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JANUARY 1855 FAMILY LETTERS

San Diego Jan 29th 1856.

Dearest husband.

I know not if you will be in San Francisco to receive my letter, but I must write to you, as I cannot see your dear face, Your dear little Jack and myself are pretty well. Jack has the colic to night and I am trying all I can to relieve him, I have been giving him Sage tea, but they tele me that Calrsp tea is best for him. I would like you to get me some it comes done up in small papers. Oh how I long for your return I try to be cheerful and keep busy all the time, for I think that time passes more quickly when I am busy. I dream of you every night, and when I wake up I cannot help looking on your side of the bed for you. I hope you think of Jack and myself often for we are here alone and as faithful

and as true as we can be. We are not sleeping
at Crosthwaite's now, as Jack took a heavy
cold taking him backwards and forward so
often, Mrs Robinson said he would surely
be sick if I did not keep him at home.
So I concluded to stay at home. Mr Morse
sent Mr Sutton over to ask me if I would
like him to sleep in the house. I said
just as he felt about it. Now they sleep
over here, and Tom Darnell sleeps in the
store. I wish you were home with us, two
weeks more seeing so long to wait, but I
will not give way to my feelings now but
wait patiently your return to your little
family. I think you will find Jack much
improved, he is growing fast his little arms
are getting quite fat. I know you would
give anything to see him now. I hope
dearest husband that you will succeed in
your undertakings, May you be successful,
with regard to your lot — try and arrange
all your affairs while in San Francisco
so that you may not be obliged to leave
home again. Mr Sutton sleeps in the
house too now that Mr & Mrs Morse do.
He is perfectly sober and himself once
more. he has kept straight ever since
you left, as says he will never drink anything

P.S. Little Jack sends
love to
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also
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a nursery
I must
God bless
loving wife

drop of tears. If hope you have persuaded
Mrs Whitwell to come down with you.
I feel so desirous that we shall all be very
much disappointed if she does not make
us a visit. Little Jack sends his love & kiss.
I send her my love. The steamer will
be here up to morrow but I do not expect
the letter from you by it, with I did
not expect longer than the three weeks
which you promised. I hope my dear
husband is well and enjoying himself
and not troubled in mind. Keep up good
spirits dearest and do not worry. Do
your business as you please but do not do
anything wrong. Prove to your wife remain
without and true to her and God
will prosper all your undertakings. Nothing
could induce me to do wrong, no I would
remain true to you if it cost me my
life. I would like you dearest to buy
one nice little night lamp, so that I can
in the night make him Calmep tea
as he is taken with colic pains, and
also Sweet Cat nip. You know what
kind of a lamp I mean, it is called
a nursery lamp, it will be very useful to me.
I must close dearest for I feel very sleepy
God bless you my dear husband. From your
loving wife Anna E. Whaley.

P.S. Little Jack sends his love & kiss.

Thomas Whaley Esq
Care of Wells Hedges & Pickett
No 75 D avid Street
San Francisco
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I fear he has called on you he
requested John to give him a
letter of enterduction to you
which he intended fully to do
when he saw him therefore you
will please apologise to him you
know J is plain in his manner
my love to all the little ones —
The winter has been so severe
that I have not been out only a few times
Mrs Smith called here yesterday sends
regards to you and family with happy Christmas
we are all comfortable thank mercy
no letter this 4 months write soon if
you receive Mr Smith cards visitte
and your papers Good bye your
Mother R W Bailey

Brooklyn Jan 20th 1865

My Dear Son this the comb
you presented to your Grandsire
Pye perhaps 20 years ago it was
given to me I take satisfaction
in sending it to you a he
prised it very highly I hope you
appreciate the return of it to
you and at some future day
hand it to whom you shall
think is the most worthy
this package is to go to Paris, If
in a box to Mr Col C S Bulkly

San Francisco January 10th 1853

Mrs Whaley.

Dear Friend!

I scarcely know how to tell you, how great was my pleasure, when I received your letter, which you was so kind, to send me by the last steamer. Not only I learned by your sincere sentiments, which bear upon I me, but it brought also the good news of your confinement of a little son. It is so very satisfactory to me, to know you happy and in good health, that it adds a good deal to my own happiness. All I wish is now, to find you in the same good state and spirits, when I come down to you again, and I am happy, in anticipating the continuance of our friendship.

Please give my best respects to Mr. Whaley and Mrs Robinson.

My husband is well and sends you his best respects.

I have a good deal amusements here, but they don't make forget me San Diego.

I remain your sincere friend

Mrs Laura Swamp

St. Louis Jan 8th 1855

Friend Tom

I must congratulate you on your Christmas. I did expect to see you this week but owing to meeting Judge Robinson we were compelled to extend our stay to the South.

At an [illegible] we will be in St. L— in a [illegible] Col Warner is with us and [illegible] pleasantly. A [illegible] is [illegible] the du[illegible] when leaving [illegible]

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P.S. Night [illegible] [illegible] discharged [illegible] I expected to see a bloody [illegible] it. But all ended well. You [illegible] N.Y. Herald

Mr John Lozier died at his country place [illegible] The chance for our daughter

St. Louis Jan 8th 1855

Friend Tom

I must congratulate you on your Marriage. I did expect to see you this week but owing to meeting Judge Wilson we were compelled to retrace our steps to the Island.

At any rate we will be in St. L— in a couple of weeks. Col Warner is with us and they keep off quite pleasantly. All but the Cold. Our party is now reduced to four less that when leaving St Louis.

If any letters from the States should come to the Store give them to Francis Stone. Remember me kindly to Mrs & Son

Yours Very Truly
Thomas G. Pulton

P.S. Night before last the party were discharged from Knife's & I expected to see a bloody time of it. But all ended well. I see by the N.Y. Herald Miss Fan Lozier died at her country place. Now's the chance for our daughter

Allow me to congratulate you my dear Friend upon the arrival of Master Whaley, doubtless you think him the prettiest boy which ever came into the world I can imagine how proud Mr Whaley is to say nothing of you just fancy you feeling I must say I felt quite hurt that you did not write to me after you reached home according to promise, I had heard nothing from either you or dear Philip until last night I received a letter

from dear Philip in which he told me of Master Whal's arrival. I was truly delighted to hear it although it did not happiness me he did not tell how old he is anything more that he was well, is all I heard. I hope as soon as you are able you will favor me with a few lines. I am anxious to hear from you, very anxious indeed. Your illness was of course sufficient reason for excusing you. I have regretted several times since you left that I did not accompany you home to San-Diego. Philip is very anxious for me to come. I have been to San-Francisco once since you left, remained three days, a party of us went down on the Steamer Mississippi, there was a splendid band on board we danced nearly all the way down. The Mississippi sailed for home the day we left for this place they had many curiosities on board that were brought from China and Japan.

