

San Juan de los Remedios. Jan 18th 1849.

Mr Stephen F. Halton.
Yalem Mass.

Dear Fred.

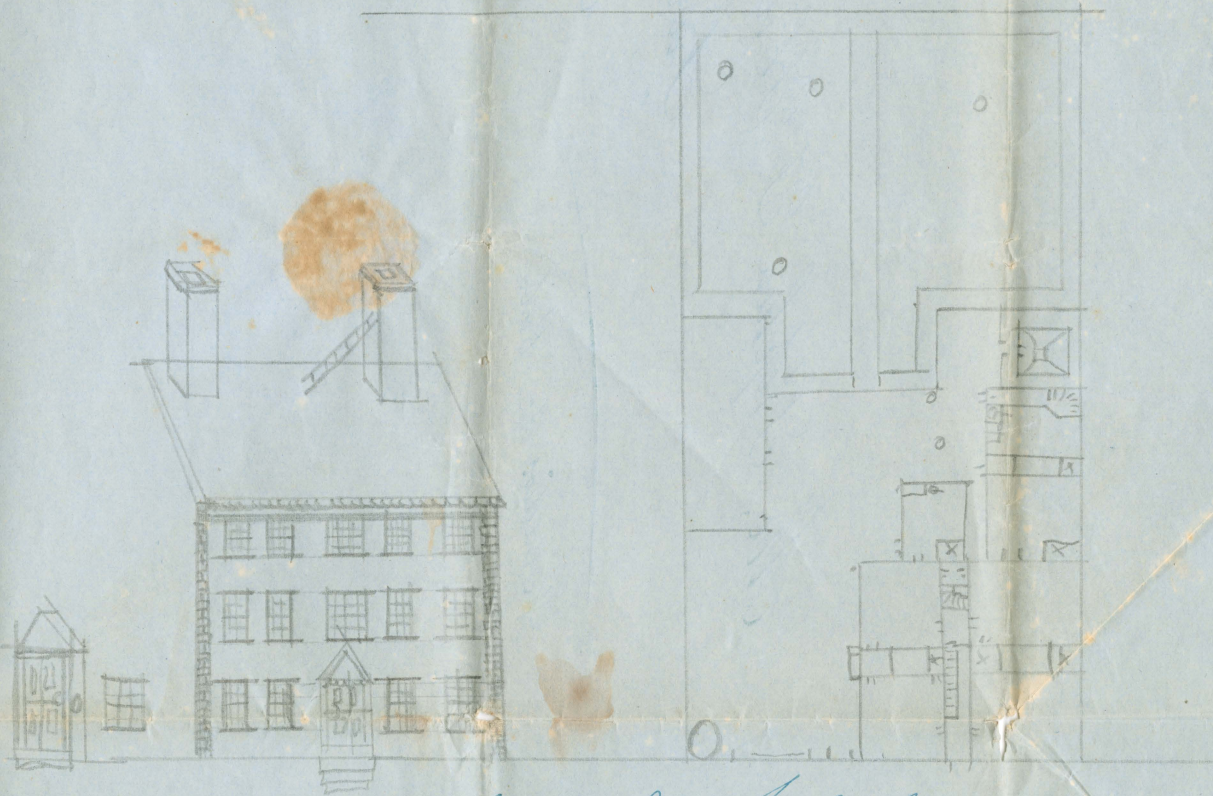
Not having seen any letters from you in my bundle I thought I would give you another touch up, although I have written to you once from this dear little town, I tried to get you a chance to come out with us but was disappointed in not seeing you come out.

It is a hard place to live in but we enjoy ourselves very well. Abram and I have done most of the carpenter work but they have hired a spanish carpenter to lay a large plank floor in a shed in the yard we were not sorry to get clear of that job as it is very heavy work. I only did the finishing and nice work myself.

I believe I told you what a fine comfortable vessel the Caroline is I think I never made a pleasanter passage than I did coming out in her, and I hope I shall be so fortunate in my passage home in a few months from now. ah the best part of going to sea is the getting home part, the old saying is true, the joys of a far are the hopes of returning. I like this place on some accounts better than I did Cienfuegos, the people are more sociable, more full of fun and frolic, and the girls seem more like yankee girls. but there, I don't suppose that you want to hear anything about the girls as you are provided for in that line. I wish you would write and let us know about the dancing parties and what kind of times they are having about home. I hope that you are enjoying yourselves as well as I am out here.

I hope to hear that business will open brisk
in the spring and that carpentering will be good
but I don't really think you will ever be able to
do any thing at it in Salem, to make it profitable.
I suppose that carpenters generally can earn enough to
pay for their board and clothes but what is that for a
young man. I think it is a hard place for a mechanic,
especially a young one, it is a very good place for pleasure
parties, for dancing and picnicing and going to church, and
when you have said that you have said all, but going
boat sailing, nor to church, nor to a picnic or dance will bury
the "children frocks." you know. and therefore it is the best
way for any apprentice or soon as he becomes free, to make
tracks, I do not mean tracks to read, but tracks in the mud.
Pray remember me kindly to your dear Lattie, that is, if
you are in the habit of going there yet, give my respects
to Henry Southwick if you see him, also any other engineering
friends. and after you have read this if you will please jump
over the town pump you will oblige the subscriber, please
accept my best wishes for your health and prosperity and
believe me still your affectionate brother Henry G. Hubbs

P.S. Not having had any letter from you I hardly knew what to say but I must say that I hope you will not be in the habit of stopping out all night this winter because we all thought that that is what caused your sickness last season.



This is the house that Jack built.
I'll send home a picture of a Barbican house one of those days.

J

Mr. Stephen F. Hobson.

Salem.

Ms. B.

Manuel de Cuba



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**CORRESPONDENCE - Letter from Henry G.
Hubon to his brother Frederick, 1849 January 18**



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