear Jessie talk about us now, I espect they will quite forget us. I talk about you all every day.

Give my best love to Alfred I am happy to hear he is well, and much obliged to him for writing to me, also to James & Emma, I was very glad to hear they were well, you did not mention Emma's knee. I hope she does not

suffer with it now, but of course you could not think of everything, and now she best get a good husband, she seems to forget she has a mother who does not forget her. I am very pleased to hear that James has employment and is looking well, I cannot expect him to write often and he has so little time on his hands, but I am selfish and a letter every week from some of you my beloved children would not be too much for me however, I am very thankful to hear as often as I do.

(5) You wished me dear to tell you what your Father said to the portraits, he looked at them sometime, I said what do you think of them, he said I think they are 2 very nice looking children. He think Freddy very much like Jessie so do I - is he, how do they agree, do they go to school, I hope so, I think like you that E. must keep school when she gets there that is if she does not grow tired of it, She is almost now sometimes, but I don't know what she could do easier it is not quite 5 hours a day, and the rest of the time her own, but I espect when she gets there she will catch the matrimonial fever very soon, I am sure I cannot tell you who is the favored suitor, I tell her it will be some old chap with 1 or 2 before her I can tell you she is quite a favorite with the Bretheren, Bro. Garratt came to see us once with Bro Spencer, he knew your portrait in a minute, we are not likely to see him again as his district is so far from this, Bro S. is a nice quiet humble man, he always seems so happy when he comes here, if you know his wife, tell her he is looking remarkably well, Give our love to Bro Clawson, ans all who know us, I should at any time be pleased to hear from Mrs. Clawson.

(6) I am glad you got the book, I have sent them a pr of gloves each since then which I hope you got all right, I have a pr for you and Emma but I feel almost afraid to chance them in a paper, I sent Ellen a pr I hope she got them, I think E. told you that Elisa Johnson was very ill she died poor girl the friday before Xmas there was a great fuss made, her funeral sermon

was preached by Mr. Cuthbertson the Independent Minister, and it was advertised, I never heard such a thing in my life before, She wished a bible and hymn book to be given to all the scholars in her class, with her name written in,

How sorry I am to hear of poor Harriet, give my love to her, also Sis. Sanders and all the family, tell them Mr. L & Annie are well, I see them at the pump most pt day but they never speak.

Don't forget my kind love to Sis Brazier, tell her I think she is a very useful person now, taking care of people's children. I am glad she is able to do something for herself, it is much more comfortable than being dependant on any body, I hope God will continue to bless her with health & strength also Charlie I am glad to hear he is better again of that nasty complaint. I shall be very pleased to see his portrait also his hand writing, I do see the poor old Donkey

(7) & cart every day, and it makes me think of him,

I had a letter the other day from Somerstown, they are awfully offended at my going to Cambridge, but I cannot help it, I certainly could not have had them all here as I had last year, Aunt is very sadly and so is Jane, but I told her mother not to mention her name to me at all, so you see I have done a pretty thing for myself now haven't I.

Uncle John & family are well in health, but I am sorry to say not in circumstances he is quite the old man and gets nothing at all to do sometimes for weeks, I cannot think how they live at all, trade in London is dreadful Charley Nelson is forced to leave his house he has made his mind up to go to Canada early in the spring, Wm & Marion are still at Colechester he does no work, a great fat lasy fellow, they desire thier kind love to you <u>all</u>, Father has been very busy lately but it is now falling off considerably, he never mentions a word about leaving England, I don't believe he intends it if he did he certainly would say something about it, but lately his temper has

been almost unbearable, he is a good deal worried with the work and having no management in him makes it so much worse for him and all around him.

Sis Blake's is very sadly poor old lady she sends her love to you all, Sis Westwood & Willie also, W came to see us after Xmas he looks very thin & poorly, the poor old lady frets very much, about her children she is so much alone now, and quite makes her mind up she should never be able to take the journey, even if she gets the opportunity. I am glad to tell you she has received a letter from Caroline and one from Mary Ann I see by this weeks Star that the postage to America is reduced to 3d but I don't know till I go to the post office with this, I hope it is so, I find I have to tel you twice over what Father said to the portraits, but you must excuse it for I really am almost gone at times , I must draw to a close dear or I shall make another week of it, give my love to all especially friends names are too numerous to mention, don't forget Alfreds Mother, & Sisters, I hope they are all well, I am very glad to hear James is not in a hurry to get married, no one told me he was, but I fancied it might be so, I hope he will be blessed with health & employment to enable him to eat the bread of independence, You see I still retain my independent spirit,

(turn cross writing) I will now conclude with best & fondest of love to you my dearly beloved children all in which Father & Elisa joins & from your affectionate mother

M A Savill

Kiss the dear Children for me tell them I will bring them some pretty things when I come I think I will put your gloves in this letter I like the style of Freddies dress very much

I wish you all a happy New Year God bless you all

Good bye for the present

Pope Stratford March 1841

My Beloved Mary Ann

With pleasure I take this opportunity of writing you a few lines to congratulate you on your recovery how thankful I feel to Almighty God for his great mercy in restoring you again to health & strength I received a letter from Emma yesterday week & a few lines enclosed from Jemima how glad I was to see his handwriting once more though only a few lines, I think so much about him I hope he does not have to work beyond his strength he does not complain to me but I fear he is very comfortable I hope he is I was pleased to hear you were well and Jane also looking better pray God to grant continue to you strength, Well dear I must say you are a clever mother I told you it was a Girl, and so you have, no one has sent us word what her name is, but I hope there is a letter on the road from you, you see I am never satisfied and expect every post to be the last I am with you all I pray God

my pay to hear trade is so dull with them also money I hope things will brighten up soon, how is Alfred off for work give my kind love to him and I hope he will take the tie I have sent him but tell him he does not deserve it because he never writes one a lines I get the papers from you then & tell me if you care much for them, I send them to Henlow Jesse is very fond of them, I hope you get what I send how do you like Cassells now, I don't like it at all, Elizer was at Henlow on Saturday and came back this morning Monday, they are all well & send their best love to their Mother & all we are trying his utmost to get away this year, I see no prospect of our coming at present, Sarah seems a deal better at all now, I fear he would be afraid for he appears think what Brett told him will be to take place now, that the saints will be driven again and that before long he and thinks worse than ever Polygamy, Elizer thinks of going to London Conference next Saturday if all well, we shall then perhaps hear something, I find your Conference is just off

I shall be there, I expect there will
be something wrong then at times
but at any rate I am willing to try
it, and dont care how soon I am
happy to say we are all pretty well
except cold, the weather here contin
ue very cold we have had a long
cold winter. trade of every description
is very dull indeed, every body complain
ing badly, the distress in London is
frightful, your cousin Nelson & family
with Susan Savill sail for Canada
on Saturday next the 2nd of April
your Uncle John was here last week
he is quite the old Man, and very bad
off indeed, he gets no work, your
father let him have some money
way his rent or he would have
been turned out of his house last
week, poor thing they feel very bad
at their children leaving them
& Bob says it is useless staying
here and no prospect of things being
better, I hope he will succeed for he
is a deserving fellow, they all send
their love to you all, I hope you got
the letter I sent you on the 13 of January
I have sent one to George since that, of
course you have sent if he got it
but there appears to be great complaint
about postal matters, as I always put
no last letter should get lost

but I think we have been very fortu
nate appears to have been lost but
Poor Webb, I have heard none from
him, your Father seems to think
that is very strange he often speaks
of it, poor Mam he is sadly put out
about the bullion bill especially since
Saturday's paper came, and we see
by that it has passed the house
I believe it worries him very much
I send him a letter in the Star from
St Marie yesterday, he says he does not
think anybody loses their sleep
over their about it, and we here
need not fret about it, but we can
not help thinking a great deal
of it, however I pray we may be
the Lord will bless & preserve thee
and overrule all things for thine
Dare, I wish I was with you all, I
it is not so bad to know a thing
it is to be always wondering
things are going on, I do hope in
once you will not neglect writing
as often as possible, I wish I
send you all some money, or stamps
for postage, but it is a comfort to know
the postage is reduced to 8d. I am

all. Give my forever love to
all my dear ones, and may
God bless you all with every
blessing, & preserve you in peace
is the constant prayer of your
affectionate Mother, M. A. Sewell

P.S. [illegible]

My dear Mary Ann,

I thought I would fill this little bit of spare paper up by
telling you how very pleased I am to hear
that you are getting strong again & that
our dear little daughter is quite well.
Mind you write & tell us what name
have given her & all about her as
we only a few lines I cannot say
now, but will write to you before
my scholars take up the whole
of course when they leave off it
time is my own, you must disbelieve
when I say, that I am glad to see
your little pets well how does Jack
bye, I am wondering when I shall see all my
little nephews & nieces, not for a long time I
afraid my kind love to all the folks and
the same yourself from your loving Eliza.

Here are the dear Boys, what do
say to their Sister, Kiss them for
bless them I often look at their dear
faces, also Jerry & Ernest, but I expect
shall scarcely know them when I see
them. I have got some corns cured
for them all, but you must not
prepare too many before I come as
I fear some will have to go short
as our deliver times are so uncertain, you
tell me when you write, give our
kindest love to G. L. C. B. & James, and
all who enquire after us not forgetting
your Mother & family, I cannot mention
all their names but omit none,
if you see Sis Sanders give my love
her, tell her she shall have a letter
from me before many days, I hope
they are all well, Mr. Westwood
desire their love to all, you know
this time that Pen is back in
again, I have been to see him
this evening she is not very well
cold weather takes hold of her &
she keeps doing a little work still
I cannot think of any particulars
to send you, having written to Eliza
to you all has exhausted my stock
Mrs Postlethwaite died to Emma last week