Mrs Mason and family are well. I have made my visit here and will leave for home. I think to-morrow as soon as Charlie comes from Sacramento I will return with him to San-Francisco. I dread going there for I am sick all the time. If you were in San-Francisco I should certainly go to San-Diego with you, and

if there was any one going
there, whom I may trust would
surely go. The health is better
there than any other place
else. What do you think
of my coming again to
San-Diego? It will be very
not-so fair a trip. Poor
Philip is very anxious for
me to come. Says he
has a splendid horse
for me. Dear Uncle and
Charlie will be in San Diego
for several months and
it will be lonely for me
in San-Francisco. I
do not care about remaining
here any longer. I am so
sorry that I did not go
down with you. Let me
hear from my dear friends
so not forget me
long. Your Nancy

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are able write
me a few lines.
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Thomas I have received a letter from brother Flin he appears ~~quite~~ dis-courged and thinks he can not stay in Washington and thinks of going west with a friend of his, but I do not like the motion therefore I want you to write right Mail what is in your power to do for him or me. thinks you will not assist him but I know him you will as I understand in a short time do help him he is

behind hand had a
hard winter and 3
children to take care of
do take his situation into
deep consideration
as one brother should
do for his own poor
hen Thomas the
Mrs Devereux have
moved to Mrs Stoddarts
as Mrs S was obliged
to go to Utica is it not
sad indeed to think of
I had a letter from your
Dear yesterday

On Thursday morning, February 8, ANGEL, youngest daughter of W. H. and R. Harriet Heiss, aged 5 months and 20 days.

The friends and relatives of the family are invited to attend the funeral, this afternoon, at half-past two o'clock, from the residence of the parents, Cumberland street, third house from Atlantic street, Brooklyn. Her remains will be taken to Greenwood Cemetery.

Brooklyn Feby 18th — 1855

Dear Don.

I really think your letter dated Jan 3—, is very harsh. to your mother you would not answer my letters, I did you not promise to remit long ago, the amount, do you blame me for placeing confidence, in what you said, and reminding you of your delinquency, only think, had I treated you in this way, I think you would have been much more indignant, that I should, dispose of my money without taking any responsibility to you, into consideration, and leave you to be pestered with your business — Now, you say, you have cash to pay, that you never dreamed of, your own fault for, ill placed confidence, no doubt in that case I cannot assist you, it appears you can raise the thousands. when compelled, passing strange to me, that you get in such difficulty

Where Dunnavan lives in Buffalo. they resided at Lockport & Niagara Falls

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The Dunsmuir mansion, built in 1887, the year they made the facts to prove and family

the fact is, I do not want to suffer for your lev-
ity to others, you, might have sent on part at
least knowing how low my funds were when you
was here, tho eighteen months ago, I have been
obliged to get the note renewed twice, still
you blame me, wd have written the reason, of
my being unable to pay them, because, I want
to get a burying lot, and put up a monument
to your worthy father, this you do not speak
of, tho I requested a hundred dollars from you
think how many you have lent and given to
others, but, as you please, only do not condemn
poor me, who thinks of her children alone.
if you do not choose to answer my letters do as
you please, you must expect to hear of it as
well as me, was I to tell them, thus ask yourself
what would be the result, nothing cheering
to me, I am fully convinced my good nature
will end in displeasure, more is the pity —
I fear your partner has played the wrong
part, but, you ought to look out sharp
by this time so much trouble as you have had

I was pleased
with an offspring
its Grandma, to see it
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I was pleased to hear that you was blessed with an offspring, I wish it was possible for its Grandma, to see it, you must give it my blessing your sister, sends her congratulations, though you never named her last, in my letters and hopes you may not be called upon to give it up, as she was to her heavenly father on the 8th inst — of an affection of the brain, never was there a more lovely babe, different looking to the other all I can say, the Lord gave, and the Lord taketh away and blessed be his holy name. her husband came on from Columbia, did not see the child alive but it looked beautiful in death, Ll, is quite as tranquil and patient, as can be expected, I lent her all my aid in her affliction, nature has a great conflict when called on to part with a child Now that you are a parent you will be more capable to judge of a parents feelings, and may you evince truly, tis well you feared I might think you was sick, not to inform me of your great treasure, you say you love your little son so did I love you, only Lizzie and very pretty indeed, I am happy to hear that all is doing well and trust it will continue so for time to come with my best wishes. Thomas gratify your feelings if you do not say it is your

duty to write again, though it may not please me, but, that shall not guide me in my performances of regard to you, you have always written heretofore — John, was here on monday please to hear of your increase, his health is good for which I am very thankful, his children has been sick are well at this time Harriet child 22, months is very smart talks considerable, often speaks of the baby is very fond of me would like to asfist me to write to you, your grand father fails very much so Mrs Smith wrote last week as she has been up since me H, babe was ill a month therefore I have been confined in doors of late then the weather has been especially cold Mr Smith was to have gone to the south for his health but was disappointed he may go yet The word is that Kip is very sick at Florida with his mother, I do not know much about it. Thomas, I am happy to hear of your health and happiness and hope and pray that you will be very prosperous in business I little thought you would have any more difficulty with business as you was so well estattished but. what is to be done can you find a better business I feel mad when I think of Palmer who J. has not discovered his shade, Newman says he can B — I will call at Wardles soon I send all the information I think you will care for So I will subscribe myself Your Affectionate Mother R. Whaley

New York le 26 Février 1855.

Chère Anna.

Nous avons reçu une lettre de ton mari aujourd'hui datée San Francisco Janv 31st. La première feuille était écrite à ta Soeur et la seconde à moi et dans laquelle était inclus le Bill of exchange sur Adams & Co. Je. En ouvrant la lettre et ne voyant pas ta signature nous avons cru que tu étais malade tu peux t'imaginer la douleur que j'ai eue! Peter a commencé à me gronder parce que je pleurais quoiqu'il eut lui-même les yeux remplis de larmes et Amélie aussi. enfin cette petite scène a bientôt été changée en joie lorsque nous avons lu la lettre qui nous apprend que ta chère fille et ton petit garçon sont en bonne santé. Dieu soit loué

Ton mari me marque que je puis être fière de mon petit fils: dis-lui que je suis encore plus fière de la mère.

Vraiment Chère Anna il y a peu de maris qui fassent autant d'éloge

de leur femme ce qui prouve que vous
êtes bien assortis et ce qui vaut mieux que
toutes les richesses du monde.
Ce dont je suis fachée c'est d'apprendre que les affaires soient aussi mauvaises chez vous qu'à Newyork. et nous avons l'hiver le plus dur qu'on ait jamais vu. la misère parmi les Mechaniques est à son comble. et dans le commerce les affaires ne peuvent être plus mauvaises et malgré cela les rentes n'ont pas encore baissées ni les provisions non plus. c'est vraiment décourageant. Peter travaille pour presque rien mais n'ôse rien dire dans la crainte qu'on ne le renvoie et qu'il ne puisse pas trouver une autre place. et moi je n'ai que deux Eléves à trente dollars une leçon tous les jours. Amélie n'a pas d'Eléves cet hiver. elle est retournée trop tard de la campagne. Je cherche un logement pour le mois de Mai ce qui est très difficile à trouver on demande trois, à quatre cents

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dollars pour un haut de maison et pas moins de deux cents pour un troisième étage. Malgré cela je vais persévérer car je me trouve très mal où je suis. et dès que j'aurai trouvé quelque chose je te le ferai savoir. ce qui me chagrine encore chère Anna c'est que tous ces tems durent ne font que de reculer l'époque tant désirée de ton retour. moi, qui meurs d'envie de te revoir! et mon cher petit-fils que je voudrais tenir dans mes bras et le couvrir de baisers! oh! quelle privation cruelle pour moi! Dieu veuille me donner la patience de supporter une telle séparation et ton mari qui demande à Amélie d'aller vous rejoindre! Crois-tu chère Anna que je pourrais vivre loin de mes deux filles? j'en doute. je crois que cela serait ma dernière épreuve. enfin tout cela me fait appréhender une fin bien triste pour moi la mort serait préférable.

