

North Kingstown April 8<sup>th</sup> 1865

Dear Cousin

I have neglected to write for a long time and will not ask you to excuse me again. I was very much pleased get your husband's picture if he looks like that he is a nice looking man I would like to see him to have the pleasure of calling him cousin, do try when his time is out to get him to bring you east, to see your easter friends how I wish you would, I will tell you some news I have got a little boy was born 22<sup>nd</sup> of December last he weighs 20 lbs and is three months old he has very black eyes his name is Richard Green. I will say this, no woman knows what married life is until she has a baby. What do you think? I was sick 2 nights and days before my baby was born he weighed 10 lbs. Tell your father that Uncle Ambrose is going to live with his daughter

Lydia she married a man by the name of Geo.  
Combs and lives in your State, what county I  
do not know. Father and Mother are both real  
beebles and Gylil has moved up there to stay  
as long as they live she says I am glad of it for they  
are not well enough to live alone. Mother is  
staying with me a few days now she sends love to  
you, your Father's Mother, says she would like to  
see you all but she will never come there  
for she has a great horror of a steamboat  
if ever I go west I will surely see you if it  
is so I know where you are. my husband  
has a brother in Illinois and I have been  
breeding myself with the idea of some times  
going there it may be some years to come  
but better late than never, I am going  
to have my baby's picture taken as soon  
as he can sit alone if he lives I will  
send you one when I do.

I saw Aunt Harriet two weeks ago she is  
looking as young as some women of 50 years  
and she is all of 75 years old.

I dont know of much  
more to interest you please excuse long delay  
and write me the news yours

Latilla

I can hardly think of any  
punishment strict enough for  
him But if he should fall  
into the hands of our  
Officers I think it would  
be better for him if a  
millstone were hanged about  
his neck and then cast  
into the depths of the sea  
I am glad to know that  
the attempted plot was  
not carried out any farther  
If it had been carried out  
to its fullest extent it  
would have been a great  
deal worse than it is  
now. But I guess you  
don't care anything about  
reading such letters so  
I will commence another  
subject. I commenced  
to attend school last week

Scholar C. H. New York  
May 7<sup>th</sup> 1865

My Dear Sister

again Dan commences  
to pen another letter to his  
kind Sister of whom he so  
often wishes to see. Having just  
finished writing some letters  
I find I have time enough  
to write another, and not  
knowing of any one that I had  
rather write to than you  
I trust you will receive  
it with patience and not  
think that I crowd myself  
too often of late in your presence  
I have just been reading and

account of the capture and death of "Booth" the villain who murdered our late President and while I regret that they did not take him alive yet I rejoice that he is where he can no more pursue the occupation of our assassin I think that if he had been taken alive we might perhaps have ascertained from him something more of the terrible tragedy which has been committed. At any rate if he had been caught alive they could have had the satisfaction of hanging him. But there are facts disclosing every day in relation to the assassination and I hope the time may soon come when every person

who was in any way connected with the assassination may be brought to justice I see a large reward offered on the head of Jeff Davis facts have been discovered against him which lead to the suspicion of his having a hand in the assassination. I hope and pray that they may catch him even if they cannot any of the others so think that a man after laboring in so unjust a cause as he has been for the past four years and having been defeated then to take the course that ~~has~~ we claim he has had never ought to be suffered to live Hanging would be too good for him

I do not know how long  
I shall attend. It is not  
so good a school as I  
would like to attend at  
for that reason I think  
I shall attend only a half  
term and wait until I  
can attend at better and  
I have received no letters  
from Sie since since I  
have been in Schobarie  
I have written him three  
letters and have received  
an answer to none  
I do not see into the  
reason of it I have not  
heard from him since  
the heavy battles at the  
time. He surrendered  
I hope you will be so  
kind as to let me know

where he is. and I will  
write him another letter  
Domic is getting on very  
well so that he is about  
the streets Received a letter  
from Annesville last week  
folks were well I would  
like to be up there a little  
while to day There is a  
funeral sermon to be preached  
here for a soldier that was  
killed in battle a short time  
ago and as it is time to  
~~advice~~ go if I intend to  
I must close. I feel like  
anything but writing letters  
to day and as I am  
not indebted to you for  
any you will have to  
excuse me for this time  
Accept this with lots of love  
from Sam

Write Soon Mate

here are also.

