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the 1850

Dear Brother we have all wrote to you before
and have not received any answer so i thought
i would write again we are all well and hope
this will find you the same we have a little girl
named Hannah Francis Ploverly Weed has a little girl
named Flora Emily. Maria was married last January
and Boards at home Phillip works to Ephraim Goodwin
Thomas Sawyer & Daniel Bradley have bought that
house that was made out of Patten Sargent's do shop
and are both married William Sawyer & Charles
have bought a new one back of the meeting house
Mr Bly is building a house above Leavens for a Mr Wilder
the two Nichols that went for in the Rocks had bad
luck they had been to the mines and were going down
to sanfrancisco they were in a boat the boat upset and
Ginley was drowned the other was attacked by the Indians
and was robbed of all his clothes and money 14 or 1500
and was almost murdered he is now in Sanfrancisco
uncle Ferrisbury is dead old Deacon Sargent is dead
Phodan is verry sick with consumption
and Mrs Atten Colby. Mrs Ephraim Goodwin hung herself
ther other day. we have a splended steamboat on the
river and they have your sailboat on the river
Ella says she wishes there want any California
then you would stay at home and not go there after
gold Alva says you must bring him home a lump
of gold for his name and come home now

Annette & Elisabeth say you must come this winter and keep school. They say they had a very good teacher last winter Mr Chase from Collyhill we shall have lots of plums and grapes and should like to have you here to help eat them - I suppose you do not get any such thing there there will not be any Peaches this year nor but a few Apples Maria and I are going to make Lydian a visit this week I expect you have a lady out there if not I think you had better come home and see some here if it wasn't for the postage I would send you a couple loaves of cake in a box and some Dairs we have got a new engine and they talk of making patent excelsior chaise business is pretty good Mr Offord Mr Wilder Mr Stone and families have moved here since you left. Leonard says you had better come home and see to your shares in the Factory they are making 14 per cent they have plenty of water this summer and business is flourishing I received your letter this day Sept 8 and you say you received none Father Phillip Daniel Elbridge sent one the 17 July we think it is better for each one to pay their own postage then we shall get what we pay for. there was an ordination to the Rocks the 11 a Mr Brown was ordained. we all went to the Beach Aug 29 uncles aunts cousins about 100 of us and had a pleasant time and wished you were there. there was a great many down that day I should think 100 or 120

Capt Patten has been dead drunk ever since the 4 July about 8 weeks now they have carried him to the countyhouse and have attached his property we are in hopes he will never come back Andrew says you had better look out how you eat Rattles snakes or you will get poisoned he says he is a going of two or three hundred miles to learn a trade and wishes you were here to go with him I don't think he will go Mrs John Haskell & Msina Sargent both died in one week with consumption Philip says he is sorry he did not go with you and has wished himself there ever since you started I think he is very foolish after he has heard of so many having bad lucks and suffering every thing but death and a great many have died I want you to write when you are coming home we have been looking for you a long time and write whether you get any letters from us or not and how many you must excuse bad writing for I see I have made a great many mistakes I have had to write the most of it with the baby in my arms and would sit very still for she is sick Annette & Elisabeth have gone in the Steamboat to day to be gone a few days

From your Sister

Hannah W Sawyer

Ephraim W^o Morse San Diego

1852

California

East Paulsboro NJ 10

Recd Sept 15th Aug 18

Aug 8 the 1852

Dear Brother

I received your letter some time ago and should have wrote before but my hand are some lame yet, although my health is much than ever i expected but is not verry good now the rest of us are all well and hope you the same Mothers health is not verry good i think she has to work to hard you know as long as she sees anny thing to do she will work as long as she can stand i should think if i had no more to do than they have i should think i had not much, and no more in a family i should not be hurried you know Maria is verry slow you cannot hurry her i think if you should come home and let Maria go to house keeping i think Mother would not have to work near so hard although i dont now as she has anny thought of ever going to house keeping i think it would be much better and easier for Mother to have some one that was verry smart to do the work you know Mother will work as long as there is anny thing to do i am afraid we shall not have anny Mother much longer Juliaie is up there helping them now a spell Maria has not got rid of her hummer yet.

