

Windsor, Dec. 27th 1895

My dear Emma,

Thank you so much for the abstract of the "Larkin MSS. by", we shall prize it for its own sake, as well as for your kindness in copying it for us, this form is so much more convenient & satisfactory, than the Book, itself.

After receiving the Book from the author, he wrote us for what information we could give him about our family, deede, etc, thinking James Lewis might know the family record. I wrote him for the date of our grandparent's death, as he knew nothing of it, so we copied the date from the tomb stones, however, we should have kept a copy of them, I think I'll write him to do the same for us as a favor. (He would be delighted with a copy of the Abstract.)

My father died on May 16th 1862,
as near as I can remember you have
the names of all my father's sisters except
one, & one brother, Bartholomew, who
died in early manhood, his son Uriah
came to Canada, & married a lady near
Smithville, & lived there for several years,
I attended his wedding, he drove over to B.
for me, our cousin Walter Corwin,
who is living near us, is also writing
out an "abstract", we sent to H. J.
for some papers giving information
about my father's sisters families who
resided there, I can probably learn all
the sisters names from those papers,
which formerly belonged to cousin Aaron
Robertson, I will show cousin
Walter the 'abstract' you put us,
thinking it will be a help to him,
Grandfather Joseph Corwin married
Elizabeth Hixon, before I
knew that, I used to think some

remarkable it was, that the family
resemblance between the Corwin &
Hixon families was so distinct,
then too, Aunt Naomi also married
a Hixon,

In writing the names of my father's
family, please explain the meaning
of the eight capital letters between
my name & Phiscilla,

Later, All right, better yet than mine because
discovered a misspelled name crossed
out,

You ask about taxes on Delano lots
like ourselves, we thought it time that
they were looked up, & wrote to enquire,
in reply, they wrote they would notify
us in time, which they did; though they
probably would not, had we not inquired
so, on receiving your letter, I wrote them
to notify you. The taxes for our two
lots were less than a dollar, all the
same, if not paid, they will be sold for taxes,

I am just down
 from town all
 the day had some
 is packing you at
 last, you have
 kind love from
 Mother, brother &
 Angus, as well
 as Judge & John
 & his being all
 of you with some
 specimens of the
 season, & some
 grasses, & some
 Lasa & H. & G.
 P.S. Yes, we saw the
 plants, Joe Spencer's
 we thought Jane
 resembled it -
 do you see the like
 area?

We are all well, both here & at Edgars,
 with the exception of young Brookfield,
 he does not improve much, owing to
 unfavorable weather, I think, this is a
 "dry" rainy season, such as we used
 to read of in the early days of California
 they do not often occur, but very un-
 pleasant when they do, there has been no
 eastern mail for the last ten days, land slides
 & washouts delaying it, business here is
 greatly put about, so are numerous others,
 especially these holiday times,
 we had a letter from Celia Wauverton lately,
 she tells us of her son Edgars poor health,
 he had rheumatism & inflammation of lungs,
 last spring, which left him with a cough,
 they are thinking of sending him to River side,
 & wrote for information, The other friends
 were all well, Celia Norman & her two babies,
 & Miss Dinsley,

The journal you speak of
 was destroyed, as the writing had become
 quite illegible, but I remember so
 well, that with the recorded dates, I
 can probably tell all the Judge
 wants to know,
 we were married on Aug. 19th 1845,
 started on our journey to Mo. Sept. 18th
 drove to Shippena, Jane & John Ribben
 going that far with us, we then took
 boat to Buffalo, stopped over night
 & next day again went by steamer
 to Toledo, then went by canal
 to Cincinnati, left Toledo Sat. night
 & arrived at Cincinnati next Sat. a.m.
 this was quite the pleasantest part
 of our journey, the passengers all being
 pleasant, sociable people,
 we then at once secured passage on
 steamer for St Louis, & went on board,
 from that time until Monday P.M.
 the captain waited for more passen

P.S. at that
time the railway
from bridge, a fall
too far off a bit, was
thereby very
in the country

gers, keeping up steam, but we
went about the city all the same,
Saturday night, went to the opera, Sunday
went to church, etc, altogether, we enjoyed
the time, just before sunset, the last
passenger came on board, & the
steamer kept her roarings, encompassed
some interesting, historical places
along the river before dark, & was
sorry to have the sun set so soon,
The river at that time, was very low,
so that sometimes the boat ran aground.
Arrived at Cairo, the only thing for hotel
was an old steamboat, & not a building
beside, we arrived at St Louis on Sunday
A.M. in the evening went to hear the Celebrated
Sedgwick preach, spent Monday buying
furniture, which with our other belongings was
sent on board, & we followed suit, arriving at
Newell just three weeks from the time we
left New Orleans, all the way by water, S. Kelley