Griff, folks are well blessed and  
Happily I suppose. Received  
a letter from Dad last  
week he expected them to be  
in Albany soon to be musters  
out. I shall go down if  
I know when he is there  
It is pleasant to feel  
assured that he will be  
with us again. and I  
thank God that he has  
been spared thro' for  
The fourth of July will soon  
be at hand and we <sup>have</sup> ~~may~~  
<sup>reasons</sup> to celebrate it with more  
independence than we have  
for many years. I have  
not as yet made up my  
mind how I shall ~~may~~  
celebrate it. but I may go  
in Albany as they intend  
to have a pretty big time  
there. You will have to see

the obituary of  
this letter and  
it is about 47  
O'clock and  
must be up  
early in the morning  
Pledge these few  
words with love  
of love from  
your ever  
affectionate  
Brother  
Dad  
Mate  
Please write  
soon J. C. Low  
Schoharie Co N.Y.  
17<sup>th</sup> of June 1865  
Mr. Chas. Sister

Again that "green  
chick" as he has been called  
is ushered into your  
presence. Mate I presume  
that by this time you wonder  
what has become of Dad  
and what is the reason  
he does not answer your  
letter. I will now answer  
both questions. Dad is  
here in Schoharie yet  
and the reason he has  
not answered your letter  
is just this I was home  
in Louisvile at the time

your letter arrived. was  
gone about a week and  
as soon as I came back  
the Principal of the Academy  
went away and left me  
in charge of his classes which  
kept me busy in the day  
time and evenings I have  
been attending lectures and  
as you are of an amiable  
disposition I feel satisfied  
that you will excuse me  
I do not know but you  
have heard the news from  
Leavesville since I was there  
but I will mention what-  
ever I received. I found  
the folks well. But soon  
learned that there had  
been an increase in  
the base families. They must  
think up there that the base  
are very good stock and

never mean to let it  
run out. But they are coming  
so fast I fear there will  
be a turning point by and  
bye and they will begin to  
pop away I suppose by  
this time you are asking  
who it is. Well I will tell  
you. John Coates wife has  
a boy the other one can  
not walk yet. I don't  
know whether they have two  
cradles or whether they put  
one under the bed at  
any rate I did not see  
but one of them whilst I  
was there. May God bless  
them and protect them  
and may the children grow  
up and make us smart  
Persons as their Parents  
I almost forgot to say  
that Ed Richman's wife



she leaves a young child  
her loss is deeply felt in  
the circle of her acquaintance  
As duty beckons you will  
please excuse my hasty close  
of my letter and write one  
soon I send you that  
pattern you will have to make  
it some smaller Give Mr Com  
my love and tell him I hope  
he takes better care of his  
tobacco but cigar case I wish  
for time to also that pot pie  
I mention just relished. - yay  
This other day over to the  
pack and but I did not think  
of him since please excuse a hasty  
Close for I have now done

Write me soon Yours truly Frank C

August 6<sup>th</sup> / 65

Dear Cousin

Water it is  
Sunday afternoon and after  
trying various methods to pass  
long Sunday have finally  
resorted to this one (writing you)  
but will not promise you  
any thing very interesting for  
I do not feel in that mood  
although it be ~~near~~ and  
night It has been raining  
since but has now cleared  
away and all nature has  
shown her prettiest smile for



we anticipated we are now  
engaged in sowing our wheat &  
then we have our Corn to secure  
then I am going to take a trip  
some where I dont know which  
way I shall go but think some of  
going West at present if I do  
I shall perhaps call on you for a short  
time. When you read this of  
miserable ~~hand~~ <sup>manuscript</sup>  
pleas put it in to the fire for  
I am ashamed of my hand  
writing Give my respects  
to all the friends & tell them we  
would like to see here in Newfield

Yours &c  
D. M. Kellogg

Newfield Sep 3, '66

Dear Gridd

I hope you  
will excuse me for not  
answering your letter  
before this as I am not  
very much in the habit  
of writing late years. it  
is somewhat of a task for  
me to sit down and  
compose my thoughts to  
the one idea of letter  
writing. We are all enjoying  
good health I believe ~~except~~  
the exception of Henry Todd  
who is troubled with the  
heart ache but before  
this reaches you he will  
be very much relieved  
as he intends to be

married in a few days  
Frank is at home & I don't  
think she has sold her Skap  
yet & as for picnics they  
have played out for  
the present & weddings  
have superseded them.