they say if it gets in the blood it lasts seven
years there is a young man in Newbury port
that has had it six years and it has cost him
between two & three hundred dollars & he is no
better all the encouragement he has is the seven
years is almost out uncle Samuel was up to Mother
the other and Lydia and i was there uncle says
it is not the barbers itch he dont believe
any thing about it, nor he dont believe it is
catching he says it is ~~a~~ ^{an} ~~intermper~~ ^{intermper} that goes round
once and awhile, Lydia said she received a letter
from you to day and you thought you
should not be at home for some time i am
verry sorry to hear it i was in hopes you had
altered your mind and was coming home
sooner the Steamboat is going to Rockport to
day Phillip Maria are going and my girls
and the whole crick and they are wishing you
were here to go with them you better come
home to go to the beach with them the
first of october, they say you have lost your
horse lola or some such name i suppose
if i find him you will give me the
reward you have offered i have not seen
him yet i think you had btter come as
soon as you can if you dont like on a farm
you can do something else i think wee

have only one brother and you had ought
to stay near by if there was half a dozen of you
wee should not expect you all to stay at home
Mr William Nichols has run away to califia
he said he was going out with carriages and
should be at home in a few days he did not tell
his wife nor children except one on his way
he told her to send to her Mother that he
was on his way to califonia and should be gone
some time. they have hired Mr Tilton from
maine to preach here and i hope he will stay
if they do not treat him so bad as they did Mr
Pinsbam i think he was not treated well
Abby Welch is up from Portland and has
been verry sick she is so lame that she has
to go with crutches if you see Amos tell him
he better come home and see her and not stay
there any longer i believe i cannot stop to
write any more i have had company this
two weeks and expecting more every minute
my writing looks verry bad for i am in
a great hurry and my hand is lame let no
one see this letter turn it as soon as you
read it for fear what will happen the children
send there love to you and want you to come
as soon as you can Leonard says he thinks
you can do well enough here

Lydia says i must send her love to you
and Mothers says you must come or she
shall never see you again you know she
has always been discouraged uncle Samuel told
her she must not do no more work he says
she has no buisness to work any more
i should like to fill up this page if i
had time

so good by

From your Sister

Hannah W Sawyer

W. Amosby Mar. April 25

Epheian W^o Morse

1852

San Diego

California

Recd May 30



April the 5 1853

Dear Brother

it is some time since i received your letter but
my hands are lame and i cannot write verry well
i have been teasing the children to write but i cannot
make them they say they dont know what to write
we are all well and hope you the same we shall
be looking for you home in about two months
and i hope we shall not be disapointed the weather
has been verry pleasant and warm this three weeks
past and i think we shall ^{have} a pleasant fast
the 1st of april, and i wish you were here to
fast with us Maria says she sent you a letter in
January and would like to know if you heard from
it, as for news i dont know much. Tappan Sargent
has failed for the fifth time and says he will pay
ten cents on a dollar William Sawyer has failed and
says he will pay 25 cents on a dollar i dont know
how much they have failed for Andrew works
for the firm Mr. Garrison & Sargent he has been
wanting him ^{pay} some time 125 a day for a month
now he pays him more he will stay a year
Leonard & Mr. Low have gone to making axes
and i hope they will make something for
chaise busness is verry dull they say i was thinking
about that letter the other day that i wrote
to you before you came home but you did not
get it untill after you got home you know i told

you to burn it so no one should see it if you
should be taken away Ella is up to Mothers and
stay 3 or 4 weeks she says she would like to have
you there Mook has not staid there much since
you have been gone he says if you will come
home he will go up and drop corn for you
and help you form it is lousome now he says
aunt weed feels wery bad about amos she has not
heard from him since last fall the last she heard
he was going to the mines i should think if
he could get enough to come home with he would
come he has been gone so long they say
Samuel Kelley is coming home this spring
and has done well he has sent home some
hundreds of dollars within a year i was up
to Flaverhill yesterday and bought some post marks
our postmaster does not keep them he says he
wishes people would not pay for their letters
fore they take them out. uncle horn has mooved
in John Lewis he says if he makes a fuss with
him he will knock him down in two minutes.
Mr Stone has mooved to Boston he is not contented to
stay in a place more than a year at a time George
york his brother lives in Marous house i began
this letter before fast and thought i should finish
it but my hands were lame and i did not finish
it until now i see i have made a good many
mistakes but i have not time to correct them

i herd you had got to be Justice of peace i saw inside
of your wrapper on that paper you sent Leonard
that you was Judge if it is so i am afraid
that you will not come home wery soon
we want you to come as soon as you can
Andrew and the girls have been to dancing
school this winter what do you think of that
it is about time to make the garden here
i suppose your garden is up before this time
Moses Clement is married & Charles Sawyer
Daniel Bradley that ^{was} Sophia Sawyer is about
being married to Laura Sargent Daughter of
Patten Sargent his wife died last may
i blive i have told you all the news
i know this is all the news i can think of
this is the third letter i have wrote you
• you say you are homesick and have
to stay alone and we ^{think} it is not safe for you
to stay there so i advise you by all means
to come home

they all send their love to you

From your Sister
Hannah W Sawyer

i write my name Hannah
because there is three Hannah Sawyers
besides myself Moses Sawyers wife
the crick and John Sawyers wife and Hannah
Sawyer that lives to aunt Colbys all in
west Amesbury