George that Ralph Trantham
made a smash for about 450
[illegible] never a worse case of sorrow
in my life, there are 52 creditors, one
is £4 2 we had got it in the county
court, which cost us 5/- and there
will not be scarcely 1/- in the £
for any body his furniture is to be sold
next Monday, I have got 3 summons
for people and expect I shall have
to go to the court myself next Wed
nesday as your Father does not like
and they have told him I can do it
I cannot think what ever would
become of him poor fellow if
[illegible] to leave him. Tuesday 24th
[illegible] we had a letter this morning
Aunt Crow poor old soul she has
laid up a month but is able to
up and a little, she has nothing
troubles, she sends her kind love
all, if some of us come out
[illegible] you which at present there
seems no prospect of, I will try
to send a parcel but the worst of
it is I could not send without
making a large one; and nobody
can undertake that, I don't at
present know of any one going
does Bro Shuttleff does, Eliza
here when she goes to conference
I have a white woollen quilt for
my new granddaughter but I cannot
put it in this letter as I feel
I must send separately his, as well
as my other boys, or he will feel
jealous, I bought them [illegible]
them for Christmas boxes but they
must be April boxes, or at least
Alfreds must, Christy's dearest
thier love to you all, you cannot
think what large people they
are getting they have to [illegible]
to build a new room to the
house and dig out a cellar
so you may guess what a
they have made us, but of
that is of no consequence, we
poor folks, such is life, I expect
we all getting busy in your go
[illegible], I wish I could walk in and
[illegible] you good things, but I must
wait a little longer, I must now begin
to draw to a close or it will not get
[illegible] to mother, I hope you will
[illegible] write, as I feel [illegible] about

Bps Stortford
(28)March 1870

My Beloved Mary Ann

With pleasure I take this opportunity of writing you a few lines to congratulate you on your recovery How thankful I feel to Almighty God for his great mercy in restoring you again to health & strength. I received a letter from Emma yesterday the 27th and a few lines enclosed from James. how glad I was to see his handwriting once more though only a few lines, I do think so much about him. I hope he does not have to work beyond his strength he does not complain to me but (missing) he is very comfortable, I hope he is (missing) I was pleased to hear you were (missing) well and poor dear Charley better (missing) Pray God he may continue to g(missing) strength, Well dear I must say you (missing) an obedient daughter I told you to (missing) a girl, and so you have, no one had sent us word what her name is, but I hope there is a letter on the road from you, you see I am never satisfied and espect never shall be until I am with you all, I often wonder

(2) if I shall be then, I espect there will be some thing wrong then at times but at any rate I am willing to try it, and don't care how soon I am happy to say we are all pretty well escept colds, the weather here continues very cold we have had a long cold winter trade of every description is very dull indeed, every body complaining sadly, the distress in London is frightful, your cousin Nelson & family with Susan Savill sail for Canada on Saturday next the 2nd of April Your Uncle John was here last week. he is quite the old man, and very bad off indeed, he gets no work, your father let him have some money to pay his rent or he would have been turned out of his house last week, poor things they feel very bad (missing)nt their children leaving them (missing)chls (Charles) says it is useless stoping

(missing) and no prospect of things being better. I hope he will succeed for he is a deserving fellow, they all send their love to you all, I hope you got the letter I sent sent you on the 13th of January. I have sent one to George since that which of course you have seen if he got it but there appears to be great complaint about postal matters, So I always feel (missing) lest letters should get lost

(3) but I think we have been very for(missing) none appear to have been lost but Bro Webbs, I have had none from him, your Father seems to think that is very strange he often speaks of it, poor man he is sadly put out about the Cullom bill especially since Saturday's paper came, and we see by that it has passed the house I believe it worries him very much I read him a letter in the Star from E Morris yesterday, he says he does not think any body loses thier sleep over there about it, and we here need not fret about it, but we cannot help thinking a good deal (missing) it, however I pray continualy (missing) the Lord will bless & preserve his (missing) and over ride all things for thier (missing) fare, I wish I was with you all (missing) it is not so bad to know a thin(missing) it is to be always wondering (missing) things are going on, I do hope my (missing) ones you will not neglect writing (missing) us as often as possible. I wish I (missing) send you all some money, or stamps for postage, but its a comfort to know the postage is reduced to 3 d I was

(4) (missing) sorry to hear trade is so dull over there, also money. I hope things will brighten up soon, how is Alfred off for work. Give my kind love to him and I hope he will like the tie I have sent him but tell him he does not deserve it because he never writes me a line, I get the papers from you dear Polly and thank you very much for them, I send them to Harlow. Jesse is very fond of them, I hope you get what I send. how do you like Cassell's now, I don't like ti at all, Elisa was at Harlow on Saturday and came back this morning Monday, they are all well & send thier best

love to thier mother & all (missing) is trying his utmost to get (missing)ay this year, I see no prospect (missing) our coming at present, Father does (missing) say a word about it at all now. I (missing)k he would be afraid for he appears (missing) think what Brett told him will be (missing) to take place now, that the Saints (missing)l be driven again and that before (missing) he now thinks worse than ever (missing) polygamy, Elmer thinks of going to London Conference next Saturday if alls well, we shall then perhaps hear something, I find your Conference is put off

(5) How are the dear Boys, what do the(missing) say to thier Sister, kiss them for (missing) bless them I often look at thier dear faces, also Jessy & Ernest, but I espect I shall scarcely know them all, but you must not prepare too many before I come or I fear some will have to go short is our silver coins any use with you tell me when you write, Give our kindest love to G, E, E, C, James, and all who enquire after us not forgetting your Mother & family, I cannot mention all thier names but omit none, if you see Sis Sanders give my love to her. tell her she shall have a letter from me before many days, I h(missing) they are all well, Sis Westwood (missing) desire thier love to all, you kno(missing) this time that Wm is back wi(missing) again, I have been to see Sis W(missing) this evening she is not very well (missing) cold weather takes hold of her (missing) she keeps doing a little work still (missing) I cannot think of any particular n(missing) to send you, having written so lately to you all has exhausted my stock Elisa posted one to Emma last week

(6) (missing) George, that Ralph Franklin (missing) made a smash for about 400 (missing) never heard a worse case of (looks like "swiss bug) in my life, there are 5' 2s creditors, ours is £4" 2o we had put it in the County Court, which cost us 5^ and there will not be scarcely 1' in the £ for anybody his furniture is to sold next Monday. I have got 3 summons for people and espect I shall have to go to the court myself next Wednesday as your

Father does not like and they have told him I can do it. I cannot think what ever would become of him poor fellow if (missing) was to leave him. Tuesday 29th (missing) had a letter this morning (missing) Aunt Crowe poor old soul she has (missing) laid up a month but is able to (missing) up now a little, She has nothing (missing) troubles, she sends her kind love (missing)n all, If none of us come out (missing) year which at present there appears no prospect of, I will try to send a parcel but the worst of it is I could not send without making a large one, and nobody can undertake that, I don't at

(7) present know of any one going (missing) less Bro Shurtleff does, Elisa (missing) hear when she goes to Conference I have a white woollen fall for my new grand daughter but I can't put it in this letter as I feel I must send Alfred his tie, as well as my other boys, or he will feel yellow I bought the 4 intending them for Christmas boxes, but they must be April boxes, or at least Alfreds must, Christy's desire thier love to you all, you cannot think what large people they are getting they have to day (missing) to build 4 new rooms to thier house and dig out a cellar so you may fancy what (missing) they have made us, but of (missing) that's of no consequence, we (missing) poor folks, such is life, I espect (missing) are all getting busy in your (missing) now, I wish I could walk in and (missing) some of your good things, but I must wait a little longer, I must now begin to draw to a close or it will not get finished to night, I hope you will write now, as I feel anxious about

(8) (missing) all, Give my fondest love to one and all my dear ones, and may God bless you all with every blessing, & preserve you in peace is the constant prayer of your affectionate Mother

M.A. Savill

(there was a P.S. but it was all crossed out)

My dear Mary Ann

I thought I would just fill this little bit of spare paper up, by telling you how very pleased I am to hear that you are getting strong again & that your dear little daughter is quite well, (missing) must soon write & tell us what name (missing) have given her & all about it as (missing) only a few lines I cannot say (missing) now but will write to you before (missing) my scholars take up the whole (missing) but of course when they leave at 4 (missing) time is my own, you won't disbelieve (missing) when I say that I am glad to see thier little backs - well now dear good bye, I am wondering when I shall see all my little nephews & neices not for a long time I am afraid - my kind love to all the folks - accept the same yourself from your loving Eliza.

(24) Bishop Stortford Oct 9th 1870

My Beloved Mary Ann

It seems a long time since I wrote a letter to you but I should have done so before now if Eliza had not, if I had not thought we should see you shortly. Well my dear Girl I hope & trust this will find you & your dear Husband & Children all in the enjoyment of perfect health & prosperity, also all the rest of my dear friends, oh that I could see you all as some of you in the evening instead of writing & thinking of you all but these are wishings I must draw it to a close.

24th You will see when I began this letter and have now touched it since, I got my feelings so worked up that I could not write any more and so it is the case always when I attempt writing to any of you but I feel to say that I must have some that feeling and finish it. I am thankful to say we are all well. Eliza has a bad thumb it is gathering and very painful & makes her miserable because her

(25) she is a very nice woman I am very grieved for her. I must tell you I have been very unhappy lately thinking of you all with the prospect of Mother before you. I did not mention it in her letter and to say Brother Jim dent as I prophesied with the fever in Jamaica Terribonet which I think is very good news. I pray God it may have a great effect. I feel that it is a most trying time but I cry for the church. I trust that we may all be made an live before our God that in images may be accepted of Him and that He will overrule all things for the good of His people. I don't know what I should do if war should break out among you. I feel that I should not come half as much if I was there to know I share all things with you my dear ones. I keep wondering how things will turn out in Roubo at the drill. I may come of you let me know, but I will try my best to keep calm on the matter and trust to the Lord to bless & protect you all & all his faithful Saints.