j'ai encore été très malade le mois dernier je croyais être

paralysée. Je ne pouvais plus ouvrir
la bouche. C'était une attaque
nerveuse. J'ai été malade pendant
huit jours. Mon temps critique
n'est pas encore passé et je
sens que jusqu'alors ma vie
est en danger. Tout ce que je
désire c'est de te revoir. Je pense
à toi le jour et je rêve encore à
toi la nuit. J'ai reçu une lettre
de toi le mois dernier dans laquelle
tu m'apprenais ton accouchement.
Il m'avait justement dit à toi dans
mes rêves et le matin je disais
que j'étais sûre de recevoir une
lettre de toi empli et toujours
dans ma pensée. Mais il faut que
je finisse et finir ma lettre en
t'embrassant mille fois ainsi que
le petit Nicoche et le papa aussi
dans dessus le marché embrasse les
tous les deux pour moi ce qui ne
sera pas une tâche très difficile à
remplir et je suis sûre que ton mari
aimera mieux que ce soit toi, que moi.

Ta mère affectionnée

V. E. Lainay.

Mais il faut que je finisse
Quand j'ai reçu
Ta mère

MAR

1855

Brooklyn March 11th 1855

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Dear Jane

I wrote you a lengthy letter on the 20th ult informing you of many occurences my last letter from you was January 3d – I hope business with you is more encouraging, but people are in great trouble with business every where, so you will not say, you are worse off than others, but if it is not one difficulty it is another ——

I was up to Fathers a few days ago he is much changed quite feeble speaks very low and slow I am sorry, to see the alteration, though he is so old, I shall go up again soon — I have say that Richard Tiffany died on the 8th inst — of consumption, a month after his return from Florida, he did not send for me to call on him, therefore I concieved I was not wanted, as I was well aware from his conduct, that he did not feel friendly to me or he would not have treated you in the way he had

I have the pleasure and happiness to say that Mrs. Washington Smith has presented her consort with a very fine healthy daughter, I was indeed surprised as you no doubt will be, after a lapse of 14 years his health is tolerable, though he looks thin, his brothers Wms only son a young man of 23 years of age is to be intered to day one daughter is all remaining poor parents how they will lament their severe bereavement, I thought you might have seen him at his Uncle Washington Smiths. I wrote all the intelligence to Henry, you communicated in your last, no answer at present. Thomas, the gent of whom I purchased the Lot in Oxford Stt is about to leave for California he takes out goods of various kind he is a most worthy man has been head clerk to Messrs Coxe in Broadway corner of Leonard Stt for twenty four years therefore you may suppose he is all I represent him to be I have given him your address consequently he may write to you treat him in the most hospitable manner he deserves

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your sincere esteem as a stranger, in a foreign land, he may visit you, rely on him all you please, what a true man for a partner, his wife, is truly grieved to seperate from such a good husband, but she thinks it will be for the best, as she would be willing to go there to live has only a son and daughter, I shall give him a letter of introduction to you, as I am convinced you will feel, pleasure in conferring any attention or information to him. as no doubt it may lay in your power to do. Thomas I have made arrangement with J— for your note lose no time to send on part or all next mail for certain. John has seen Palmer at last he talked quite cavilly and said he was quite unable to pay it or did he know when he could, and wondered why you should send it to John, with an idea that he would pay it; Now what do you think of your mistaken friend P— it is just as I thought it would be — now you will be convinced of your folly I am sorry I have the trouble I have for his fault the mean monkey, I cannot feel pleased with those who treat me in

Mother to my little grand Son, who I hope grows finely and looks like his grandmamma which it must if it resembles his father, I certainly do wish to see it very much indeed write each time, if it grows first rate, and the name you have given to him, as he is so fine.

Your sister is as cheerful as I can expect considering her loss, as it was a most lovely baby, but so it is, and we are obliged to bear it, the best we can I trust you will be more fortunate. I think I wrote that John had another fine daughter three weeks old on the 8th inst his wife is middling comfortable, I have only been up once, but I trust all is well, I shall go up in a few dayes. I presume you have fine weather at this time we have had a most severe winter and many have suffered from cold. I have the papers from the Lawyers he says it is $25 - for each suit, I forgot to name it to you for my part I thought you only was to pay $25 that you left with West as I told him but you will hear more about it he told John the papers must be kept safe as they

might be required. tis a sad pity that there should be so much trouble with the affair, whereas had you taken my good advice all would have been well I have heard from Father to day quite poorly only think poor father, what a change it will make. You may expect to hear of it soon I shall feel quite lost when I cannot speak of my parental home. Thomas when I think of you it is with an idea that that you have full and plenty and are enjoying yourself. May God bless and prosper is my hope.

Your Mother

R Whaley

Send on next Mail for certain

APRIL

1855

Brooklyn April 15th 1855

Dear Son

I do not hear from you as I expected with a remittance for which I am very sorry then Henry has in a degree decided to go West I was in hopes you could have assisted him in some as you know tis grand to be helped in need and you who sympathizes with the needy I should say you would not forget your dear brother in these trying times as I wrote you in my last but, I presume because I reminded you of the payment of your note you disregarded my letters, what a pity to treat your parent thus I am truly grieved that you have thus forgotten a Mother you appeared to appreciate once. Tis painful for me to inform you that I have lost my last parent, yes your Grandfather departed on the 8, inst confined to his bed one month it was astonishing how calm and serene he looked in death

his appearance was to all beautiful and pleasant
hardly a wrinkle in his, I B. year really wonderful
I shall never forget him as he lay in his coffin
you have seen him for the last time
I had a letter from Hen, a few days ago he
was in hopes to hear from you some good news
as he will have to go west if he cannot find any
~~thing better to~~ do I wish you could do something to
prevent him going West as one brother might do for
another I had a letter a few days ago saying ~~they~~
Mr Hains & Flintoff wanted the note paid they
held against you. I told them I expected to hear
from you, soon, I do not see the cause why you
do not pay part if not all, you must certainly
be able to pay part as I have ~~told~~ you ere this I do
not of such conduct quite different to what I ex
pect you to treat me the sum is ~~but small~~ to
treat a mother with indifference as you are able
to to buy and build and find money for various
expences so plentifuley ~~to my~~ knowledge notwithstan
ding I trust you are prospering in business and
enjoy your usual health and happiness I hope to see
once more, John has just been here is well
I hope little Tommy is well I — Your Absent Mother
should like to see him very much send his likeness R Wheely

MAY
1855

Brooklyn May 13th — 1855 —

Dear Son.