Grandfather has  
been quite unwell  
for the past week  
but is some better  
now I saw him last  
evening. He looks very  
feble for him.

You think Matilda was  
glad when you was gone  
she speaks of you often &  
I don't think that she would  
object to marry if she could find  
some one that would suit  
her whether he was a widower  
or a bachelor you can

recomend her as high as  
you please. I will warrant  
that she will come up to  
the standerd. The young  
widower that took Frank  
to the picnic has located  
himself in Thence & is  
selling meat on a larger  
scale than he was in  
Newfield. Perhaps those  
ladies that take such  
a fancy to my picture  
would like to see the  
original <sup>if they may before they are aware</sup> for I am get-  
ting in rather an unsteady  
frame of mind & may  
take a stroll out through  
Stryker'sville this fall if  
I should & they would  
like to see me I would be  
happy to oblige them.  
We are having very fine weather  
here & crops are better than

up by the Good Templers of which  
we are members. I do not know  
what we shall do New Year. There  
is a grand ball here, but I do not  
attend those so that will do me  
no good. I suppose Sid is not  
sorry that he is out of the army  
or you either. I tell you if I am  
not a happy child with William  
at home. his practice is a going to  
be large and he will of necessity  
be away a good deal, but that  
is not like having him in the  
army among dangers of all kinds.  
His health is not a good as before.  
he went to war nor never will be  
I am afraid.

I must finish my letter  
now I want you to write me soon  
and tell me all the news. What  
is Louisa and Horatio's battle about  
I should think when every one is  
getting married, it would put

them in the action. give my respects to all the friends. so  
James Potter and Lucretia  
those finally made up and  
are married or going to  
be. William sends his  
direct good night -  
From Louisa  
Mumie

Sabbath Afternoon.  
Proqua Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 1865.

This pleasant evening  
I will answer your letter if nothing  
interferes. I have been to a funeral  
to day of one of our most honored  
inhabitants, a man of honesty, in-  
tegrity, and virtue. he leaves a  
large circle of friends to mourn his  
loss. his family are grown up.  
to day is the first of six days  
that one hardly dare peep out of  
dozes, least he should freeze his  
nose. I never saw colder weather  
here only once. I am in hopes we  
are now going to have sleighing.  
for it is not a very to be in a wagon  
in winter, especially if one has to go  
far, Christmas is close by, and I

am going home day after tomorrow  
if anything occurs to prevent. I have  
not been home since I moved  
here three months ago. It seems  
a good while, when only fifteen  
miles from home. Father has been  
out twice and so has Eugene.  
I want to see Elijah baby I have not  
seen it. Alice has a boy. I do not  
know their names.

I wish I could run  
in as I used to last winter. I really  
would enjoy it. I can tell you,  
I should think you would come  
west and settle, it is so much  
better for beginners, Cousin James  
Hall of Sardinia has moved up  
where Hatt and Alf live, if they  
keep on they will all get to  
Grand Rapids before long.  
It is a nice country there, such  
large peach orchards some as  
large as apple orchards down

where you are. I like Michigan  
very much. How is all of the folks  
Uncle Ines family and Amos  
and Pitt. I want you to tell me  
the particulars about everyone  
that I care to hear about and that  
most all of the people of S.  
How is Mrs Fuller give her my  
love and Mr G. too I would  
like to see her very much. I think  
a great deal of her, and always  
take comfort in her society, she  
is an excellent woman, tell her Sarah  
is the same old sixpence, she has  
got out with most everybody.  
She is a peculiar Sarah, you ought  
to hear her howl at the little boys  
they delight in tormenting her, to  
see her fly, no matter who is by  
she spits forth her venom just  
the same.

What did you do thanks  
giving? I attended a Festival gotten