I did not forget the 2 dear children on their Birthday bless them. I wonder what they were doing. I hope they are good children, send me word how the boys liked their presents. can you get such things there or not. I want to send them something next year if I get a chance

hand she cannot work
a while and that does not suit her
at all I assure you, I have this
morning had a letter from George
telling me of the arrival of the
little stranger at Emma's Oh how
thankful I feel to hear they are
well, I got a paper or rather Pa got
last week also one from you
I felt certain when I saw it's that
it contained some proof of interest
and so it proved for I immediately
rec'd telling me of the arrival and
that made me more anxious for a
letter I hope please God she will get
long better, was glad to hear dear
I suppose Sister Dalli has nursed her
I had a letter from Emma on the
7th she mentioned Sis D being there
when you see her give my love to her
poor woman how is it she is in
the City, I am glad you received your
parcels all safe I could not tell
you half that I should have done
on account of the weight, but I hope
to bring those dear Children with me
better before another 10 yrs pass away
Oh my dear Girl when I think of that
I wonder how I have borne it so long,
I am very pleased to hear of George
getting on so well, I hope you are all
long as well how is poor dear Jane

getting along, I have had very little news
from Emma in her letter he was not
very well and to be thin & pale I hope
a change will bring him back
with health I hope dear Mary you will
have a letter from you and that you will
tell me all you can about him for I
cannot help feeling anxious about him
give my fond love to him I had very
pleased with his Photo, but I think
him altered very much other people
do not see it, Bro Peter was here last
week I am happy to say he is improved
in health but still looks very ill
do his family live near you if so tell
them not to neglect writing to him every
week, for I think some of them do not
about his family and he has not had
from them for a week I can't tell you
he is in a state about it like poor
the others he is fond of coming to our
house he says it appears like a home
to him he is a very nice man I think
In your last letter to me you said
you did not know I had any relation
in Cambridge I expect you forget
as I think you must have heard
me speak of them, but I had not seen any
of them for many years until I went
to Cambridge with poor Emma I went
a fortnight ago to see them poor Mrs Ellis
has a dreadful cancer in her breast
she wants to be operated on but her
Husband is so much opposed to it
Man he does fret so much about it

(34 cont)

I have not heard of the Colchester folks for months. there is but little good news from Hinsdale and the Somers town folks are dreadfully offended with me. I cannot send you any news of any of them. Sis Blanks is about as usual, she is always very pleased to hear of you all, send her love, also Sis Westwood. she is pretty well and so is Mr W. and Willemm, I enquire after her but I have not been down Rye St for weeks, I get no opportunity in the week, and Sunday evenings Seth does not like it, if I don't go for a little walk with him, so I go to see no one, unless I am compelled to go either on business or sickness. Poor little Women I dare say she thinks me unkind but I assure it is not from any feeling of that kind that I don't go. I expect Emma has had my letter long ago and by her or the 8th of Sept I send you the one last week. I will write to her again soon. I arrived last week thro over a most beautiful display of Northern lights, the white sky as far as one could see for about 15 min [illegible]

Closter, I thought it a most gran
sublime sight. The generality of
people here felt astonished and
think it a sign of coming troubles
surely from hearts are now
failing them for fear of what
they know not. I am glad to
hear you are not more uneasy
over there. The Jacques's are settled
in this week's storm is rather hard
on poor Frazier's. Jess may be with
he was there but I don't think
they came much about being
in Ohio. But I hope it will be
like the Sullivan hill &c. be blown
to pieces ere whence. Well my dear
Jos & Lemuel have come home
and write again a little more
or less. My dear life & life
I am glad he has had some that
with the Brethren, remember me
every Sunday to them all. Tell
Bro Romney I hope some day it
will come to that. The peace of
God, Kiss all the dear children
at home as your life. One
and all I subscribe to serve you the
same once yet it shows to my
accounts

Bps Stortford
Oct 9th 1870

My Beloved Mary Ann

It seems a long time since I wrote a letter to you but I should have done so before now if Elisa had not, if I had not that escuse I don't what other I should find, Well my dear girl I hope & trust this will find you with your dear husband & children also in the enjoyment of perfect health & prosperity, also all the rest of my loved ones, oh that I could see you all or some of you this evening instead of writing & thinking of you all, but its useless wishing, I must wait it appears 24th You will see when I began this letter and have never touched it since, I got my feelings so worked up that I could not write any more and so it is the cause allways when I attempt writing to any of you but I feel today that I must over come that feeling and finish it; I am thankful to say we are all well, Elisa has a bad thumb it is gathering and very painful it makes her miserable because being
(2) her right hand she cannot work or write and that does not suit her at all I assure you, I have this morning had a letter from George telling me of the arrival of the little stranger at Emma's Oh how thankful I felt to hear they are well, I got a paper or rather 2 from G. last week also one from you, I felt certain when I saw G's that it contained some word of interest and so it proved for I found a few words telling me of the arrival and that made me more anxious for a letter, I hope please God she will get along better, was you with her dear I suppose Sister Dall has nursed her (missing), had a letter from Emma on the 17th she mentioned Sis D being there when you see her give my love to her poor woman how is it she is in the city.

I am glad you receved your parcels all safe I could not send you half that I should have liked on account of the weight, but I hope to

bring those dear children something better before another 10 yrs pass away Oh my dear girl when I think of that I wonder how I have borne it so long. I am very pleased to hear of Georges getting on so well, I hope you are all doing as well, how is poor dear James

(3) getting along, I hear but very little about him, E said in her letter he was not very well and looks thin & pale, I hope & trust it will please God to bless him with health. I hope dear Mary Ann to soon have a letter from you and that you will tell me all you can about him for I cannot help feeling anxious about him, Give my fond love to him. I was very pleased with his Photo, but I think him altered very much other people do not see it, Bro Neslen was here last week I am happy to say he is improved in health but still looks very ill, do his family live near you if so tell them not to neglect writing to him every week, for I never saw a man so anxious about his family and he has not heard from them for 3 weeks. I can tell you he is in a state about it. like all the others he is fond of coming to our house, he says it appears like a home to him, he is a very nice man I think, In your last letter to me you said you did not know I had any relations in Cambridge. I expect you forgot as I think you must have heard me speak of them for many years until I went to Cambridge with poor Emma, I went a fortnight ago to see them poor Mrs Sta(missing) has a dreadful cancer in her breast. she wants to be operated on but her husband is so much opposed to it (missing) man he does fret so much about (missing)

(4) she is a very nice woman I am very grieved for her, I must tell you I have been very unhappy lately. thinking of you all, with the prospect of trouble before you, G . did not mention it in his letter, and today Bro Neslen sent us 2 papers with the letter in from Groseband which I think is very good and I pray God it may have a good effect. I feel that this a most trying time just now for the church. I trust that we may all so order our

lives before our God that our prayers may be accepted of Him and that He will over rule all things for the good of His people. I don't know I shall do if war should break out among you. I feel that I should not care half as much if I was there to know I share all things with you my dear ones, I keep wondering, how things will turn out in November at the drill. pray some of you let me know. but I will try my best to keep calm on the matter and trust to the Lord to bless & protect you all & all his faithful Saints.

I did not forget the 2 dear children on thier Birthday bless them, I wondered what they were doing, I hope they are good children, send me word how the boys liked thier marbles, can you get such things there or not, I want to send them something next year if I get a chance.

(5) I have not heard of the Colchester folks for months. there is but little good news from Hunsdon and the Somerstown folks are dreadfully offended with me so I cannot send you any news of any of them. Sis Blakes is about as usual, she is always very pleased to hear of you all, sends her love, also Sis Westwood she is pretty well and so is Mr W and William, I enquire after him but I have not been down Rye St for weeks, I get no opportunity in the week, and Sundays evening Father does not like it if I don't go for a little walk with him, so I go to see no one unless I am compelled to go either on business or sickness. Poor little woman I dare say she thinks me unkind but I'm sure it is not from any feeling of that kind that I don't go, I espect Emma has had my letter long ago. I posted one to her on the 8th of Sept. E sent one her one last week I will write to her again soon, 2 evenings last week there was a most beautiful display of Northern lights. The whole sky as far as we could see for about ½ an hour

(6) looked like blood, I thought it a most grand sublime sight, the generality

of people here felt alarmed and think it a sign of coming trouble, surely men's hearts are now failing them for fear of what they know not, I am glad to find you are not more uneasy over there, Bro Jacqnes's editorial in this weeks Star is rather hot on poor Shaffer, Jesse says he wishes he was there but I don't think Prissy cares much about being in to fuss, but I hope it will be like the Bullom bill ec, be blown to nobody cares where.

Well my dear girl I think I will close now and write again a little sooner, Give my kind love to Alfred I am glad he has had some chat with the Brethren, remember me very kindly to them all, tell Bro Romney I hope some day to repay him what the pencil cost him.

Kiss all the dear children as much as you like for me and ask Alfred to serve you the same, and set it down to my account.

(7) Elisa has just gone with some young folks to a concert at the barn Eschange she desires her kind love to all and accept mine, my dear girl, may God bless you one & all is the prayer of your mother.

Remember me kindly to your mother Tame and all inquiring friends. Don't forget Carrie I was rather surprised to hear she was nursing Emma. She really is a good girl, give my love to her and tell her if she will wait till I come I will do as much for her.

[illegible] I heard a
[illegible] in Brattleboro & I have
[illegible] them with some letters
perhaps I may write to him & tell him
if you can prevail on [illegible] to
[illegible] to Mr. Mr. Waterman
is expected to be all every [illegible] she
[illegible] in [illegible] I hope Mr. [illegible]
Oren will get well right along [illegible]
[illegible] Gen. H. [illegible] them [illegible]
[illegible] I had better [illegible]
Henry H. Nichols. I am quite disappointed
the trader horses often comes to see
Oren & wants to chat but he [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible] exception. Mr. Nichols [illegible]
[illegible] very fond [illegible] he says [illegible]
you do Edgar don't [illegible] at definitely
He had him down here last week
he stick [illegible] very bad, but says
[illegible] well & has power & promised
[illegible] he [illegible] he is always [illegible]
about his little children & [illegible] often
[illegible] his eye I think he [illegible]
his poor [illegible] but he argues at
me my dear [illegible] I shall [illegible]
[illegible] quite [illegible]
[illegible] Pond [illegible]

that? it is best to
at home [illegible]
an idea as to their [illegible]
I hope there won't be any
fighting when I get home. I'll be
I expect to do something very
bright when I do move. I hope
that next to [illegible] I shall do
Saturday night I completed my
[illegible] from an old woman [illegible]
pretty I can't believe I am so old
I only be forgotten. Don't you pity
my hair but my motto is stick-
A-to Desperation! Phinty the [illegible]
[illegible] tells me how delightful it is to be
married to have a nice old man to all
which is heard but which disdain. Dear
Mother you are in jealousy. Come to you all
I'm glad you like the letter I sent P.
[illegible] your little
daughter & for Pinie for [illegible] & for Hermany
& share my Present [illegible] to Charlie & Pete &
[illegible] Don't forget the
[illegible] I want [illegible] for my
[illegible] & I will be
[illegible] write [illegible] to
[illegible]

Oct. 1870

(part of a letter)

.....months since I heard a (missing) anyone in Burlington & I don't (missing) troubling them with any letter (missing) perhaps I may write to Jane & tell her of your new arrival - she will just be surprised to hear it. Poor Mrs. Waterman is expecting to be ill every hour. she does fret so poor creature. I hope Marianne Owen will get on all right - she is making haste. Geo. thinks rather than wait much longer I had better take little Humphrey Nicholls. I'm quite disgusted. The little horror often comes to our door & wants to chat - but he gets a very cool reception. Bro Neslen gives me very good advice - he says "whatever you do Eliza dont look at deformity." We had him down here last week he still looks very bad, but says he feels pretty well, & has gained 9 pounds since he came over. he is always talking about his little children, & we often see a tear in his eye, I know he grieves about his poor wife. Don't be anxious a(missing) me my dear sister. I shall en(missing) keep myself free until I ge(missing) duck pond - that is if I (missing)

(2) (missing) think it is best to (missing) at home - then one can (missing) an idea as to their characters G hopes there won't be any fighting when I get there. Tell him I expect to do something very bright when I do move. people that wait so long generally do. Saturday next I complete my 23rd year - quite an old woman getting really I can't believe I am so old I must be forgotten. dont you pity my case? but my motto is still - "Ni Desperadum". Christy Rups teases me & tells me how delightful it is to be married - to have a nice old man & £ all of which is heard - but unheeded - Dear Mother joins me in fondest love to you all - I'm glad you like the little frock.

