

Dear to Sarah & Hannah
and accept much love from your affectionate mother
to meet it with you & not with grief. Mrs. M.
Oct 30 1861

Friday evening Oct 30 1861

Dear Brother Lew.

Henry has not finished his letter yet but I take the liberty to scribble this page over. All they young folks in these parts have gone to Mr. Standom Southards this eve and in fact the evening is lovely enough to invite any one forth. for the moon shines as bright as day. and the wind which has blown a perfect gale for the past week is quiet again. I am writing by the light of your Kerosene & it is a tip top light too. We thank you ever so much for sending it & hope to make it right with you. We are all well & glad to hear you are so well & like your business - and shall be tickled to death to see you in old N. again. The children are delighted to think you are coming - I told them you would be here in about six weeks I guessed - Willie says Ma how many weeks will it be tomorrow I suppose he hoped it would bring it ever so much nearer when tomorrow came. Georgia is as big as he is long almost. Perhaps Sarah has received the sad news of her Grandmother's death she was buried wednesday - died with Lung Fever. Rushe will take it very hard for she thought so much of her mother and so did every one for she was a good woman. Eli Boston has a bad swelling on his neck & Dr Macfield thought he was not going to get up again but I dont know. Uncle Caylord Bennett is quite sick - and is not expected

Death is on every hand and we are probably when I think I shall be recovered.

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I have your money
Bridport. Nov 24 1861

Brother Lew as we received another letter from you this morning. I thought I would commence and scribble a few lines in return. I dont have much time to write I hardly get time to read the papers I am all alone now - I dont want to go out to pay the boy for what few shoes he don't I want a good man for 2 or 3 weeks. but dont know as I can get any one. Henry Tierin is at work for Gills now. I commenced breaking up in the East last month Oct. Monday I have plowed some every day since. I got up at 3 o'clock this morning took care of the horses & choriced before five. I got 2