Do not mind the mistakes but be
thankfull of a little if it is bad

Amherburg May 13th 1874

Dear Brother

I have been expecting a letter from you or Lydia this long while you said you would write as often as you received them this is the third letter i have wrote and have had no answer yet the rash and scarlet fever has been very prevalent here all around us there has not any of our family had it this time except Frances she has had it Andrew has had quite a sick spell but is better now he has had a fever about going to Georgia a man by the name of Back sent him two letters told ^{him} he would give him six hundred dollars and pay his expenses out for one two or three years but we were not willing he should go he is sick so much so he works for the farm Ella has been to Barehill and paid a visit she says she wishes you would come home so as to be there when she is Abiah says if you will come home and live on the farm he will live with you untill he is old enough to learn a trade but i am afraid you will stay now you have got Lydia there with you Leonard has sent a number of papers i have been teasing him to write but i cannot make him the girls say they are going to write soon and i think they will i dont now as we have

much news Henry Slunter is married
to Susan Senter they board with me and
Henry's Brother and two Nicket's Brothers
we have as many as we had in a family
that winter that you boarded with us

we have no meeting yet or rather no
settled minister Justin Sargent is to
be married next Sunday to Sarah Emerson
i am in a great hurry for it is time to go
to meeting i want you to write as soon
as you get this letter or Lydia or both
they all send there love to you both

Give my love to Mr & Mrs
Whaly Mrs Pool & Lydia tell
her i am much obliged to her for
writing and telling me how she got
out there

Good by come home as soon
as you can

From your Sister

Hannah W Sawyer

Hannah
May 13 1854

West Amherst Oct. 3rd 1844

My dear Uncle

It is a long time since you
have written ^{me} a letter I was a little girl
then, but now I am large
enough to write a letter now. I
never wrote any before last
summer. Amrett has
a little boy it is but
6 months old, and Andrew was
married Christmas time and he
likes to Amrett house. your
mother wants you to come
home. Maria is very well. Mary
A. Stebbins teaches my school this
winter, ^{my} friends is very well. give
my love to Lydia Ann. I don't
want you to come home on land
I am afraid that the Indians
will kill you. but I don't
you to come home I don't Lydia
Ann to come home to. Mother wants
to see you very much. they.

all send there love to you. Mother
has wrote two or three letters
and has not received any answer
yet. so I thought I would see
what I could do. Mother says that
you must come home next Spring. write
to her and tell her when you are
coming home. Ann & Elizabeth sends her
love to you and Lydia Ann. Aluah
says that he will write next time
to you. but I hope he will not be
as long as I have been about it.
I believe I cannot think of any thing
more now so I will ~~close~~ close my letter
by saying good by
Please answer my letter and soon have this
Spring

From your niece Ella Maria
Sayer

Elle Ayer

Recd May 1

I hope to
see you soon.

March 1th 1857

Dear Brother

It is a long time since i have had a letter from you i suppose you have ^{been} so busy that you had no time to spare but i have been expecting one from Lydia ever since i wrote the last one but now she is gone she cannot write any more we have made so much dependance on seeing her this summer that it seems as though we must see her as though she must come home I suppose Maria told you that she time was gone she was married in January and moved to Lynn i felt werry bad to have her go so far of i have not hardly known what to do with

myself but when i think of you
i think i ought not to feel so
bad for my trouble is nothing
compared with yours do come
home and fetch your little boy
this spring do come and not
put it off any longer i think
you would not feel so bad if
you were here among your
friends we have made so much
dependence on having her live
with Mother this summer
if Maria goes to housekeeping now
wee are all disapointed i think
she will not go now Mother
will be so lonesome unless you
come home you must come
if you know how bad wee all
wont to see you will come