Now good bye dearest Emma Give your little daughter a few kisses for

me if you have any to spare. My kindest love to Charlie & Sister B. Geo Ellen Cary - James & M.A. don't forget the (missing) people. I must close now for my (missing) throbbing as furiously & I shall have (missing) to right - ever my dear Emma (missing) devoted sister - Eliza - Write to (missing) soon dear.

abt. 1870

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.....with each other. The little troubles (missing) in our path. We bo(missing)ften talk of you and y(missing) dear ones, and long to jo(missing) you in your "mountain home". I (missing) not think that we have very long to stay in these lands, we are all practicing economy and doing all we can to free ourselves, before something interviens to prevent it

Bro Webb and family will d(missing)ys have reached thier d(missing)ation before this (missing)an from the "Star" (missing) they travelled 290 miles by the Pacific R without one accident who can say that the Lord is not with this p(missing)le? How they will all ap(missing)ate the good things th(missing) after the tedious journey wi(missing) so many little ones. You will see a great alteration in them, I am sure.

(2) William has left a good name behind him (missing) truly he has been (missing)Re a "father to the flo(missing)he few saints left in (missing)ford branch will ever remember his good councils.

I sincerely hope that his successor (as President) will be as untiring in his efforts to do good as he was.

My dearest girl (oh excuse me it was a slip of (missing) pen) you must really par(missing) me for leaving your (missing) husbands name til(missing) last, May I hope (missing) you will give him a few kisses and a slice of my best love? you won't be jealous, I know, but we all want to know (missing)m & kiss him for our (missing)s. So you do not like the trouble of writing. Well dear Polly I wish this was going to be the

(3) last that we should w(missing) to send from England (missing) you would not have (missing) more to answer. b(missing) if you can conveniently (missing)ter up courage & time to write just a few more we shall be very pleased to receive them. When you write us again I must ask you to direct to Stortford the same as our people are on the point of (missing)ng again, we expect t(missing)

nearer London, (missing) time, but I guess w(missing) hall be some time getting strait & settled, it seems such a pity to break up such a beautiful home as this is, for a f(missing) months, but they have a (missing) too much money. I (missing)st trouble you my dear sister to give the enclosed note to Bro Rider, I cannot

(4) help shedding tears when I reade your kind and sisterly letter over (missing)st, thanking you for (missing)n kind advice. I (missing)el very sorry for what has occured, I could say a great deal, but, it is passed, and I think it not worth while now to say much on the subject. I assure you dear, (missing)om The first I was s(missing)ttle troubled, lest I sh(missing) not act wisely in (missing) matter, it is all (missing) the best no doubt, we shall see how things work round John says he leaves me perfectly free, so in all probability I shall (missing)ain so, at least until (missing)ach the Valley. I have (missing)t some more papers (missing) you & to Bro R which I hope reached you safely.

(written by Eliza to her sister Mary Anne)

[illegible] as you may be pleased to
[illegible] hear, but I can tell you
that Dear Dorcas is still quite
poorly to that gracious Brother
we sit in that little room &
talk all the evening for it is the
only time we have together, when
Father is out. I know we feel great
gratitude of heart, that pleasant
[illegible] [illegible] a clean
comfortable bed, in our bright comfortable
little room, will never be forgotten
by us never, we often say when we look
round it "Shall we ever have such
a one after we leave this?" I guess
not, for some time to come anyhow
we are so grateful & good humored & feel
rather out of concert with many
others, so we shall have to leave
it, & good some few of the troubles
that our Mary Ann met with at
18 years old. well it won't hurt us
although we shall feel it a little
no doubt; I am quite artificial
that Father will see a force of
death that will make him feel
bad, when he gets through the
journey, I guess we shall all

Bridge Street
Bya Stanford
May 18th 1871

My Dear Mary Ann

It is nearly a month
since I wrote to you & yet have
received no answer, tho I have
heard many times on the subject
but as a Yankee used to say that is not
like receiving a letter directly from your
own dear self. so I just send off a few
hasty lines to remind you, that perhaps
if you don't soon write, you may not
have the chance to. for I am pleased
to say, that there will be a precious
few more letters gone between the Sailors
here & those who once had that common
the "Pond". now don't mean you may up
with the idea that we have really begun
packing. it hasn't quite come to that
but Father has said candidly that his
mind is made up not to spend another
winter here, & that he will leave as soon
as all his affairs can be settled up.
Now I say that this has to be

have been in a troubled unsettled state for some time, which was quite fretting upon Father & making one almost miserable, now the cloud seems to be lifting up, for there is no that horrid separation to dread at least if Father keeps in the same mind. Mother wishes you to keep this as quiet as possible, that is, dont let it come back here just yet for Father thinks it might injure him, or prevent his getting in his debts if it was known so long before hand, of course you understand what I mean. There seems positively nothing to tell you this time, for I guess you all read each others letters but we want you to write back directly you get this & tell us whether there is any partic[illegible] attende you want from here, in case this is the last time we shall visit & what presents shall I buy boys, the old boys I mean would like, (I hey Alfredo said) it is so troublesome to fix upon any thing to please them if they would only wear plays, dresses, hat flowers, ribbons or play with dolls & marbles, we could

never tell what seems quite out of our line. We had the pleasure of reading a letter from Carry to her Mother last week, & were glad that at the time of writing James health was improving it seems a pity he didn't try for something less confining than an office, he really ought to study his health. I am happy to say we are at present pretty well, still complaining of a few aches & pains but nothing serious. Father has had Phenomenon in his arm, Mother has been out of sorts all together, & I have had my old complaint the last week that blows up one mad with toothache, so I keep in doors, & off & on taking away up stairs above when any little one are disturbed, & the screams ~~cannot~~ ascend into the front parlour where Aleen Dorcas & I have some of the most glorious chats you can imagine but do you know who Aleen Dorcas is? I expect you will think it is one of my many

talk of Jerusalem, here this
evening, if he felt the change.
We seldom hear from the folks
at Colchester, but they are still
on that sweet little cottage on
the parade "to love among the
roses" there if you like, I never
saw a prettier little place &
[illegible] & with the
honeysuckle creeping up over
the two little windows, the whole
place perfumed by it. Large fruit
trees loaded with blossom, the
only thing wanted to complete
it, is a few little bright creatures
running about getting into mischief
and filling every heart leap fifty
times a day. There is a peculiar
potential charm in the place, that
only little voices & little faces
could drive away. But do excuse
me Mary Ann, I am running on
railway fashion, I had quite
forgotten who I was writing to.
Such light talk as this will
not interest you so I will
"kiss & say good-bye." Before I finish

Mrs. a little time then I have
not so very although I have
heard a great deal from
different ones, that I thought
best to keep from Mother, it
would only worry her, & there
was that in quite enough
of George wants father to buy
a dairy, & Gardiner he had bu
wife & left him, himself & do
tell him to write soon. Last Sunday
we all went to Nunsham - took tea
to Burnt Hill, walked from there
to Huelo, reached just in time to
be too late for the steam Jubilee
but as we had a shower & rain
with us, we pitched in, in proper
workman like manner being very
hungry & tired & talking & laughing
comfortable, Harriet, Sal & me
& shall I describe that one?
well I think I won't. I am a
hard critic & we went because
we wanted to see them, not this
time - some day perhaps you shall
have it graphically described. Pu
included - for there were some

about it big enough to drink.
(Silly they were not.) We read Grace
very interesting letter to Uncle Jabez
thinking it was the most interesting one
we have ever read, & he always
sends us plenty of news. Mother
went up stairs & read 40-11 while
Father & I walked in the
garden. Got very little
planted there, just a few tiny
potatoes peeping up. Was all I saw
on his place. But there are some
of the fruits of promise belonging
to his neighbours that looked
quite thriving. Uncle says he has
neglected his so long & "taters
is all I care about!" after tea
we set out on our long walk —
can you believe it we actually
walked every step of the way
home. Started at ½ past 4 had
2 long rests on the road & got
into Trinidad as the clock struck
9. Not a bit need up either,
we had a most delightful
walk home. Uncle came half
way with us. After a few
minutes rest, I cooked eggs
& with a little bread & butter
we made a very good supper,
went to bed, to be frightened
to death with ugly dreams &
nightmare. No more eggs just
at bed time for this little chick.
Yesterday Mother coming scarcely
set her feet to the ground, she
was so stiff. On first Sunday
Susan, her husband & baby —
Nelly — her young man & several
others are coming down from
London to see Father for a
day or two. They say Susan is
very happy. Has an excellent
husband & a dear little son.
They live in furnished room
somewhere in Poplar. Came
to stay 5 yrs. Just went but they
are subject to stay that until
they can get a home of their
own. We have not heard
from Sarah or Charles for
some time. Last Charlie was

Here are a few questions I want to ask. We have had a few hints at different times about getting up the Children & get them Elder Moulton & I and I'm not going to ask you what is for but when you think it best for us to get it here, if you rather let it in any particular Family of mine it is a delicate question to talk to the Children upon. Mother said that as neither of the girls took any from home I had better put the question to you so that I might be able to get it there, as you had to do for I can see I shall be pretty short of cash after my passage money is paid. Now will you answer me these questions, first say what you would get them here & the kind of bonnets required. Now I must close this for want of Dollars & minutes to add a few lines, so I shall leave for the Falls Street Gun smith shop to tell the boys & girls. I come not forgetting the little people I love you better than life. Jet has got quite well. Lydia & Mary said she had been sick. Write soon write back directly from Lovejoy's Ga.

