

I am starving for a letter from you your father sends love
I give my best love to
Henry I hope I wish
you could both come
and see us

God bless you
all & make
you his
to the daily
prayer of
both
father
& mother

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My Dear Harry

What has come over

you all, that we get no letters from you
dont you my dear boy begin to neglect
us in our old age, it is quite enough
for your father & mother to do so, without
your falling in to the same habit I, having
been confined to the house since October
until quite recently I have rode out a few times
& have been in, to some of the neighbors when
it is pleasant. having been shut up in close
confinement all winter I have so longed for
letters, & never had so few consequently time
has dragged slowly & it has been an old fashion^d
winter with no thaw to affect the ice at
all until the last of Feb when we had a
big one, all winter the Brook by Stickneys, has
overflowed all winter & frozen until it had

formed a regular Pier so that when the ice
which had broken up & was all coming down
for miles & miles, & the ice some of it measured
30 & 32 inches thick, & coming with all the
mad strength the Anseble is capable of &
your father can tell you what that is, when
it struck that, the whole mass of ice &
water stopped so suddenly that that it was
set back covered the Tobey flats & ours on the
other side so it was a perfect sea the house
& barns were completely surrounded with
water & the cellar full so they had to flee
their country, & went to ferries & staid till
next day & they cannot cross the river
yet it took all the next day with fifty
or sixty men to cut a road through the
ice it was piled five feet high most of the
way from the Handus place up to the upper
end of the dock it is melting away fast
and will probably remain as it is until
it melts unless there should come a hard
rain How are you getting along write

me all about everything Tell your father with
all the leisure time he has I think he might
write to his father & Mother as often as once a
month but instead of that his last letter was
dated the 19 of last March more than a year
it is very hard work for me to write for I have
a lame side & it is hard work to sit long
enough to write a letter but will answer all your
father or Mother will write Tell your father
William White was buried last Friday
& Mrs Anson Bigelow died this winter
from heart disease Poor dead misses her very
much, & can hardly be reconciled your
Grandpas health is better than it has been
in 20 years Uncle Clark is very much better
Wallace goes to John Rogers next Monday
gets the first year 100, with board & washing
which is pretty good these times Uncle Gibbs
& family all well & all other friends so far
as we know your Grandpa Clough was
here to dinner Friday on his way to Plattsburgh
was well & Flora & family were well he is

Remember them to your Mother Mrs. Mary Case

Mrs Weston & Mrs Sumner wish to see you until she writes to Grandma
going to live with them as soon as he gets his matters settled James has bought

a farm of 200-30 acres in the town of Johnston about 30 miles from Waterbury
Good ^{by} Now Harry I must write a little
Patie write soon to Grandma

My Dear Patie

I would give 100

much if I could only stop in & see you all this
lonesome weather today is not very cold but dark
& dreary looking, one that makes any ^{one} feel as if they
wanted some one to come, or want to go somewhere

I think there is a storm coming. What are you
doing this spring at work or in school? Why
have you not written, I have looked in vain for
a letter until I am tired are you going to have a
flower garden this summer & do you keep plants
how are you all getting ^{on} write & tell me all
everything about yourself do the children grow

I wish I could see you all the time Carthy comes
& stays a night occasionally but he is all they have
& cant spare him long at a time Good by write

time dont give mother any
or I shall be glad to see you