

Brothertown Aprth 16 1859

Dear Abba L

The reason why we have not written to you before this was because the babe was so sick he has the whooping cough and has got it very hard to ~~that~~ the next day after you went away he was so sick that Dr Cary thought he would not live and I was afraid he would not live until your Father got home again and then he seemed a little better and then he grew worse again and since your Father got home he has been so sick that we was afraid he would not live but he ~~is~~ now better and we are in hopes he will get along if nothing new sets in with what he has got and since you went away Electa Fowler has died and ~~Le~~ Jesse Wiggins died the same day and Elizabeth Hart is very sick and Maria Wiggins is not expected to live and I guess that is all that is sick only your uncle Ransom Babe has the ~~cough~~ too we miss you very much and it seemed to me as if you was coming home from visiting some where and I would think you was coming every moment and I hope you have got over being home sick by this time and enjoying yourself first rate and learning all you can and be good Girls both if you now I mean and let us see how fast you have improved your time when you return and take good care

of your healths both of you and Abba when you write ~~to~~ let me
know how your Cough is ^{and} all about yourself and what you think
of the school and place and how you are getting along and how
many days you were home sick. Mr Bease and that is the
old man and Henry and Ebenezer Wing have sold out
and are going to Minnesota in May. Eliza Marthers
work for me and is going to untill Lame is well and she
send her love to you and says is well and doing well and is
in hopes you are your Grandmother is here patching as usual
and send her love and say she is not very well. Net says I
may put down ~~most~~ most anything I am a mind and so
I will tell you he has got the whooping Cough and Bepie
has got it but not very bad and she sends her love to you
Mr and Mrs Washburn send their love and best wishes to
you. I am going to send you an account of that man that
was found on the lake shore and also of that man that
killed his wife in Fondulac rite now as I told you
for I cannot afford to rite if you would and rite soon as
you get this

Your affectionately

Amanda Jane Fowler