My Beloved Children. I thank God for my cousin Sarah that at last there appears a prospect of once more pressing you to my heart. It may be that cup of joy not be dashed from our lips. Of course dear L. has told you Father has found he intends going, but we must be very discreet on the matter on account of getting in our money. Still keeping the trade together as long as we can, we have no idea at present when it will be, but hope it will be before the end of the summer we shall know more when we see Brother again next day. I hope you will write back as soon as possible some of you if not all. I have no idea at all of your Father's circumstances beyond his bank debts, but I don't suppose he will be 100 on his expenses, that I don't care for if we can but get altogether again and be all happy together if he does go I hope & trust he will make himself happy & contented. Give my respects & love to all the others I hope you find all well. Dear James strong again & am always thinking of him since I heard he was so poorly, it is a critical age with him now, but I pray God to bless & strengthen him and all of you. I say & hope I shall soon hear a letter from Geo. I have seen him the last 2 or 3 nights so planning well dear you must not expect a very large amount of presents as we shall not be overloaded with cash if we come I don't know yet how I will manage then. She has 30 sovereigns yet, but it will be all right if the Lord intends us to go, dont neglect to write at once & be only a few lines. I hope dear Emma will not get mad at the thought of seeing us

Bridge Street
Bps Stortford
May 10th 1871

My Dear Mary Ann

It is nearly 4 months since I wrote to you & yet have received no answer. True I have heard many times since then of you but as A. Ross used to say that is not like receiving a letter directly from your own dear self, so I just send off a few hasty lines to remind you that perhaps if you don't soon write you may not have the chance to - for I am pleased to say that there will be a precious few more letters pass between the Savill's here & those who once had that name over the "Pond"- now don't nurse yourself up with the idea that we have really begun packing - it hasn't quite come to that - but Father has said candidly that his mind is made up not to spend another winter here & that he will leave as soon as all his affairs can be settled up Need I say that this has taken

(2) quite a weight off our minds? We have been in a wretched unsettled state for some time which was quite preying upon Mother & making me almost miserable now the cloud seems to be lifting up for there is not that horrid separation to dread, At least if Father keeps in the same mind, Mother wishes you to keep this as quiet as possible that is, don't let it come bac, here just yet for Father thinks it might injure him, or prevent his getting in his debts if it was known so early beforehand, of course you understand what I mean There seems positively nothing to tell you this time, for I guess you all read each others letters - butwe want you to write back directly you get this & tell us whether there is any particular article you want from here, in case this is the last time we shall visit England & what presents the 4 big boys the old boys I mean would like (They Alfreds garden) it is so troublesome to fix upon any thing to please them - if they would only wear stays, dresses, kid gloves, ribbons, or play with dolls & marbles, we could

(3) make a selection, but they only wear cloth & that seems quite out of

our line, We had the pleasure of reading a letter from Carry to her mother last week & were glad that at the time of writing James health was improving it seems a pity he doesn't try for something less confining than an hotel he really ought to study his health, I am happy to say we are at present pretty well - still complaining of a few aches & pains but nothing serious, Father has been out of sorts all together & I have had my old complaint The least wind that blows sets me mad with tooth ache so I keep in doors, sit stitching away up stairs alone when my little ones are dismissed & in the evening descend into the front garden where dear Dorcas & I have some of the most glorious chats you can imagine, but do you know who dear Dorcas is? I expect you will think it is one of my many

(4) "admirers" as you once pleased to style them - but let me tell you that Dear Dorcas is the pet name given to that precious Mother, we sit in that little room & talk all the evening for it is the only time we have together & when Father is out of course we feel great freedom of speech, These pleasant evenings spent with t at dear devoted soul in our bright comfortable little room will never be forgotten - no never, we often say when we look round it, "shall we ever have such a one after we leave this?" I guess not - for some time to come anyhow we are so proud of our home & perhaps rather out of conceit with many others so we shall have to leave it & face some few of the roughts that our Mary Ann met with, at 18 years old. Well it won't hurt us - although we shall feel it a little no doubt, I am quite satisfied that Father will see a good deal that will make him feel bad when he gets through the journey I guess we shall all

(5) know a little more then than we do now, Although I have heard a good deal from different ones, that I thought best to keep from Mother - it would only worry her, & I'm sure that is quite unnecessary, If George wants Father to bring him anything particular he had better write & ask him himself & do tell him to write soon. Last Sunday we all went to Hunsdon - took train to Burnt Mill, walked from there to Uncles, reached just in time

to be too late for beef steak pudding - but as we had a shoulder of mutton with us, we pitched in in proper workman like manner - being very hungry & tired - & talking of houses, comfortable parlors, bed rooms & e shall I describe that one? Well I think I won't, I am a hard critic & we went because we wanted to see them, not their house - some day perhaps you shall have it graphically described & picture included - for there were some

(6) almost big enough to drive (pity they were not) We read George's very interesting letter to Uncle, I almost think it was the most interesting one we have ever read & he always sends us plenty of news . Mother went upstairs & had 40-11 winks while Father & I walked in the garden - but they have very little planted there, just a few tiny potatoes peeping up was all I saw on his piece - but there are some of the pieces of ground belonging to his neighbor that looked quite thriving, Uncle says he has neglected his so long - & "taters is all I care about." After tea we set out on our long walk - can you believe it - we actually walked every step of the way home - started at ½ past 4 - had 2 long rests on the road & got into Windhill as the clock struck 9 - not a bit used up either, We had a most delightful walk home, Uncle came half way with us - After a few

(7) minutes rest, I cooked 6 eggs & with a little bread & butter we made a very good supper, went to bed, to be frightened to death with ugly dreams & nightmare - no more eggs just at bed time for this little child. Yesterday Mother could scarcely set her feet to the ground, she was so stiff. On Whit Sunday Susan, her husband & baby - with Nelly - her young man & several others are coming to their Fathers for a day or two - they say Susan is very happy, has an excellent husband & a dear little son - they hire a furnished room somewhere in Popear, have to pay 5 /^{s} per week but they are obliged to pay that until they can get a home of their own. We have not heard from Sarah

or Charles for some time past - Charlie was

(8) talking of coming over here this summer if he got the chance. We seldom hear from the folks at Colechester - but they are still in that sweet little cottage in the garden - "it's love among the roses" there if you like, I never saw a prettier little place & can picture it now, with the honey suckle creeping up over the two little windows, The whole place perfumed by it - large fruit trees loaded with blossom, The only thing wanted to complete it is a few little bright creatures running about getting into mischief, making ones heart leap fifty times a day - there is a peculiar solitude about the place - that only little voices & little faces could drive away - but do excuse me Mary Ann, I am running on railway fashion, I had quite forgotten who I was writing to - such light talk as this will not interest you so I will "cut it" that's slang again. Before I finish

(9..start on small page) there are a few questions I want to ask, We have had a few hints at different times about getting 12 yds of linen & a yd. of clean muslin & e now I'm not going to ask you what it is for but whether you think it best for us to get it here & if so whether it is any particular kind of muslin - it is a delicate matter to talk to the elders upon & mother said that as neither of you girls took any from home I had better just mention to you, because I might be able to get it there, as you had to do - for I can see I shall be pretty short of cash after my passage money is paid, Now will you answer me these questions, merely say whether you would get them here & the kind of muslin required. Now I must close this, for dear Dorcas wants to add a few lines, so I shall leave her the half sheet. Give our kind love to all the boys & girls - of course not forgetting the little people - I hope your little pet has got quite well long e'er this. Carry said she had been sick. Be sure you write back directly -

Your loving Eliza

(other side of page - 10) My beloved children, I thank God for my inmost

soul, that at last there appears a prospect of once more pressing you to my heart. Oh may that cup of joy not be dashed from our lips. Of course dear E. has told you Father has said he intends going, but we must be very discreet - on the matters on account of getting in our money, and keeping the trade together as long as we can , & we have no idea at present when its likely, but hope it will be before the end of the summer, we should know more when we see Bro Neslen again I dare say. I hope you will write back as soon as possible, some of you if not all, I have no idea at all of your Fathers circumstances beyond his book debts, but I don't suppose he will £100 over his expenses, that I don't care for if we can but get altogether again, and are all happy together, if he does go I hope & trust he will make himself happy & contented, Give my fondest love to all the others I hope you are all well dear James strong again I am always thinking of him, since I heard he was so sadly, it is a critical eye with him now, but I pray God to bless & strengthen him, and all of you, I fancy & hope I shall soon have a letter from George, I have seen him there last 2 or 3 nights so plain, well dear you must not espect a very large amount of presents as we shall not be over loaded with cash, if we come. I don't know yet how E will manage hers. She has not enough yet, but it will be all right if the Lord intends us to go, don't neglect to write at once if its only a few lines, I hope dear Emma will not go mad at the thought of seeing us You don't know how I feel some times about it, I almost dread the meeting, Kiss all the darlings for me tell them I will bring them something to please them, let us my dears be united in prayer to almighty God that we may not be disappointed I suppose you think your father can do very well there don't you

Don't say much about it beyond yourselves, May God bless you all is the prayer of your

Loving Mother

Battle Roo[illegible]
Sunday

Dear Mamma

I have received a few lines from you [illegible] letters without I received this morning and was very pleased when I saw [illegible] engineer [illegible] but I should have [illegible] very much [illegible] I have got [illegible] to day [illegible] but [illegible] that I have

home for a day or two but got [illegible] the [illegible] I [illegible] to leave the [illegible] week and [illegible] and if he dont succeed he will come to the city and get some clothes and then come back to Ogden and around [illegible] Where he has relations he wants me to go with him

[illegible]

Before 1873
Utah

Castle Rock
Sunday

Dear Emma

I will just write a few lines in answer to yours which I received this morning and was very pleased when I saw it I was enquiring every day but I should have been very much dissapointed if I had not one today. The time seems so long but there is a young man that I have formed an acquaintance with since I have been here. he is a very nice young man. too he is married his wife is in the city he and me are nearly always together if he goes anywhere its come on Jim or James & it makes the time more pleasant and I don't mind being here at all I would like it better of course if it was nearer the City but I cannot have it all my own way but it is no use shopping here for the pay is so uncertain I may not get any for 3 or 4 months and if I stay here I must have some bedding as it so bitter cold already nightand mornings and my shoes are nearly off my feet so I don't know how to manage I can't wait long before getting some money but I may come

