

West Newton, Mass.
October 24th 1881.

To the Relations of
Washington Irving,
Sunnyside.



It must now
be some eighteen or twenty
years, since a visitor at Sunnyside,
(Mrs George St Wales of Boston.)
was permitted to bear away with
her, as a souvenir of her visit, a
little slip of the ivy which so
beautified Mr Irving's delightful
abode.

The slip was successfully
reared into quite a flourishing
vine, when upon an occasion
of dining with Mrs Wales, a few
years after, my dear wife, (lately
deceased) became so interested

in the story of its blood and abolition
with William, Emma, the Blue
Eyes, &c. Mr. Daring, and
Daring's, that she began
a lady down, which was finally
granted. With regard to the
father watched over it, succeeded
in due time in wearing quite
a handsome one, and near
the end of recounting it, placing
strong. I have often thought
that an interesting sketch might
be written of its peculiar history,
and some from a few years ago,
began to look up some Memo's
for that purpose; but many
other matters interfere with
my intention.

On looking over some papers
not long since, I came across
the draft of the article which
I sent to you. Not having
the inclination to pursue the

subject further, I simply arranged
and corrected it, and sent it
along to the Press.
My attention has often been
called to descriptions of crabs
to Daring's and its relations
occasional, but I do not remember
of having seen any reference to the
origin of the ray, except in Mr.
Daring's, charming biography.
I therefore venture to send you
this little sketch, thinking it
might interest the readers of
Mr. Daring, to read a new version
of an interesting incident con-
nected with Daring's and
its current events.

Very respectfully
Yours
Gardner & Gates

