

Ashland 25th Jan. 1848

Dear Henry,

I received both your letters, and also one from Eugene. I really thought that I had answered your first letter, but it seems I had not. However I wrote a long letter to Nick which perhaps he showed you. We have all been unwell at Ashland, bad colds be incident to the season. The last 8 days have been clear & fine which I hope has improved the health of your school as it has ours here.

I have been a little unfortunate with my colts, they all being badly off with the distemper. It has reduced them considerably, but so far none have died. My sorrel Trustee which I entered in the Chiles Stake has it now worse than any, if he does not mend & get cured before the middle of February I cannot have him trained.

Waldo & myself went hunting yesterday; we killed 16 partridges & a rabbit & a dove away out near Gen. Shelby's.

Your Grandma is having some cal. shirts made for which as soon as possible she will send.

We had quite a concert at Ashland Saturday evening. ~~Wald~~^{es} =ames Rattel & Mentelle, Walde Lucretia & myself.

Your Aunt Susan has quite recovered from her accouchement & seems in excellent spirits. Her brother Dick has married Thos. Beaton's daughter in Washington very recently.

There is no very interesting news from Mexico. Our armies there are at present inactive. It is rumored in the papers that Gen. Scott has been recalled.

Congress seems to be entirely taken up with the consideration of questions growing out of the war with Mexico. Some very