I have been long looking for a a letter informing me of your welfare — Mrs Day, is residing in the house, with your sister she has been anxious, to hear from her husband, who I wrote you left for San-F; in April 29th she has not heard of his arrival, to day she went to P-office she gained the information that the, Golden Gate, was lost between San F, & Panama, we shall have the particulars tomorrow, sunday to day. she, hopes to get letters to inform her, how he likes San-F. I wrote to you in one of my last, that he was to take the trip, a very excellent gent I believe ——

Thomas, I have to inform you that John has moved to Williamsburg, it being too distant for his business at 6th St, as his place of business was removed to that place, I write this not knowing that you may even care to read it, as you appear to value them but, slightly, to Henry, I trust he will relinquish the idea of going West, as I am averse to the plan you may say, well what do you write to me about it for, so you may, but I am your Mother and

he is your brother, I take full liberty to do what is
right, though I can be all silence if I please. notwith
standing, I hope never to forsake my own for strangers and
well you know it. — I hope your little one grows fine
ly and that you have named him Thomas. not that
you may have considered the matter duely, if you have not
I hope you have written by this Mail with a remittance
as Mr Flintoff is quite impatient for his money or even
part as I informed, in my last you appear not to listen
to what I write only think, was you here yourself you
could battle them ~~you~~ please, I do not wish to be
harrassed with your debts, or do I think you ought
to trouble me with them, You was very anxious that I
should pay you every cent, I had in trust for you which
you know I did, and had to borrow, but had I have
believed that you would have treated me as you have
I should have withheld, and have been prepared to
have paid your note, and not have had you to look so
very mean, I am not used to do matters the like manner
it is best to have more system in many matters for certain
I shall wait to see if I get a letter from you this Mail
ere I close this as you have threatened not to write
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have changed thus. but, this is a free country
you may say I hope you will be convinced of your folly

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If at any time you should desire any information of any of the family inquire of me address Carlton Avenue seven doors from Fulton it will come direct. Well Thomas, I have waited all mails from Cal^a no letter from you therefore I conclude you have decided to put your threats in execution much good it may do you in time to come I may be compelled to pay your note as you know I have placed confidence in you be coming responsible for to extracate you from difficulty at the same time you had spent your mony lavishingly or you might have paid every cent you was in debt. do you suppose I would assist either of the other children to do so, no! I would but I will see that they are reimbursed in another way with interest, as I profess to be a just Mother a great pitty I should be abused as you might want a friend again — You spoke of a Mr Miller who would have been your surety! is it possible you would have treated him in the same manner as you have me, I will answer no! you would not, or threaton to treat his letters with disregard, but because I am your parent, I must be ill treated, when I even ask for part. I am sorry that my child should be thus faulty and wrong. you may have the pang to endure one of these days, not that I wish you anything but prosperity if you

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have almost forgotten your Mother, can you possibly be induced to do so from concuring circumstances God forbid that should ever be the case. I can tell tell you it was a great comfort to me that I could look upon my last parent and reflect that I had been forbearing with him at times. but of course you do not look at these items as you will say I may be to much engaged to write prept mail so you will not be disappointed — I may if you answer this as I do not like to evince such marks of neglect to any one. I and sister was up to Johns yesterday he has been quite sick rather better, rest of family well - a few days ago Hen wrote to know if I had heard from you hoping to hear a kind word for him, but I have to write him as it is (no letter) for several mails past —
I should like to see the baby, as you know I am fond of all babies but you will not care for what I like as my sheet is nearly full I will close.
relying that you are enjoying excellent health & prospering in business affairs, unless you are suffering for being too lenient to strangers.

Your affectionate Mother
R. Whaley

Mrs Doy has had lengthy details from her husband

Brooklyn 26th May 1866.

Dear Son Thomas.

I did not receive any letter since yours of April 16th. I was happy to hear that you and family where all in good health, It was best not send the letter if it was not correct yet, I feel much better now that the cold weather is over. I do hope we shall meet again as you say. Thomas I hope you have received your money for the Lot, and that some of your troubles are over why do you not sell your real estate in Santa Fe what is the use of keeping that and being in debt I would not? I wrote you some time ago the lot here was worth $1,100 $1200 as unimproved land was low then you expected $1500 or 2000, Let me tell you the truth I have no child who makes demands on me, I always paid the board of $3 per week which amounts to $156 a year do you think I would live on Wm No it would be to mean for he knows me better than that if not I can show bills and receipts. all right he is getting $2000 a year would she call on me No

to John if you abuse him I do not think
I have paid him over $400 though I have
boarded with him 3 years this May; I do not
wish my Children to take care of me; they
have plenty to do for their own family I am
humbley thankfull to my heavenly Father that
they are exempt from the task. I estimate
all my children alike, and have always
treated so. Yourself being the favoured
one. Who has intimated to you that my chil-
dren here, make demands on me, are
vastly mistaken. they have some motive.
Of course I pay John money and wrote you
that I did, least you might think I did
not. My taxes are over $500 a year, they
must be paid, had you have taken my good
advice and kept all your saveing in gold
you would not been in this difficulty, but I trust
you be more carefull in future, I sent Hens
money in gold, Wells Fargo Express, 11th inst,
poor fellow, I know he will put it to good
He wrote that he should get a man, so that he
could go to school, he is good to his father he will
prosper. I told Jr of day; agent Griggs Jr is well
acquainted with him J, asked him he declined
to send it, no reason the $750. if I was in need of $100 where
should I go to get it? Yours Affect R Wheeley

June

1855

Brooklyn June 2nd 1855

Dear Son.

you cannot conceive my feelings on reading yours of May 13th as they were in combination with the prosperity of Hen, likewise the kind interest you had taken, in yours brothers welfare, and lastly, that I should be called on to bid him perhaps a last adieu, all crowded on my mind, in an instant. but, I trust, it will be for the best, and I may see him again. am very glad that you have instructed Hen, to pay Plaintiff and received a note from them, yesterday stating their impatience, to collect the cash likewise, the parties interested were anxious, to get there money then I shal be relieved from the responsibility and left at ease to provide a nice burial ground, and monument for your dear father, I wrote to you on the subject but you disregarded all I said.— yes, Thomas, I do think as you say that H— will do well, with you and under your direction I trust he will take care his family, as I am convinced you intend it he did not name to do so, in the letter he wrote to me, I took the letter he wrote to me and yours to me

up to Johns, he said he could not infer that Hen did intend
to take out his family, so I have written to Hen to follow
your particular directions, John says he is not entitled to
money unless he does as you say, as what is the use for
Hen, to set his wife up in business that, cash $5, or six
hundred at least; and what is the use as your offe is so
very generous and liberal, he intended to put her in a fancy
store, when he was going west, but that is another thing
I was not willing for him to go, so far a way to labour him
self to death, I sent him one two small drafts which
he said was of infinite service to him, I should have done
more, but, he will do better with you, than farming by what
you write in your letter to him, which is most flattering, I
was well pleased to learn, but, to think of the draft being
on a bankrupt house O my! I felt bad indeed, I can tell you
you have certainly lost enought to make one sick for life,
Hen, wrote to St Louis after having the draft protested in
Page B & Co answered that they would pay sixty cents on
the dollar, fifteen in three week and the ballance
when they could realise the same, John said not by all means
to take all they would pay and that quick what he will do
I know not, I wrote that he should take some one advise
who understood such affairs, still I feel much troubled lest
some wrong will take place, but, I trust all will be as well
as you can effect under circumstances, may the Lord bless

and save us. I wrote
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much better, thank
that your son grows
be loved indeed, to see
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and save us. I wrote in my last that sister had a most-
worthless cough and cold I was much concerned for her she is
much better, thank mercy. Thomas, I was much pleased to hear
that your son grows so finely. we often speak of him he must
be loved indeed, to recieve such grand presents. It pleased me
to learn that you have provided yourself with an opportunity
to take some pleasure. I think you will take comfort
in such a nice house as you discribe yours to be, I trust
times will soon be better then you will do well. I am not
aware that you had experienced any great loffes of late
your System, that your name is a good one hold to it.
I wish Palmer, would have paid John then Flinloff could have
been paid, I hope and pray he will get it when He recieves
any payment on your draft I have written the like to them
I presume our letters must have come by private conveyance as I recieved them
several day after the steamer came in, which He wrote in his
letter he was waiting for as soon as I recieved it, I mailed it immediately, it was
directed to West 45 Fulton if you only direct for me
at Fulton Avenue, Brooklyn, Seven doors from Fulton ave I shall certainly
get it, as the carrier knows us well, then he brings all sorts
letters, she has bought a very comfortable house 3 story in her
own name, I did not go to housekeeping as I intended as
her husband is absent all the white, she would think me
very unkind to leave them alone, her child grows quite interesting
we think it might look like yours do tell us what you have
named the great grandson ——.