I do not know as i have
much news to write you
I suppose you heard Mr Stephen
Barly was dead & Mr George Little
and quite a number of children
have died this winter
Andrew has mooved to Lynn
they all send their love
to you and a kiss for little
Edward

so Good by

From your Sister

Hannah W Sawyer

Stannah

March 1st

South Amherbury

Oct ^{The} 25 1858

Dear Brother

I received your
some time ago but have not
had an opportunity to write
before. Arline baby was sick
and i went on to Malden
to see her then she came on
and paid a visit then Andre
w's wife and two children came
from Lynn and paid a
visit as soon as they went
Mother was taken worse
she has been verry sick with
the heart complaint we did
not think she would live
from one hour to an other for
a number of days she was in
great distress about breathing
so i have had to be up there
most of the time for a number
of weeks she said she felt willing
to go if her time had come

but if it had been so ordered
for her to live she she should
like to see you once more
she has got so to set up most
of the day the Doctor says she
may live some time but is
liable to drop away any time
with this complaint i hope
you will sell out and come
home early in the spring
or i am afraid that you
will not see Mother and
Father i think Father
needs you there verry much
and i wish you would come
home if you can i dont know
as i have much news to write
Leonard has got his Patent on
a carriage prop and is expecting
one on an ex Henry Boyes
and family that went
out west is coming back
there is quite a Florida
fever in Malden number

of families are going and
wants Millicens husband
to go but i dont think he
will go i have not by all
means Marias baby weighs
27 pounds and is 7 months old
that is more than Emmets
or Chilrees weighs over
a year old Maria Gray
was down here with Eddie
the other day and he says
he wishes his Papa would
come home and not stay
away of there in California
he is as fat as a little pig and
looks verry healthy and is
wide awake and weighs
28 pounds and can talk verry
well they all send their love
to you and wishes you to come
home so Good by
From your Sister
Hannah W Sawyer

write soon and not
wait so long as i have
before you answer this
letter

Hannah
Oct 25th

South Amherst February ^{the} 15-1859

Dear Uncle

Mother has been talking of writing to you but Grandmother has been so sick she has to be up there so much that ^{she} has not had time so I thought I would write a few lines and tell you all the news I can think of, Giles Hurlley is teaching our school this winter. Justin Sargent down to the creek is dead and Urias Sargent up to Birchmead is dead. Aaron lives at Lowell he has been up there three or four years he carries on painting there as well, Andrew lives at Lynn he has a little girl named Ginny Adella and a little boy named Herbert Leonard he has named for his two Grandfathers. Ammiry lives in Lynn she has got one little boy named William Anderson. Annette lives down to the creek she has two little boys one is named Eugene the other is named

Edward Meloen, Alcock works in the black smith shop with father he has been to school this winter, Frances and I have been to school this winter, Eddie is fat as a little pig we have been expecting him down here every day we have not seen him for a number of weeks. Leanna has been to school this winter but I believe they are all at home now excepting Otis and he lives at Ed bridges. there is not any more houses built in the neighborhood, Alden lives at the corner and Frankling is in South America was to be gone five years, we have not seen Osgood and Aunt Mose since last summer but I believe that they are all well, Aunt Mose we have not seen them this long time Alonzo ^{has} been sick with the consumption this two years and John has ^{not} been well this long time. there is ~~no~~ ^{now} one married except Mary Jane since you was at home. Florence Maria is as fat as Eddie. we had a society levee down to the river Village in Uncle Thomas shop and made a hundred and eight dollars char

we have got a good minister his name is J. L. Foster he has been here a little over a year and I hope that they will keep him as long as he is good I wish you was at home I wish you would sell out as you can and come home for Grandmother wants to see you very much she has been very sick since last August and is very feeble know she is so weak that she cannot work a crossed the floor with outh trying her Grandfather is well and Maria and Philip and Nick Bengerman is not well he has Doctor Deoberson Sabyan is married and lives at home she married Gustus Bussel he come from up country Mother says that you not sell out and come home she says that she will write to you as soon as she can

From your niece Ella Meloy

Lee E W Mose

San Diego

Ella

Feb, 18. 89

South Amherbury

Dear Brother Sept 31st 1859

It is a long ^{time} since you wrote to me but Father had a letter from you in July and one in August is that is all we have had since last December and we were very much alarmed about you i have writter two Letters and Ella two and Ella says you must write to her now if you have got any of our letter you know about Father how he had a cancer taken out of his lip and we thought it would get well but it has broken out in two places more and i feel verry much alarmed about him i do wish you could come home and take the care off of him so he wont have

