

Sarah
Franklin
Uncle William
Brother & Sister
cousin Omelia
Wm Manchester
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Dear Brother:-

I received your letter on Saturday, was very glad to hear from you that you and uncles family were all well. In company with your letter was one from father from Uncle William, also one to mother from Dartmouth, so you see we have reading enough to keep us busy for sometime, you will truly think so when I tell you what a liberal letter uncle wrote, with a little from cousin Omelia, it was a large Quarto sheet, closely written, they were all in usual health, But feel deeply afflicted in the death of their little Mary B, uncle thinks he never saw a more sweet and lovely child Grand Ma was with at the time he commenced writing her health was much better than it had been for some time, but in the last of his letter, he mentioned that she had been quite sick for a few days, was then better. He also mentioned the death of Dea Gilbert, also the death of Mr. William Stebins, only son of Esq. Stebins of Madison, he left a wife and a number of children to mourn his loss.

Our family at present are mostly complaining of colds, excepting myself, whose noble person has been troubled with some of Jobs comforters which obliges me to play the lady now and then. Father and mother were both sick last night and took sweats, they are better today, We have another boarder a young Miss she has been a resident of some four weeks, I have not yet learned her name, Mr. Hitchcock has a son they call him George Thomas after his 2 grandfathers on his mother's side they are all well, James has come along says he wishes to write a little too Franklin so there he begins we have a little black puppy ring also I am quite impatient to come and pick up those chips for that lady (your wife) to fry some cakes good-bye. I have not learned yet to write very well - this from James i i----- I expect to teach school

in our old house as soon as we get out of it, I intended to send you some money before this, but have not yet received any, and know not how soon I shall as soon as I do you shall have it, I have delayed writing on that account the others have been to busy to find time to write, Isaiah received that letter sent by the hand of Mr. R. You probably have heard ere this of the death of Edwin Woodman by the bite of a rattle snake, Mr. Lyman Ethore buried his little son Edward about a week before Edwin's death, Mr. Griebey (Mrs Daily's father) died some 6 or 7 weeks since with the fever, Mr. Geo. Simmons was out on a visit in August, staid about 1 week and a 1/2, we had some 2 or 3 letters, he assured he did not forget how to talk while here, I know not whether you have heard of the death of Mr. James Brown, also old Mrs. Woodman she died with the influenza. Elizabeth Frowbridge has gone east, Mr. Neeley has moved into L. Mills house Mr. Sisson has got into his house, Curtiss Edgerton goes there most every night he is teaching writing school, Adaline Allen is not married, neither is she going to be A few days before they were to be married, Mr. Green sent a letter to Mr. Allen wishing for a deed of some land for fear that Adaline might be weakly, or perhaps she might die before he did, she thought upon the strength of that, it would do to dismiss him, report says he is now paying his visits to Miss Octavia H, Daniel Briggs has a son James Briggs a daughter. We are at present without a steady minister, sometimes one and sometimes another

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For or five weeks since there came along 9 ministers in company directly from the Meida Institute, They were here on the Sabbath, they were going to Ioway, as home missionaries. I do not think of anything more at present to write only Isaiah received a catalogue of the Hamilton Academy from William Manchester, I know not how soon you will receive a visit from any of the Galesburg friends, if wishes would carry us there it would not be lone first I must close with much love to uncles family, together with a share for yourself All send much love and many compliments, This from your effectionalt sister

SIGNED: Sarah

Mr. Franklin Tompkins

The next time I write I hope to have better ink

Aunt wished to know how that cloth was colored, I am sorry we did not write sooner about it. Mother says she took the bark of younf trees, boiled it well for 2 to 4 hours, Then skimmed it out the bark, put in the cloth let it lay nearly the same length of time, then take it out, put in a little copperas, then out the cloth back, let it lie a short time, keep the dye about scalding hot while the cloth is in. She had no particular rule as for the quanity of bark, but filled, a large iron kettle as full as she could conveniently - an illinois colour.

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