Thomas do inform me what you have done with Mr. Cox

he had a great Grandfather once and a surprising man he was I can tell you it does not appear to me that he can be dead as I have not been up since, but, I shall be able to realize the sad truth when I go up I know. Thomas, I am grateful to you for your kind invitation to come to California it is rather late in life for me I trust you will return home to the land of your birth, and I shall behold you once again. I am most certain that you and Fran will agree I was pleased to learn that you will give them a house to themselves which may prevent little difficulties. Thomas, write in your next if you will send send on the two shawls, or I will get them myself as I do not like to appear beggarly when I do not intend it, as you owe me to pay for them from what you owe me. Mr Day has sent one for his wife — If Mr Day should pay you a visit do be very cautious, to him, as he is a good man his wife tells me he has written you, write if you have received the letter stating his kind of goods he has and expects to arrive, you may like to traffic with him, as you please. No, doubt the climate is very fine but, the earlier affections of our kind are rather agreeable in decline of years, then you will be on the return you will think as I do, I have not heard from H, for some days to morrow is the 4th I always keep in one way] Thomas if you have disposed of your Rincon Point property I expect with a good interest as vault estate is valuables. Mr Day is much pleased with Calif. has traveled around considerable here Bach Hale only not dine here — As my sheet is full I must subscribe Your affectionate Mother R. Whaley

Newyork June 4. 1855.

My dearest Anna.

Your last dated April 22d /55. reached me on the 25th of May /55. in which was enclosed a draft on Page Bacon & Co as we had read in the Herald that they had failed, we thought it prudent to take it to Peter. Mr Underhill took it and signed his name to it. but in the evening Peter told me that Mr Underhill could not pay it; however he kept it and sent his son down town with it, he was told that it would be paid on the 1st June Amelia went this morning to the Shop; she could not understand whether Peter said that it would be paid by and by or that Mr Underhill lost sixty cents on a dollar I will not close my letter till I see Peter this evening as we read in yesterday's Herald that Page Bacon & Co ~~have~~ failed a second time &c &c. Now, we will leave this business until this evening when Peter returns from his work and I will let you all know before I close my letter tomorrow morning to send it by the Mail. We were very happy to hear my dear daughter that you

enjoy good health and my dear little Son also
Oh! how happy I would be to see him
but do not forget to send your Daguerreotype
it will be some consolation for me! I often
when alone take yours and weep over it. I
feel a great deal better after a good spell
of crying. but I thank your husband
for all his kindness to you and tell him
my dear little Mother, that it is his good
treatment to you that makes me bear your
absence with so much resignation and also the
hope of seeing you soon again. You are a
good daughter and consequently a good wife
and a good Mother. God bless you dear Anna
I am proud of you! and it is why I was
not willing to let you marry unless you
married a man worthy of you. I am glad
to hear that you are living by yourself you
will no doubt be better off alone. yes!
the women are the very Diabbesses there is
always some trouble with them! they are so
deceitful! This Mme Robert has been trying
to make me move so as to have the Rooms
for her Sister from Newark another Diabbesse
when I took the two rooms on the same floor
they were so jealous that they hired the room
up in the garret to live in all winter six of
them, to make a noise over my head when
I was sick in bed with a nervous fever.

Dr. Gomez went up to speak to them told them my life was in danger. The next day they did worse the Dr gave Peter a letter for the Captain of the Police I would not let Peter use it as I think too much of my name to have it mingled with theirs. I spoke to Mr Robert who stayed a hole day home to keep the women quiet and now Mrs Hagan, who did not wish to lose me, has taken the room from them and her Sister has it. The McFarland's have behaved meanly too you remember that on the day we were moving Mrs Mc came up and made an engagement for me to teach Agnes & Martha and that I said I would teach them both for [illegible] per quarter to which she said she thought I won[illegible] teach them for [illegible] 10. I told her I could not, but if she could find another scholar, I would take the three for fifteen dollars she agreed to that and got her niece if you remember who took one quarter only for which Mrs Mc got five dollars. She did not procure another scholar and now that I have been teaching them two years she refuses to give me a receipt saying that she made the agreement with Amelia at five dollars per quarter. What do you think of that? After spending my time teaching her girls as if she paid me my full price and Agnes deriving benefit from my instruc

=tions already for she has a french Class in the public school for which she gets paid to treate me so meanly and give me impudence besides. I have put up with more insolence from that girl than I ever did since I am a Teacher. When they found out my debt was paid and they could no longer hang around for another year they were desapointed and thought I would continue to teach them for nothing. Agnes, no doubt will make her French lessons with me now that she has a French Class.

But I must finish my long letter giving you and my Grand-Son a thousand kisses. By the by we expected a letter from you to-day by the Lion-of-the-West. We are desapointed.

My love to your husband.

Your affectionate
Mother

V. C. Lannay

Amelia sends her love and many kisses to her little Bluegoose Nephew. —

Tuesday, 5th Mr Underhill cannot do anything with the draft without a duplicate. I expected to have received one by the last Steamer but it has not come yet. Tell Mr Whaley to inform me what to do. I feel very sorry that Mr Underhill has so much trouble about it as it was through Mrs Ainsweit she took the draft.

V. C. L. —

Brooklyn June 3 — 1855

Dear Son.

As I have not received any letter from you I presume you have been deterred from writing for some reason best known to yourself — thought perfectly different to conduct to what you was wont to pursue, a few years ago. I write to inform you that your Aunt Priscilla has lost her only child Mrs Brown, on the 22nd of May the result of her confinement, child and mother, was placed in one coffin, a sad disappointment to the mother as her whole hope was placed in her, I feel very sorry for sister P — to lose two such dear friends in such a short time is a great sorrow, I can tell you, when I look on pattens lifeless, I feel as though I could not feel willing to say he has left us for ever, though I stood by his bed side and saw him breathe his last then he appeared asleep, but, alas! it was the sleep of death

never to wake again in this world of sorrow and pain we thought death had stayed his hand until angelina was summoned to obey. she has left one girl seven years old ~~and one~~ older by the first wife, lost three a most happy circumstance, or they would have been motherless, a sad affair for little children. — Thomas I have to say that your Brother Henry is not prospering as well as he could wish, and if you can help him in any he is anxious that you should. as times are difficult, them he has three children, he thought you would have sent for him ere this but I told him no doubt you would as soon as you had paid your liabilities to J. which I trust will be soon as they are growing clamorous or do I feel any great surprise at that, under circumstances as it looks very mean in my estimation, I can tell you so I hope you will hurry and send all or part pretty soon or you may take it into your head to build or some other expense, which J. would not agree to, if he could rule more than you would if he was in debt to you all this is to be considered on both sides, and well you know it I have not heard from you of late which I consider very strange, as I have to contend with your creditors, not even tell them when to expect their pay, because I am your mother, tis plain you are about to forget us all well they may not grieve much about it as it is an act of your own

The fact is they have a great deal to do and times is quite difficult. Mrs Montgomery, is not in good health tired of training five high bred boys, without the assistance of her husband, I hope he is getting rich, so that he may return home to the bosom of his family, she looks very thin.