so much to do. i am afraid
if you do not come soon he
wont live long i think he
worries about you verry much
you know after a cancer breaks
out it is verry short lived
i suppose you have heard
Mothers Death she kept wishing
you would come home so
she could see you once more
Ardie has been quite sick but
has got well now John Otis &
Lanna & Joseph have been sick
and have all got well but
Joseph the Doctor says he
cannot live all the rest of the
folks are well i have six
grand children and they are
all girls but five the
children all send their love
to you and wants you to
come home it seemes as
though i could not wait

for you to come there
has been a great many
deaths within a yeare among
us i will mention some of
the names Mr Ephraim
Goodwin Mrs Enoch Esgood
Mr John Little Mrs Robert
Hoyt Mrs Horn and a
good many children we
have a verry fine minister
Mr Richardson from Ridgeford
Maine and i wish you were
here to hear him you do not
know how lonesome it is
to go up to Fathers it seemes
sometimes as though i could
not go but i pittij Father
he is verry lonesome so is Maria
Mother was sick a long time
she wanted me there most of
the time and i am not sorry
i went wee have lost a good
Mother one that we never

can forget but i trust she
has gone home to a better
world do write and tell us
how many letters you have
~~sent~~ do sell out and come home
i have been teasing Leonard
to write but he says i must
he is very anxious for you
to come home and take care of
Father i do not think of any
thing else to write

so good by Love your
Sister Hannah W Sawyer

and Mrs 25th Fe

25th 31st
Hannah Sawyer

South Amherburg April ^{the} 22 1860

Dear Brother I received your letter and was very glad to hear from you but i have neglected writing until now the Small Pox is all around us and there is great excitement here about it there has been four deaths at the corner one at the crick and a great many more sick with it i will mention those that have died that you knew Ezra B Clark Capt Nichol's wife the rest are younger Maria is still living at home and has another little girl two weeks old but i have not seen it for we all have to stay at home in this place on account of the Small Pox there has been no meetings at the crick rocks nor corner for four weeks nor schools and i think it is a wonder if there is any this summer it has been at the Rocks Crick upper corner lower corner Parahill

Father is well the last i herd from
him i told you in my last letter
how Father had his cancer drawn out
and it broke out again and grew very
fast he had it cut out in the shape
of a letter ~~in~~ the most of his lip
was taken of but it does not look bad
at all he has let his mustache grow
out so as to cover it over and people
say they should not notice it
the last time i saw Eddie was to
meeting that was sometime ago i mean
to went up before now but it will
be sometime before we shall see
him but he was as fat as a pig and
says his Papa will come sometime
and i should like to know when
that sometime is coming i should
like to have it come soon i have six
Grand Children Andrew has two
Jemmy and Herbert Leonard Amette
has two Eugene and Eddie Anlissie
has two Willie and Georgie

and Maria has two all of them
since you left home how things
have altered in that time
i suppose you have heard of aunt
Moses Mosses and Elvina death
aunt died with a cancer Elvina
with consumption Joseph Gray
has gone to springfield they did
not think he would get well when
he had the fever they had a sick
time there Eddie and four others
but they are all now there does
not seem to be much news to write
Ella has been looking for a letter
from you this sometime we
are all well and hope this will
find you the same
write as soon as you can and
tell us when you are coming home
Leonard sends his love and wants
you to come home and that is
what they all say From your
Sister Hannah W Sawyer

we talk of having a new road
from the lower corner to the creek
the commissioners would have
been on before now had it not been
for the Small Pox

Hannah
April 22 1760

Wynn Oct 1st 1861

My Dear Ukil

Though sister Fannie I learn of your kind wishes in regard to me - nothing would give me such real pleasure as a long letter from yourself. My business is very poor indeed - I as well as many others caught the Ail fever the time it was so prevalent - I invested nothing my business to do so my fate was the same as the majority total loss - I would like a change I wish to make money faster than it is possible in Tex just at present - is there any chance for me out there? can you give me any encouragement I always wished to go to California

but as long as my Dear Mother was
on earth I could not gain her consent
and I would not go with out it
now the case is different all is
changed I can come and go as I wish
it is my wish to get in to something
to make money - I can make money
at any thing if I only have the chance
my own business or any other I care not
what I am willing to work if I can make
money - I have not forgotten my happy
boyhood school days nor the Unfil teachers
and I would dearly like to see your face
again more I beg you will take
into consideration what I have written
and let me know at your earliest
convenience - I have a Oil painting
of my Mother that is like life
painted from a likeness with kind
love to yourself & wife

from myself & wife

Remain Your Affectionat. Son
J. H. Sawyer

J. V. J. Sawyer
Oct 1/67