

Mount Forehem Oct 27. 1843

My Dear Son I most gratefully acknowledge sent back hearing of
your long and very interesting letter peculiarly interesting as you
have been on the bed of illness and that we are favoured by
your kind the best evidence of your complete recovery we have
all been peculiarly favoured that as you from facts have been
extremely I'll an immeasurable Blessing that we all have had
no knowledge of it until by your kind of a perfect recovery
what pains and what anxiety and distress have been spared your
kind parents Sisters and all the rest of us, a very great deal since
of gratitude is felt and expressed by us all for the kind and all
most affectionate attention you unceasingly rendered at the
hands of your valuable native citizens, their really express a
fostering Benignant Hand of a kind Providence and as they
have been the Instruments in his Hands an affectionate
gratitude on our part at all times and occasion when we
happy as ^{to} assured an opportunity, while on the subject of your
immediate family, you I presume know that your Father has part
his Farm from of his children and am informed is now engaged
at the instance of George Schuyler in some way with the proprietor
of one of our Eastern Rail Roads how far what you will excuse
my Ignorance, your Mother the two girls Uncle Elmer and Tom I believe
in the Brown, leaving in this month journeyed North spent two
days at Newport then visited every acquaintance on both sides of
the River to Andover then dropped your Mother and the two girls
they having business at Lebanon but finding a car stating
the short time in going to the great Falls Buffalo by the way of Troy
they go and attend to the Albany business on their return, but
during their absence a Mercantile Boat arrived at Night Brook upon
his Carriage House and carried off the splendid English Carriage
Hennies, and all his Coachman's Cloths leaving him nothing
but what he stood in, the Th. cars have been elicited some where
in our Western Country and the House moved, but the
Coachman's Cloths found a more ready sale and not so
conspicuous we have not seen your Mother an unusual length.

of time but hear of her good health and Spirit every few days
we send Mary and Lucy at Uncle Tom's but a few days ago
Tom and Fern are now in Town we are informed leaving their
Town House for I know not how long

This day and tomorrow our County Knowings are at the
Plains Commemorating in great Noise, expense, & splendor, the
Memorable ^{Battle} there between the British & our Army it must
however be but a lengthened Nigging as it is called that we
got the worst of it, your Uncle and limits of my family are all
as usual well, your Uncle Bob's wife excepted who is ^{as} you left her
and probably will never be less troublesome. Bob is in good
Health and Spirit all things considered, will of choice leave his
office in the Spring, he spent 3 Weeks with Ferns and two with
him this last summer and all my Grand Children as promising
as Heart could wish, Uncle Phil and Brie are comfortably at
House Keeping and as that subject is probably a Hobby with
Mary and Lucy to you will be silent, your Sister Fern & George who
suffered much with a City Fever called the Tiler grip have spent
much of their summer with your Mother and Eliza who is quite
spring in her little Cottage, George however has been much away
muddling in Steam Boats and Rail Roads of all which however
true I am unable at present to throw more light upon
I will now come Home your Grand Mother enjoys a good
Health as best friend of her life. Law and Emma are as well as
almost every day going some where will permit, they have
been in Town now this evening most of 3 days but last the
last Master Foreman is certainly unequalled in his generation,
if of profession means anything it means every thing that
can with confidence be built upon as unvariable, he begins
to slip and say some few words and at this early period
shows all Horse, Lewis is improving his farm and
old Building with much taste, he has now Harrowed nearly
800 Bushels of first rate potatoes, and his Corn Crop for

exceeds in extent and quality any thing previous or high Bridge
crossing the Harlem will when finished far exceed any thing in this
new world. Lewis has so managed with that institution who from
necessity make an abundance of manure that he is making a
perfect Garden of his 100 acres which excepting his actual garden
will be splendid mowing ground, procuring at this distance from
Town that produce will be much cheaper made and find at all times
a better and a more ready Market more particularly as our City is
extraordinarily growing in every direction and ⁱⁿ importance and the daily
increase of Rail Roads and Steam Boats can abundantly glut our
Markets with every species of produce with more convenience and less
expense and Risk than that our ordinary article. Alas but I forget
that all this Nigmarole Story is not in your line, no life would yours be
in mine, but as I am out of my path permit me to annex you
with something new in both our lines, this last summer a Clerical
State Convention was held and enough to state that our Clerical and
lay Members generally took opposite sides
with some warmth and which as might be
expected was a breach not easily healed, our
Bishop saw fit to Ordain a young man
educated regularly in our Theological Seminary who from
unquestionable evidence had a strong leaning to Catholic principles
and has since made conspicuous confirmation of that fact and who
is now ordained to preach in our Church and who now avows
that he has acted and been governed under the advice of Bishop
Haw, verily the idea that in that situation he could be of more
service to send Home Catholic Institution, now this I consider a
serious division and a ramble quite out of the question our
Bishop was previous in Convention informed of this state of things
by Lathrop and Smith the Bishop perceived and those two clergy
left the Church, now any Son I have spun out a long story and our
very remote situation is the only apology my aged friends can devise
Law Emma & Boy are still in Town and your aged Grand Mother the
only joint Inhabitant with me

A. Herrington Jun

Affectionately Yours &c

Wm. Morris

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Mr. J. H. H. H.
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