

Uncle Parsons three miles east
of Martinsburg Dec 30th 78

Dear Brother

I shall have to mend
Uncles old Goosequill Pen as it wont
go I am now sitting by Uncles Parson's fire
Aunt is Combing her hair to look nice
as she has Company and she is through
getting breakfast and washing dishes.
and Uncle has gone out to feed his
Horse they are a remarkable pair very
glad to see me and live a short distance
from Albans and Ansilo you would think
to hear Uncle and Aunt talk about old
times with me they were still sparkling
one another, it has been a snowing
five or six days and I had a good deal
of trouble to get here, found Uncle in
the wood house getting a handful of
wood he says walk in and warm our
says I sir you have got a hard looking
anewly Country here sir ~~old~~ oh that
is nothing sir see you have a plenty
of Wood and provishions on hand Aunt
came down from up stairs and took a
look at me they were very much astonished
when they found out who I was what
says Aunt you aint that white headed
Curley haired little boy that was at

Books when we were in Meriden last,
I looked for a letter from you in Meriden
but got none, when I rode you from Chester
after meeting Ike Bill and the girls next
morning took wagon and went out to
Littleville and stayed over day and promis-
ed to come back again as Ben was not at
home - went on to Meriden found them
all well went to Boston and back to Meriden
then to New York and Washington then
back to Meriden had a good deal of
talk of all kinds the Fiveses are Democrats
the Fosters in Meriden are Moxed some
what with us Called on Doctor ~~—~~
Bailey Steane an original Democrat I
Called on our fat Cousins and Aunt Lucy
and Jerry and about Demy and our
Cousin the Catholic Bishop in New York
stayed one night with Othniel Fives one
night with Dr Foster two nights with
Eli Butler who is coming out to look at
Prescott in the spring in reference to
locating a house for trade, but spent
the most of my nights at Hiram as it
seemed most at home - and started back
about a week ago by the way of New Haven
home found Ben at home all well had a
good deal of talk about the west Ben
says he is coming out soon Ike says

he won't come but he will come sure
Bill has no Political sympathy with Ben or
Ike they won't go the isms at all would
make good Democrats, Ben thinks that
Lester of his out west is an awful smart
Woman he is a pity ever to have him
Come out and see her, stopt two nights
with Ben Bill wants me to let him know
if I get horses in St Lawrence Co NY -
what time I shall leave Chg for home
and is a going to meet me and com through
with me - Ben took me to the Opera and
started me home - four cars gone this
away from home and took the stage
for Durin to find Uncle Barn got lost
in the snow two or three times - found
Uncle lived at or near Martinsburg stayed
one night in Durin snowing all the while
found Selden Iris lived two miles from
town made out to get there glad to
me would give any thing to see Isaac
stayed one night said if would stay
next day would take me to Uncle
Aarons - Caught the Stage and got
to Martinsburg Uncle three miles east
Landlord says can't get there unless
the people open the road thinks they
will and sure enough they did
and here I am and Uncle is sleeping

Rasor so that I can have a chance I have
spend one night with Alben in with offside
and one with Uncle and tomorrow Amosil
takes me to Laronill on my road to
Cousins Hookers, Uncle Aaron is a
straight out Democrat in every respect
so is Alben Amosil is a little mixed
I am going to spend the night with Amosil
and must close this as Uncle is setting
very uneasy his mouth watering to Commer
talking and has got the Cider all drawed
and says give my love to all of them
Uncle says till I seeac that I have wrote
to him and havnt got no answer
but that he and Aunt have not forgot
them and now he knows where you are
he shall right you a good long Letter

Your Brother

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