(4) he says it need not cost me anything as I should go with him but I don't know yet what I shall do if I do leave here. I shall not stay in the city but a day or two till he goes as it will be an advantage to me to go with him but I may get something at Uinta if I do I shall not come home at all I don't like to leave work but I don't know what I shall do if I don't get some money but unless you write so that I get it by thursday do not write at all as I may leave when my young man leaves we have just done our washing he lent me some soap and I washed my shirt and towel, socks and hankerchief after ward we went away up on the mountains. dear E I am quite well in health and hope you and Charles are both better. I was so sorry to here of his sickness I must now conclude with my best love to all and remain your brother James

Good bye dear heart good bye
like a drop of Ink good bye dear
The Pen's a tongue that speaks for those
who absent dwell, A silent Language uttered
to the eye Which envious distance would in
vain deny, A link to bind where circumstance
part A nerve of feeling stretched from
heart to heart Famed to convey like an electric
chain, And thrill as once through its remotest
link, The throb of friendship by a drop of
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eye Which envious distance would in vain deny
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through its remotest link The throb of friendship

Lines adressed to Elder J. Lindsay and Wife on their removal from the Essex Conference

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With those I hold so dear,
To say farewell, in vain I try
To check the rising tear

2

The happy times with you I've spent
My Brother, Sister, dear,
Will often cause reflections sweet
And soften many a ~~f~~eare,

3

Though short the time that we have known
Each other here below,
I've often thought we, er bound by ties
We dont as present know

4

The Gospel of the son of God,
Unites our hearts in love
Oh may we all its laws revere
And ever faithfull prove

5

Though called to part for a short time
I trust it will not be long,
Ere I shall meet with you again
And hear your voice in song

(From a work page in Mary Ann W. Savill's notebook)

The pen's a tongue that speaks for those who absent dwell, a silent language offered to the eye which envious distance would in vain deny. A link to bend where circumstances part. A nerve of feelings stretched from Heart to Heart. Famed to convey like an Electric chain , the mistic flash the lightning of the brain. And thrill at once through its remotest Link, The throb of friendship by a drop of ink.

(written on the back of the above practice sheet was:)

Lines adressed to Elder J. Lindsay and wife on their removal from the Essex Conference.

-1-

And am I called to part,
With those I hold so dear,
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To check the rising fear.

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The happy times with you I've spent
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TODAY

Here is a poem that literally has made its way around the world. Published and republished in nearly every newspaper of this Country, its cheerful optimism spread to Europe, where it soon began appearing in the peoples 'papers, and so ultimately to China and Australia. There is an interesting story about the first time Mr. Malloch recited the poem in public. It was at a dinner party at the home of Thomas W. Lawson, the Boston financier. When the poet had finished, Mr. Lawson arose and said: "It is a great thing to be able to make money, but it is a greater thing to be able to write a poem like that. And next to having written it, the greatest thing is to hear it from the lips of the man who did write it."

Sure, this world is full of trouble—
I ain't said it ain't.
Lord! I've had enough an' double,
Reason for complaint.
Rain an' storm have come to fret me,
Skies were often grey;
Thorns an' brambles have beset me
On the road—but, say,
Ain't it fine today!

What's the use of always weepin',
Makin' trouble last?
What's the use of always keepin'
Thinkin' of the past?
Each must have his tribulation,
Water with his wine,
Life it ain't no celebration.
Trouble? I've had mine—
But today is fine.

It's today that I am livin',
Not a month ago,
Havin', losin', takin', givin',
As time wills it so.
Yesterday a cloud of sorrow
Fell across the way;
It may rain again tomorrow,
It may rain—but, say,
Ain't it fine today!

DOUGLAS MALLOCH.

1861

Lines addressed to "Mary Ann Savill" on her leaving England for the home of the Saints

1

The time has come my much loved child
When we must say farewell,
And you will leave your native shore
On Zion's land to dwell.

2

You'll go my dear at God's command
To track the mighty deep,
But never fear, Almighty God,
Thy own will safely keep.

3

Oh pen my child by earnest prayer,
For wisdom, grace, and power,
To guide your youthful footsteps through,
Temptations trying hour.

4

I've fondly hoped the time would come,
When as one happy band,
I with my children dear would seek,
A home on Zion's land.

5

But God our Father has decreed,
It otherwise shall be,
You must go first & prepare a home
And then you'll welcome me.

6

You go my dear to that blest land,
Where God's own Prophets stay,
To carry on his mighty work
In this the Latter-day.

7

And to the covenants you have made,
May you still faithful prove,
Oh strive to earn the great reward,
And serve the God of love.

8

And thus Oh God, unto thy care,
I now commit my child,
Trusting in thee to keep her safe
Through dangers, dark, and wild.

9

Oh God of mercies deign to hear,
A Mother's heartfelt prayer,
For thee her dear, - her much loved girl,
Oh guide her safely there, -

10

And shed thy blessings God of love,
On us she leaves behind, -
That we, 'ere long, in that blest land
A home, with her may find.

11

And not for her alone Oh God,
Would I thy blessings crave
But all thy dear and faithful Saints
Dear Lord preserve and save

12

Oh keep them Lord by power divine,
While crossing o'er the sea,
And may they still at every time
All glory give to thee.

Composed by her Mother.

Mary Anne Savill

B/ Stratford

To My beloved Children

Mourn not for your Mother

My Children so dear,

She has gone to her rest

Without sorrow or fear

To the gospel of Jesus -

Keep faithful and true

For she will be watching

And waiting for you.

May God bless you my loved ones

And Comfort each heart,

For I well know the pang -

It will cause you to part

With the parents you've loved

And been dutiful to.

Put your trust in the Lord

He will bring you safe through

Then greive not for your Mother

She now is at rest

And mingles her voice

In the songs of the blest

But keep faithful to God

Oh be kind to each other

Tis the heartfelt desire

And prayer of your Mother

Mary Anne Saville
Feby 1881

(These lines were composed by me during a severe attack of pneumonia when few thought I should recover but being mercifully spared I conclude to pen these hoping that when I am called hence my beloved children may take some little comfort from them may God grant it.)

(Notice: At this time, Mary Anne for the first time we have any written record, starts to spell Savill with an e on the end..... Saville.)

#14

(3) July 19. 1887

Reflections on my 71st birthday

Is it possible that I am 71 years of age Yes its true and it reminds me that I am fast drawing nearer my God to thee and in looking back I am led to think how much of my long life has been devoted to thee my heavenly Father and I feel like hiding my face in shame at the small portion of my life that has been spent in thy service and I think what would I not give if I had served the better in the days of my youth and I wonder Father, how I shall stand in thy glorious presence when it shall please the to call me hence to give account Oh solemn-thought) but then comes the consolation (great to me) that my judge will not be poor short sighted man but the great Jehovah who is merciful as well as just and who remembers the weakness of his erring children and who know's not only my every thought and actions but also my desires and who knows that to love him more and serve him better the few remaining days or years of my life is my earnest desire, and I pray O Lord for strength to overcome every weakness and help me to do all the good I can. that I may recieve the glad welcome well done enter into thy rest.

A WISH

(To Jessie)

May Heavens choice blessing upon you descend
As you journey through life, as wife, mother & friend.
And when you have finished your work here below
To your Father's bright mansions in peace may you go.
To enjoy the sweet rest that we sing about here
Surrounded by all that on earth you hold dear.
Fond husband, dear children, kind parents & friends
Where peace & enjoyment & life never ends.

Mary Anne Saville

(Another verse by Mary Ann W. Savill found in her notebook)

May the God of peace & love
Smile upon you from above.
Guide your youthful footsteps right
To the realms of endless light

TO MY LOVE

Happy may you pass each year
Blest with all that life holds dear
Fond wife & children, parents, friends
The love of God which knows no end

Keep firm Oh my love to the gospel of truth
May God bless you in age, as He blest you in youth.
May you never prove traitor to friend or to brother
Is the earnest desire of your affectionate mother

~~#24~~

ALFRED JOSIAH TAME

I thank the lord that we are here
In this much favoured land
Surrounded by our children dear
A peaceful loving band

I pray the lord my life to spare
To comfort cheer and bless
You the dear partner of my youth
Untill your laid to rest

And then when Father calls me home
Oh may I worthy be
To go and live with you again
Through all eternity

Mary Anne Saville
Salt Lake City

TO MY HUSBAND

A few thoughts suggested on the 50th
anniversary of my marriage, August 3, 1890

Fifty years my Husband dear
We man and Wife have been.
And Oh how many changes
We in that time have seen.

We've worked and toiled and struggled hard
The bread of life to win
And strove to train our loved ones
To shun the paths of sin

We've had our share of grief and joy
Along lifes thorny road,
But Oh what countless blessings
Have on us been bestowed

By God our Heavenly Father
Up to this good Old age 74
Then let us strive to love him more
The remant of our days.

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(thoughts written after poem in notebook)

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(this may not have been written by Mary Ann)

(Taken from small notebook which was written in pencil)

.....very well had some good songs and dancing on Board and plenty of music Sunday.

28 had a good meeting had a good discourse from C. Penrose and M and _____ in the afternoon and a Sacrament meeting in the morning.

Monday, Tuesday Wensday May 1 very rough and I was very sick in Bed all day. The saints where carried on deck those that could not walk up and were lying on deck in Blankets with there sun hats Before them

May 2 very rough Betsy James Bessy were stay at the Bow of the vessel when once she came and Book of James Shanter into the water and it whent Back bound for Liverpool if it did not stop on the road and as soon as that was gone over came the spray and dressed them Both Poor James Bar headed Betsy had to go down cange all her things

May 3 very fine it was a dead calm.

