

N. York Dec. 27th 1829

Dear Emma

I read your affectionate interesting
and well written letter to Julia. And I can
not let another day pass without showing
you that you are not forgotten by at least
one of the family. I can easily conceive
that there is much in your situation to
repress a spirit so gentle as yours but be-
lieve me tho' we do seem to have forgotten
you there are many here who feel the warm-
est interest in your welfare and who dwell
with peculiar satisfaction upon the
aid you contribute to your Mothers
Spirited exertions.

Your uncle Phil: returned
from Rhode Island ~~on~~ ^{on} Monday
ago and if I recollect right he had visited
the Lake since - at all events he was there
this summer. The Place & the roads to it were
all in fine order. Phil. just had some Penns:

with as a companion & they both enjoyed
themselves very much. Your grandpa however
has not been able to ascertain whether Phil
could bestride the fine dog or not as he still
preserves a mysterious silence on that sub-
ject. His legs are now long enough to
prove that he was not refused to admittance
in the attempt. Mary I believe is quite
a belle at all the little parties she goes
to. She is as vivacious & Phil as demure
as ever. Maria & Cecilia Hoffman spent
the winter in town the first at Murray
the last at Lindsay. They will go to Short
Methuen & is in town & will probably remain
till Christmas. She was bridesmaid to Miss
Fish and looked very handsome. George
is still in town & will probably remain
till Spring. Tell Methuen I saw Jane Mayo
at Fish's looking very pretty. By the way
I got Mat's letter by Mr. Job yesterday for
which I thank her. I shall call on him

today and when she answers the 'Young
Mail' I sent her last week I will in reply
tell her what I think of her equestrian intui-
tion. As I know that I give much to know
while I think of it I'll mention that I
paid the postage on the Hoated Packet that
I sent - a precedent I shall always follow in
writing, or when a letter is not marked 'paid'
don't take it but send it home to be paid for
before you open it. Tom Dyer just now
interrupted me he desires his love to you &
fears you have grown too large to receive it.
Tell your Mother he is writing a book of 2
Octavo volumes. She may guess the charac-
ter of it Roman History or Poetry. I am sorry
my dear son that you find the Greek so
stupid. You must try & polish them: it is fast
if your manners are as formed as your head
writing you are competent to the task - tell
Methuen not to be annoyed by the first who is
so haughty. The child is foolish - a thing that

is a subject of Mirth or Joy but not annoyance
Join to my Dear Em. Must have to ride if you
have the opportunity it will improve your figure
your health & give elasticity to your spirit and
fit you for the harassing duties in which you
participate.

Miss Emma Nichols

Care of Mrs Nichols
Whitesboro
Oneida County

I must now bid you good bye - to my sweet girl and write
my letter from - write to me as you hoped to any dear
friend of your own age - and if my letter afford you
any gratification you shall have them often in re-
turn. Remember me affectionately to your Mother
Step & Metaba and believe always my dearest Emma
in the warm affection of your Uncle C. H. Hoffman