June 19th, Thomas, I was in hopes of hearing from you this last mail informing me how you was prospering and inform me when you intended to call on Pettitoffs, fragment as they are anxious to recieve it as you may suppose I am positively ashamed of the affair as they had so much trouble with you, though we know it was quite needful for them to act as they did but now they will say you meant to do wrong by them I wish you would listen to your mother and send on pastor all

We are tolerable well Sister has a bad cold and cough rather better but the weather has been so cold and rainy her little girl grows very interesting 2 years old we often speak of your little one and wonder if it grows finely, we trust it does Sister says she should be pleased to send Ann a nice present in return for your kindness to hers, if she has a favourable opportunity she will do so I heard from Ann, last week all well children had the measels all well Johns, two youngest has the whooping cough as well as can be expected with the attack poor children had great trouble

notwithstanding they are so young in life —.
Mrs Day, informs me that her husband has written
to you respecting his different kind of goods you will
find him a upright prompt business Gentleman of
whom I estimate very highly therefore you will please
act, accordingly with him, in case you should ~~have~~
any business with him you will find him as I represent
I trust you are prospering and in the enjoyment of
excellent health which must of great benefit to you
you will please kiss your son and tell him grandma
would be very happy to see him. Now I shall close
let me hear from you soon Sister joins me in love
to you.

Your Affectionate Mother
R. Wheeler

July

1855

Brooklyn July 4th 1865

Dear Son Thomas

I have not heard from you in some time in fact all my Cal^a correspondents are very tardy I shall have to be tardy likewise the 20 of Feb is the last date from Kate, Henry, March 29th — I answered his, May 11th — with his draft rather to soon to get an an answer yet though I feel very anxious to hear from him — it takes a long time to transmit of my! it begins to rain what will fire works do? I am sorry, I trust it will be but little all will be so disappointed, I only look from the window Now my dear child I hope you have surmounted your difficulties I do not know if you have seen — your pay for the lot as I wrote Harriet snapped me up so sharp I can not ask her any more questions Him & me do not speak, therefore I cannot learn but from you, I go to the house when I desire to to see the children and sit awhile — of course I can do litt little therefore I am not so acceptable, I can see how it is. I want

nothing from there if I did I guess I would have to
want and die. but thank mercy I am provided
for, I am glad they are doing well, they have
a nice family H is very domestic a good wife.
I must take care of myself, but I hardly began in
time your makeing me think that you was coming
induced me to put off things I should have done
so much for expecting you. Henry says he is too old to
make a new home, I I am endeavouring to prevail on
my self to go 70 miles on the Tree RR to see cousin
Fanny, Aunt Peggy daughter 84. I do not like RR but
if I do not go when would I, I should feel sad indeed
to hear of her death, I expected to go with you, but now
I give you up untill I see you. tell H his is due to
me John would go with me. I saw Mrs Days friend
she says Anna is well has been down several tell
Mrs D that Miss Porterfield has left she lives near to
Mrs Hickman. I hope Mr Dunnsburg are all well
I am quite sorry that Olide is so dissatisfied with
her home, poor man he laboured heard to bring her
here I trust he is satisfied with the sum J. sent
I forgot the sum J said] I did not secure a cent
over what I lent, J. did the business, therefore I
am quite ignorant what the cost amounted to
I think he sent to you did he not you have not

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you heard of him. I hope all
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get a living. John has shut
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he may try it again in the fall,
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open pleasant, John Jur a
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at Newark, Aunt Anny also, ha
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you will be surprised to hear that, G Tappen called to see us
to day I not home he is very stout looks well, has a son of 21 years old
it hardly appears possible makes locks still, I have not seen
him in 7 years. I hope Hen, is back, by this time have
you heard of him. I hope all your littlions grow finely
we are having quite warm at this time, a nice air in
B, most of the time Real Estate going up if materials
were not so high, many building would go up houses are
much needed, I wish Hen would come home I think he could
get a living. John has shut up his Market Stand. the
affair as I thought, I never heard of it, untill, it was bought
he may try it again in the fall, he is not calculated for it.
the trees look beautifull, and green, our situation is
open & pleasant, John Geralmon the minister in Ill,
has been on for a month, leaves for home to day, his people all
at Newark, Aunt Anny also, has only one child he is a good man
you can inform me how you come on I think you have
surmounted greater troubles than you have now, You must
be more carefull let Stocks alone, & real estate put
your money out to good interest, A friend of mine who
is acquainted with a friend of your wifes was inquiring

of your welfare saying she had sent letters very frequently some containing likenesses but could not get any answer she said she must ~~take~~ one one I thought I would name it to you, I said you must have visited the ladys name is Mrs Patten though I think she is married again, you wife is well acquainted therefore she will know, who I mean, do write and inform the good lady, about her letters. she is anxious to know Mr Day has a splendid house I saw the representation of it all good, I wonder if they go to Europe, when Amy comes back that has become so fashionable now a days, I think it is grand when people can afford and have small families, as they have. they can sell the big house, she says for 25,000 — first rate the Steamer sails on the 17th inst. The families enjoy good health for which I am thankfull, John F. inquired after you & family, Amy joins in love to you and family, the days have made many, you ought to be quite independent by this time, but you are the judge I heard stocks had gone up, I hope so for your benefit I send you this picture, which you drew after your sisters Amelias. some of your friends Cards while in Europe We all send love write soon weather very hoarse May the blessing of heaven be on us

Your affectionate Mother

R Whaley

Washington July 4th 1875

Dear Brother Thomas

I have Rec'd $6.00 on the draft, I expect to get $150 more soon I am making every preparation to start on the 20th of July, I should have started on the 5th, but could not as I only Rec'd the Money yesterday. I shall sell out my goods on the 7th have Rattlesnake, and I will soon be with you, Mine & Annie's Love to you Wife child & self,

Yours in haste
Henry H Haley

July 19, 1855
See 10¢ Stamp
Brooklyn
Post mark

Brooklyn July 19th — 1856

Dear Son Thomas,

Not, having recieved but one letter from you since Henry, left home I think very strange that you do not write ~~to me~~ and inform me of your health and prosperity as usual Henry has declined writing as he says you are thought more of than him, as I take your part against him which I say is incorrect I feel very anxious about his well doing, these times, are so very troublesome in San Fs — as the papers state, so many dying on board of the Steamers the times must be very critical in Calif. at this time I presume the people in Washington are fully aware of Hens, intentions with respect to coming home this summer, but, I do not wish to write to them to inquire untill I am compelled to do so as surely you will write one word when you read, that I have not heard from him in so long a time I hope and pray he is comfortable not lacking any comfort of life you may concieve I feel very unhappy about him and have for a long time ~~but~~ looked for a letter from him, therefore do not fail to inform me next Steamer, as I want to know, for many reasons, if he is on his way or coming home soon I trust all difficulty is settled between you and him, but, as that subject is disagreeable to you, I will not write more about it, still, I would be glad to hear how matters are as he has conducted so unwisely and much to his own disadvantage in my opinion. You may be happy to hear that we are all enjoying good health at this time, John has had an attack of his bowels, is better, thank mercy how is times in San Diego — pretty good I trust — No committee appointed I hope

