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satisfied if he ever had any ambition it was dead before I knew him. he might have had it but got his wings singed early and fell back into the mass. of unambitious beings.

George was a painter and followed the business at Fairford Gloucestershire he died when I was young I think it must be forty years ago. he left a widow, and some children, but I don't know how many. don't know anything about him having never seen him.

Maria was married twice her first husbands name was

Crainville Kas

Apr 16<sup>th</sup>/91

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Dear son

we received yours of date Mar 30<sup>th</sup> and was surprised that you felt so badly under the weather, and sorry to hear that you had failed in your connections for a Spring school. But I hope your Portland prospect will turn out to your advantage and you will get your chin up again. you have found as the most of us find that our path is strewn with more thorns than roses.

You seem to have a wish