

Kingsville March 8 1849

Dear Sister

I have been waiting a long time and have thought there was no use in writing for I had nothing of the least importance to write about community and matters of a local nature could not ~~excite your sympathy~~ things in which we are called to participate and to take an interest, would be uninteresting to an entire stranger: and as we move silently along the even tenor of our ways and leave scarcely a wake behind us and as we silently perform our small part in the great drama of human life it leaves no impression on the mind worth treasuring or the time of friends and indeed we scarcely feel that our days are swiftly and surely passing away that we are so quickly hastening to that unseen world to which so many of our friends have been hurried so deeply are we enraptured by the syrrian song of life that friends and friendships as enduring as our system and cemented by ten thousand endearing ties roll back upon our minds like the fleeting shadows of a dream - we regret our neglect excuse ourselves and again sink back into the same forgetful state resumed

our steady pace along life's beaten track
until another ripple on its surface attracts
our attention and brings us back to sensibility
and thus without any real permission of
regard we often give our friends reason to
chide us for our neglect and often cause
them to think that we have banished them
from our remembrance — we came from
~~Walthamfield~~ yesterday it has been rather
more chilly there this winter than usual
Ann's family is well Ann told me
she had lately received a letter from
you and that you intended to come out
there this season and that you wished
me to give you some directions as to
where you can find me I am very
glad to do it as this is the best place
for you to come to as you will have to
come to Cornucop or Leshtabula and as
Hingsville is directly between them you can
come from either place by stage (7 miles
from Cornucop & from Leshtabula) to Hingsville
Centre (1 mile from my house) once or twice
a day at least and I can ~~send~~ get you
from there by sending me word by some
messenger if you come by steambot it
will make no difference which place you
land at as boats that call at one generally
stop at both if you take stage at Erie or
east come directly to Hingsville the mail
stage usually comes in about 4 or 5 o'clock

To Mr. I believe I have given you all the
directions necessary - we all enjoy good
health for which we wish to be grateful
and hoping that a kind Providence may
mercifully vouchsafe to us all its protecting
care on earth and finally bring us to
the realms of light and rest is the
wish of

yours
W. Bourger Sr

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