4 very rough in the evening remained below had some good songs Harriet and I went on deck after meeting and wached the water and the waves roling very high and the people slipping about from one sid of the ship to the other we are _____ to remain on deck till ten

Sunday May 5 Sacrament meeting ½ pat & fellowship meeting lots Bore thier testimony in the afternoon had a good meeting on deck and got wet through with the spray it realy is good fun to see the people rolling about in every driction getting wet through you know I allways Laugh at miscief

Tuesday 7 fine James sick for the first time not sea sickness

Wednesday 8 nice fine day

Thursday 9 very foggy

Friday and Saterday 10 , 11 very foggy

Sunday 12 very rough and wet held the meeting Below

Monday 13 wet very rough

Tuesday 14 very rough retired to Bed early

Wensdy 15 fine cold

Thursday calm a fine concert held on Board

Week is the 2nd

Friday 17 very rough

Sat 18 fine enjoyed ourselves after meeting with songs it was a lovely evening the moon was so bright

Sunday 19 very calm held a meeting on deck at 3 o'clock some good advice about Landing enjoyed ourselves very much in the evening a wedding of Bro Andrez

Monday 20 very rough

Tuesday 21 very calm pilot came on Board and Land just in sight we were permited to stay on deck as long as we wished went down about 12

Wenesday 22 very fine were all called on deck between 3 and 4 to pass the doctor Land in sight we were very glad to see it not having seen anything but sky and water for a month Then went ashore in a steam Boat for Castle Gardens. Slep thar one night.

23 started early a little way up the river so the station had our luggace weighed and started about 10 o clock for dunkirk reached thear 25 then canged car for Cleveland reached therr 26 then canged car for Feacrs reached their in the evening changed cars for Chicago reached their 27 changed car for Quinsey reached therr 23 slep in the cars all night.

29 started by steamboat for Hannibal on the Mississippi river. Landed whent on rail again for St. Jos reched 30 then sailed for Florence by

steamboat on the Missouri river reached florence Sunday June 2 our luggage was conveyed to a empty house where we were we stayed untill we start for the plains

Monday 5 received a letter from Bro Hall through Bro Andrus nothing very particular happened

June 16 walked to the camping ground to meeting

Monday 17 the American Brethrn arrived from the valley Joseph Young Brought a letter from Bro Brett to _____Slaroke (?)

Tuesday 18 first company left for the plains

Thursday 20 Bro Robert and John....

(Rest of pages missing)

(a piece of homesick poetry written by same person as ship journal)

"DO THEY MISS ME"

Do they miss me do they miss me at home
Do they miss me Twould be an ansurance most dear
to know at this minuet some loved one was saying
I wish you was here to know that the group at the fireside
was thinking of me as I am
Oh yes I would be joy above measure to know that they miss me at home

When twylet apears and the season
That ever was sacred to song
does some one repeat my name ever
and sigh that I tarry so long
and is there a cord in the music
thats amiss when my voice is away
and is their a cord in each heart that regrets
at my wearisome stay.

No they set me a chair at the table
When evening home pleasures are nigh
when the candles are lit in the parlor
and the stars in the calm azure sky
and a joyless inviting welcome,
and pleasure less hail than before
because one is missed from the circle
because I am with them no more.

No they miss me at home
No they miss me at morning
at noon and at night
and linger one growing shad round them
that only my presence can right
And when we good night are repeating
And each lay them selves down to sleep
do they think of the absent and waft me
a loveing good night o'er the deep.

Answer

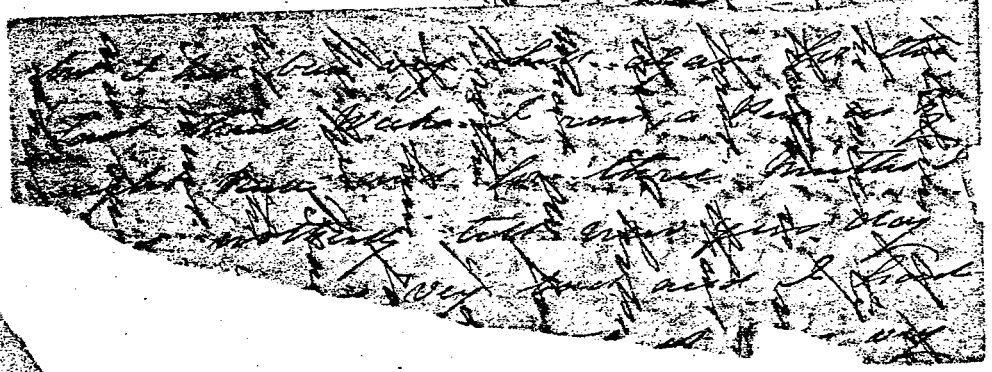
We miss the at home
Yes we miss the since the home
we bade the adieu,
and prayers have incircled thy pathway
from anxious heart loving and know
that the Saviour will bles protect the,
as far from the loved ones you roam,
And wisper when ere thy heart sadens

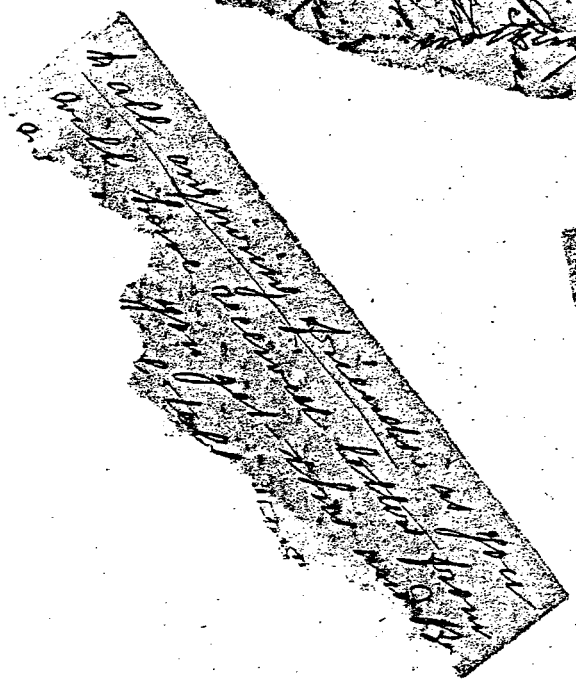
we miss the o miss o miss the at home.

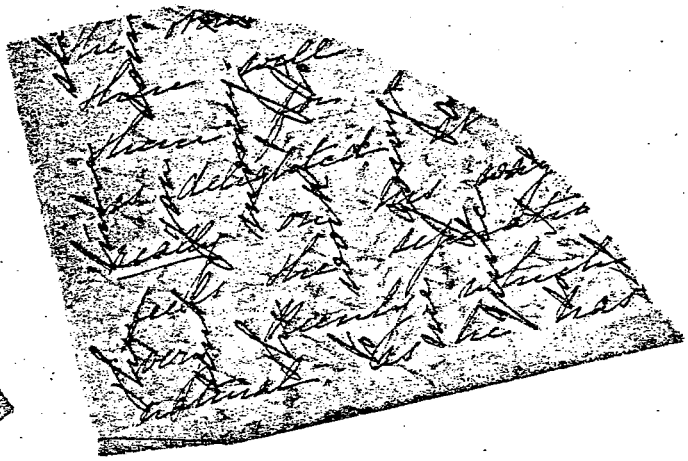
When morning awakes us from slumber
we cacth from the lips the first _____
and fold in a wam _____zepher
To be given to him
we whom we miss.
And when we have joined the home circle
and replace the still empty chair,
In each eye aries a gathering teardrop
for him whom we want to see there

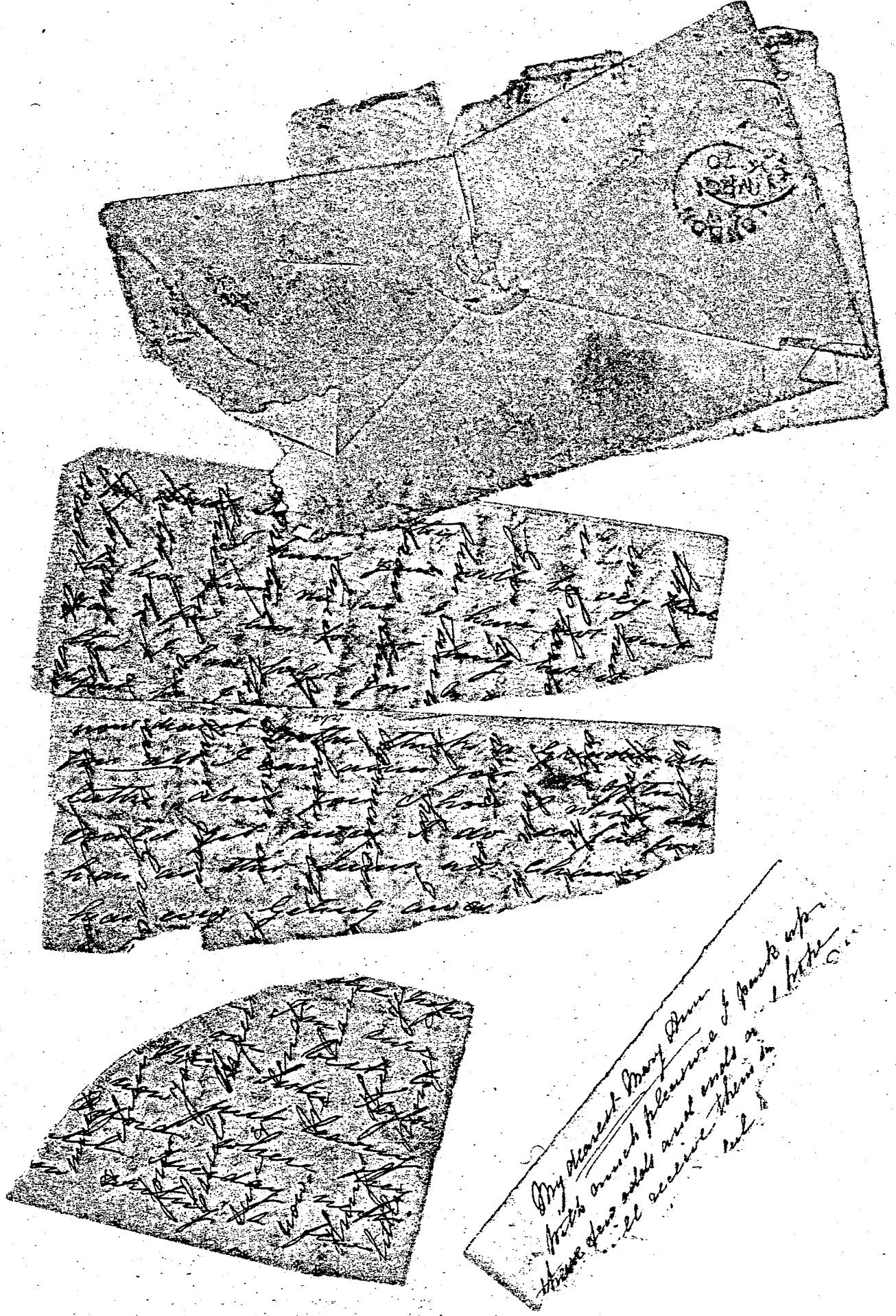
the shadows of evening are falling,
Oh were is the wanderer now.
The Breese that floats lightly around us
perchance may _____his brow,
oh bear on thy Bosom a message
we are watch oh why wilt thow roam,
Our hearts are all sad and dejected
we miss the oh miss the at home.