Thomas I have an important subject to communicate in a short time I wish you to write for certain next Steamer how all comes on — Sister, little little girl grows finely talk much about her Uncle in Cal^a and her little cousin Francis Hinton Whaley. Thomas say if you think your, Pile - large enough to come home or how long you intend it shall be ere you come — I presume your little boy, grows first rate I should be very glad to behold his little form then he could see his Grand mamma I hope he is a good boy he must talk by this time, tell him he must come to see his dah as Kitty calls me. as I fear my epistle may not be very welcome more than many affore written I will write a short letter and may it find you in peace and happiness May God bless and preserve us all is the wish of your affectionate Mother

Rachel Whaley

Thomas. do write when Hintoffs, money is to be paid as he wants it settled I tell him the money is in Washington, and will be paid when, H, comes on, I wish you would write what is to be done about it I think Henry, acts very strange not to pay the note when the money is in his hands, a sad pitty you had not drawn the draft payable to me, then all would be right long ere this I forgot to say that Johns children grow finely

Thomas I have an important subject to communicate in a short time I wish you to write for certain next Steamer how all comes on — Sister, little little girl grows finely talk much about her Uncle in Col^a and her little cousin Francis Hinton Whaley. Thomas say if you think your Pile - large enough to come home or how long you intend it shall be ere you come — I presume your little boy, grows first rate I should be very glad to behold his little form then he could see his Grand mamma I hope he is a good boy he must talk by this time, tell him he must come to see his dark as hastly calls me a as I fear my epistle may not be very welcome more than many affore written I will write a short letter and may it find you in peace and happiness May God bless and preserve us all is the wish of your affectionate Mother

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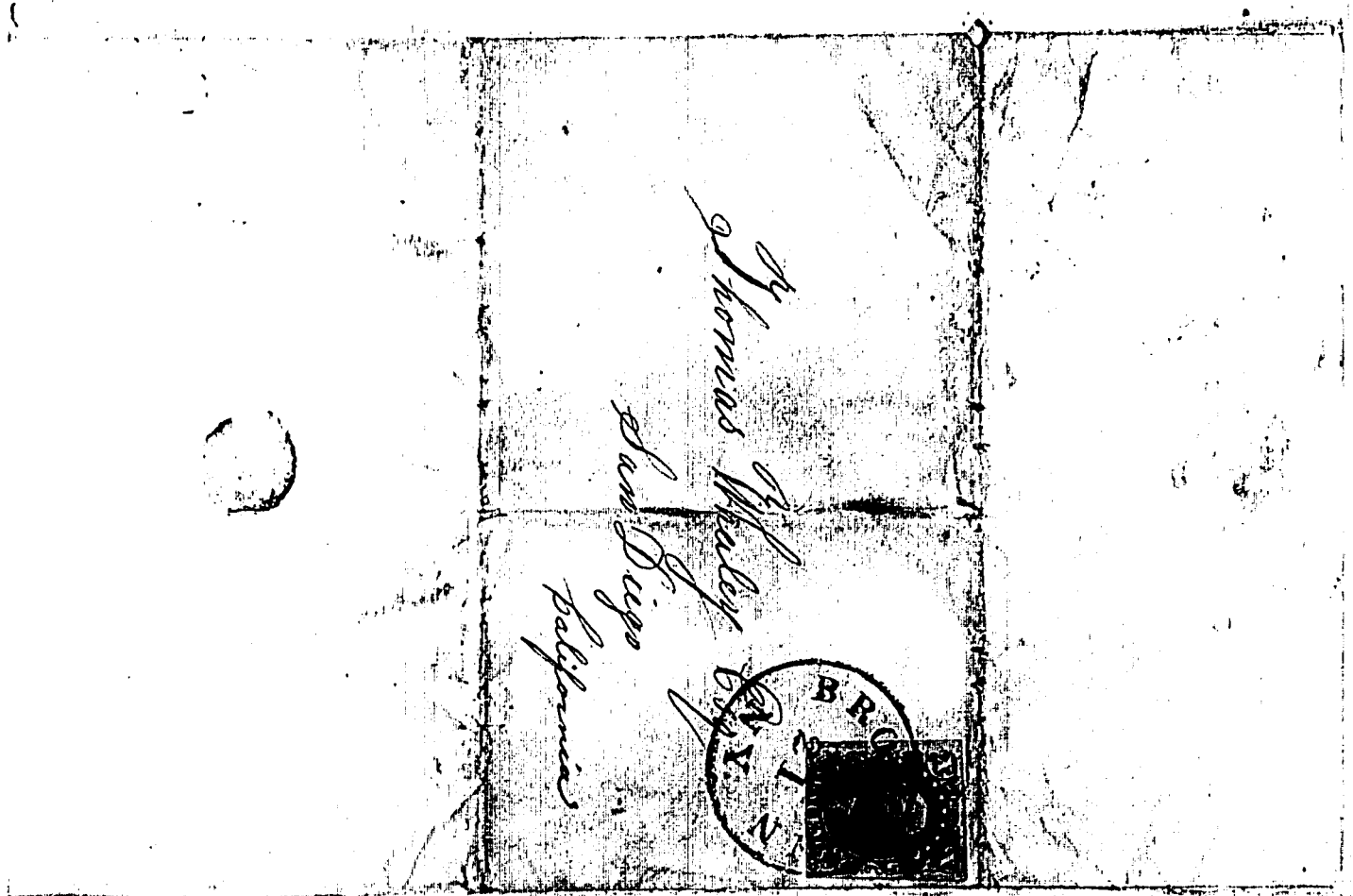
Thomas your Aunt Angeline is paying us a visit at this time She is truely happy to hear of your continued prosperity and happiness with good health and since a little one has been added to your house hold think your felicity must be near complete, sends her best regards to your wife and child and hopes to hear from you soon the most pleasing accounts. may the blessing of heaven attend you

R Wheeler
For A. M. Page

Thomas let me inform you, that Mrs Roy, is to return soon as she does like the state of affairs I see by the papers that the will of Anson G Phelps is disputed the trial comes on next friday in the Superior Court



July 22, 1855 — to Mather

Brick Business getting
on finely etc —

Brooklyn July 19th 1855

Dear Son.

