

Mount Carmel May 17th

Dear Mother

I received your letter in due season for which I felt thankful it being at the time I was alone, & I would have answered it before now but was waiting for Creighton to come home, he left herth 2 of Feb for Philadelphia to have an operation which took place the first of March the weight of the tumor was 6 pounds, he got home 7 of May his health is not very good. When Creighton left

Mary Ann came and staid with me awhile, then I went there and staid until time to make garden, while I was there you and James wer often the theme of our conversations, too try to tell how anxious they ar to see you and the questions they ask is impossible for me to do when it comes to scratching it down this way, but you & James just come over if you please, & I will try to tell you ^{how} I wanted to see you for i feel as though it wer impossible for me to stay alone, some times I go in the garden and pull weeds till I am tired and then i think if you wer there with some thing amusing to tell how I would like too go in but as it is in care but verry little whether I go or not

I wrote to Wm Ledgerwood this spring there are no changes in his family but what you have heard, Aunt Nancy McE is dead & the rest of the family has moved to Missouri uncl W Ledgerwood bought the Farm

I have not heard from Grana Father since last fall he was well then and Mr Lilly said as sprightly