Henry Fred Hunt
Great Salt Lake City
Utah Territory
North America









In Affectionate Remembrance of

ELIZA,

WIFE OF WILLIAM HUGHES

OF BISHOP STORTFORD,

DIED ON THE 3RD OF OCTOBER, 1863,

IN HER 36TH YEAR.

MARCH

DEATH OF A NOBLE W

"Aunt Susannah" Spencer Passes Away in Her Seventieth Year.

Her Demise Was Unexpected and Will Cause a Shock to Her Friends — Tribute of One Who Knew Her.

"Aunt Susannah Spencer is dead," were words that were spoken with sadness many times today. Expressions announcing the closing chapter of the mortal career of an honored man or woman always bring more or less sorrow with them. But it is not often that the sad tidings of death are spoken with such deep feeling as they were in the case of the deceased.

Mrs. Susannah Neslen Spencer was one of the noblest of her sex. Said one distinguished Utah woman concerning her: "She was the best woman I ever knew, and when I say that, I do so with a full appreciation of the gravity of the statement." Her life was one of spotless purity, self-abnegation and good deeds. As a wife she was devotion and honor itself—as patient and brave as woman ever was. As a mother she was the incarnation of maternal solicitude and loved her children better than her own life. In the broad field of womanhood she lived quietly and unostentatiously, scattering seeds of kindness wherever she went and benefitting all with whom she came in contact. It may be truly said of her that the world is better for her having lived. Her death is a distinct loss to the community.

The deceased was a native of Lowestoft, Suffolk, England, the wife of [illegible] Spencer, and the mother of [illegible] of the Oregon State Legislature. [illegible] well known [illegible]

[illegible] being dangerous. [illegible] Sunday that the [illegible] of the family was expected. When the end came last evening they were overwhelmed with grief for their love of her was very great. Her suffering was severe at times, though death itself was perfectly painless, and as placid as a summer's dream. Her last moments were simply a reflex of the beautiful life she had lived and she passed away while pronouncing benedictions upon the heads of her children and testifying to the divinity of the Latter-day faith of which she had been so true an exponent.

Many of the early-timers will remember the deceased as the daughter of Samuel and Eunice Neslen, who lived for many years in the large old house where the handsome modern residence of Judge Harkness now stands on South Temple street. She came to Utah on September 20th, 1863, and spent the remainder of her life in Salt Lake. Besides her husband and children she leaves the following brothers and sisters to mourn her demise: Robert F. Neslen, William F. Neslen, Mrs. Samuel Tucker, Mrs. William F. Foster, Mrs. George M. Ottinger, Mrs. Samuel Dean and Mrs. John Sharp, Jr.

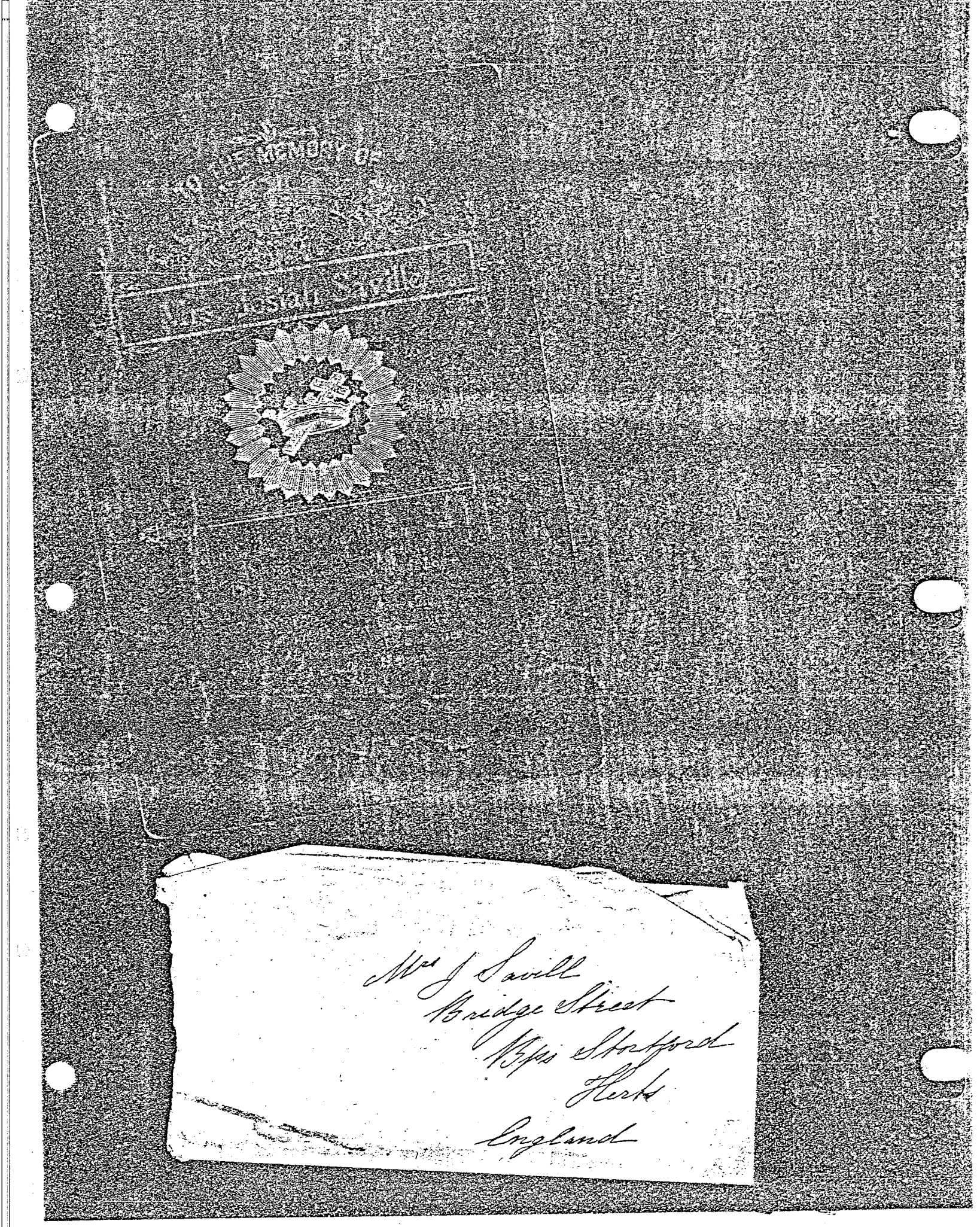
So its done; the curtain drawn
On life's mingled bliss and blight;
And a wondrous flush of dawn
Risen on her marvelling sight.
With her spirit's glad release—
All the mortal warfare past
Shows the flower-starred fields of peace
Spreading for the thorny way passed.

In Memory of the Deceased.

A beautiful spirit has laid down the burden of life and taken up its immortal existence. We who loved her shall miss the sweet smile and gentle word, but our loss is her gain, and we submit to the brief separation, rejoicing in the knowledge that she is not dead, but that she will meet us in her great home. Mrs. Spencer's life was one of sincere devotion, and it can be truthfully said of her, no life has any shadows which she cast upon it. She has gone where no shadow [illegible]

Religion is a li[illegible] give one's [illegible] in Him to [illegible] our being, [illegible] of life ne[illegible] and being t[illegible] of peace, o[illegible] In the life [illegible] this portr[illegible] in the m[illegible] as a be[illegible] faith any[illegible]

[illegible] Sunday [illegible] Mrs. Spencer's [illegible] Sunday [illegible] Look on [illegible] of his relative [illegible] Joseph Jensen, [illegible] Olympia [illegible] W. R. Daly [illegible]


Mrs J Savill
Bridge Street
Bishops Stortford
Herts
England

Adieu, by the Mother to her Daughter,

1st.–

The time is come for you to go,
To a land of peace where freedom flow,
Go up my Daughter to the West,
Receive your blessing's, and be blest.

2nd.–

And when you're moving on the way,
To that choice land where you will stay,
Forget me not I soon will come,
To Zion's mount my lovely home.

3rd.–

Go home in peace thou Saint of God,
Be firm, and steadfast on the way,
Listen to the voice of God,
Obey his council's every day.

4

Then you shall reach in safety there,
To meet with those who will be ever dear,
in the valley of the West,
There you'll behold a glorious race,

5

A race of noble spirits,
Will go from every land,

Composed by
Elder John Smith.

Rise up my Daughter dear,
To Zion haste away,
For thats the only place for Safety,
in these the latter days.

8

The gathering place in this our day;
is Set A part by Gods Appointed way,
Where Saints will flow from every land,
And build up Zion at the Lords command.

9

A land of peace, and liberty,
Zion's fair Daughters soon will See,
That will be Gathered from every Clime,
To dwell with Christ in love divine.

10

The thought of such a happy time,
Will soon cause me to leave this clime,
To dwell with you in that choice land,
Where peace will be when freedom reigns.

11

So dont despair for I will come,
To meet you in my Mountain home,
~~And Spend A peaceful time with the~~
When Zion's Son's will all be free.

12

So now adieu my Daughter dear,
Till we on earth Shall meet again,
Beyond the Sea where pure love will be,
Where Saints will dwell in unity.

Estate of Alfred Tame, Deceased:

Filing petition for letters of administration	
Advertising notice of hearing of petition for letters of administration	5.00
Filing inventory, June 12, 1915	20.00
Attorney fees	100.00
Advertising notice to creditors	5.00
Appraisors fee	5.00
Advertising petition for distribution and settlement of estate	7.50
Total	$144.50

Taxes and funeral expenses have been paid by the heirs.

I have paid the above amounts and there has been paid to me by Mrs. Tame $5.00 and by E. C. Tame $5.00 and I will discount attorney fees $10.00.

Respectfully,

B. Clegg

Bill

Paid Jan 13 — 1915

Bill from Alfred Adams Estate

One Hundred Twenty Four Dollars

Dollars for estate

$124.00

P. Clegg

13 | 59
8 | 80
43 00

15 00
28 00
26 00
15 00