I was much disappointed at not recieving a letter from you last mail I wrote by the mail of the 20th last month in answer to yours of May 13th — Poor Hen is all trouble and dismay he finds it so difficult to dispose of his goods which will hinder him from embarking on the 20 inst as he premeditated but he has collected $600 which I was happy to hear, as I was much alarmed for the payment after I read your letter it was strange your agent should have the note drawn on on Page Bacon & Co, as it has been a long while since I heard they were in bad repute, but, I trust it will be paid he Hen has recieved $600 so that is quite a comfort, I feel sorry for Hen as the weather is extremely warm and has been for many days I am very much affected by the heat, thank our house is in quite a cool situation, two Sty

above the one I have the lot in I presume you remember
ness your son takes your good thoughts away well
people will think a great deal of their offsprings or how
could I have indulged you in the manner I have you
will be able to judge hereafter as you are a parent
I wish I could behold the little fellow I would send
him a present when his Uncle Henry comes to Col.
if you never prospered before you will when Henry
is with you I had a mind to let him have up all
the cash he could then we find an equal portion
and a part remain unpaid and buy a farm not out
West as he appeared to desire it so much as I told
him to come on as I wanted to converse with him not
informing him my intention towards him but when
your mandate came he gave up coming to see them
thing your offer better no doubt it may no one knew
my intentions towards them, I thought he had trotted
a long while and that very heard for little gain
I must say Henry is a praise worthy man I think much
of him so will you in fact you do already, it is
rather strange here good offers should come all at once
but he had given you up, as he said you had been
unfortunate, but I told him I would write and ask
you again, I shall feel very bad to part with him
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try to endure it as calm as possible I full well know I cannot feel worse or more afflicted than you did me adieu to sail for San Fr many years ago Mrs Montgomery and children were here yesterday says her husband is a land agent the last time he wrote was just about to start for Sacramento to sell land I did not know that he had changed his business Thomas when you see Mrs Bruce give her our very best regards and wishes for her prosperity.

I feel quite happy to think you are in a situation to enjoy yourself after earning a competence to enable you to do so, a great comfort any Gent to be able to provide liberally for his family the weather would have been extremely warm for to travel in a Steam vessel at this season I trust he will not feel as warm according as I do while I write tis quite an undertaking with his little family I can tell you but they are both young and spry. I feel quite sad when I sit and think that father is gone but Mrs Montgomery Grand parents were both poisoned about 6 months ago the old man lived she died was conscious that some one had poisoned her in age 85 the man is removed from the house

What a dreadfull circumstance to think of
we have a happy remembrance of our fathers
remains I wish I could have his likeness as he lay in
his coffin even shall I remember. May God bless us

Your affectionate

Mother R. Whaley

San Diego July 23rd 1855

Dear Mother,

I have received your several letters and have not answered them because you have written too severely. I have troubles enough God knows without being found fault with at home. I don't know why you should bother yourself so much with my business. You are too old to let anything that your children do worry you. If I neglect paying my debts it is no concern of yours and my creditors would not go to you if you did not meddle so much with what does not concern you. Now this is plain talk and I wish you to understand it and in future not mention anything of the kind in your letters if you wish you to pay any attention to them. I like to hear from home and would always be pleased to hear from you but when you write about money and nothing but money it is disgusting. I hardly give myself the trouble of reading what you write once over — I have always paid and will pay all I owe but I don't like to be annoyed in the manner that I have been — I sent by the Steamer of May 1st a draft for $100.00 payable to Henry and instructed him to pay Allen Poff. Page Bacon & Co the bankers who cashed the draft

have failed and if Flintoff had not got his money
before now it is not my fault. I have done all that
I could do. This is a great loss for me. This second
time I have sent him money and lost it by Palmer
and Page Bacon also. He must therefore wait
a while longer until such time as I can send
more and so tell him. It is bad enough I think
to lose this money without being continually dunned
in the manner that I have been by you. and I
trust you will write something a little more encouraging
I have lost a great deal since I was home and expe
great sacrifices to pay my debts without the least
thanks for it. I am not worth as much by fifteen
thousand dollars as I was when I came back to
New York State I have got something left and hope by
industry and perseverance to make up all my
losses. I should much like to have Henry out here
as I think it would be to his advantage as well as
my own. and I have done all that I could do to
get him here sent him power. How unfortunate it is
that something will be paid on the draft enough to pay
Flintoff and something besides to help him to come
I think you ought to assist him to come immediately
I have done all that I could and seemingly failed, of
now let me see what you are willing to do you
say he wants assistance. Why then dont you do
it. It is strange that you should write to me
on his behalf when it is more in your power
and greater your duty. So open your purse

stamps. Give him what money he wants to come to California. If you have not got it, borrow it, this you can do no one will refuse to lend you whatever you want and I will promise if you wish to return it to you in one years time. If you are disposed to do anything do it at once and if you wish to hold me in any way for what I say let this letter be the bond for it. I can not do more than this at present it is all that lies in my power. Let Henry see what I have written that he may understand. Do not write to me in regard to the draft for 500 or as I can give you no information whatever in regard to them. The original was sent May 1st and the duplicate by the following steamer. You must get all the information you can and do the best you can and I will be perfectly satisfied no matter the loss. I never mind a few hundred or but when it comes to losses of thousands that I have lately sustained I think them of some consequence.

I have got my store handsomely fitted up and a splendid adorning for my family. I have neither partner nor clerk. When I go out my wife who is one of the smartest and most intelligent women in the world takes charge of everything. Our business is very dull and I scarcely pay expenses but then what I have is all paid for and no man can say I owe him a dollar. The brick business is getting on finely in two weeks I think we shall have 500,000 brick and can make as many more before a

month. The sale for them is very limited here but I think we can dispose of 5 or 6,000 this season at $15.00 per thousand and if we do I shall realize a handsome profit upon the $1500.00 I have invested in the business. We have six indians five men and a cook employed and our expenses for three months will be over $1000. per month — I take all I make in the Store to keep the yard going at present so that you see the impossibility of sending any money at home at present but in six months time I believe I will be able to make Mr John Hancock the third remittance in case Page Bacon Rees draft is not paid. So state him off a while longer or if you can I prefer you would pay it or borrow money to do so with and rest assured you will be repaid in full every cent. I generally do what I say if it is in my power. I think I have done wonderfully since February 1850 when I owed over $10,000.00 and had not over $500.00 in the world since then I have paid off the whole of this amount within about $1000.00. and still have something on hand notwithstanding many very heavy losses. My little boy grows finely nearly 7 months old. He is the admiration of every body never cried without necessity. His features are small but very perfect and regular — complexion fair blue eyes high forehead and light hair — weighs 15 lbs — people come far and near to see him and hardly a day passes but when he goes out in his carriage to pay his respects to some one —

His carriage cost $35.00 a present from Mr Ramsdell
His crib cost $40.00 a present from Hedges & Bisbee
He had everything a child can need in the way of clothes
jewellery &c — So that there is no necessity for you to worry
yourself about sending him anything. He says he will wait for
what his grandmamma and aunt have to give him till
he is old enough to go to Mudgett & see them —
I hope Henry will come but if he is only doing so
and you feel inclined to assist him you had
better do so at once — He and his wife will
like this place. I will do all I can to make
them comfortable and put him in the way if not
of making a fortune soon at least of getting a
handsome living. I have the inclination and can
do it when he comes. I do not at all times have money
but if I have not got that I have always got some
thing else as good — Send this to him —
I was very sorry to hear of grandfathers death and
was in hopes to see him again. I did not think he
would die so soon — I regret the loss Aunt Priscilla
has sustained in the death of her daughter. But
in life we are in the midst of death —
Well I must close hoping in future to hear something
more interesting than about money and then I may be-
come a better correspondent — Little Francis Arthur
send his love and pretty smiles to his grandmother
and says he is glad she thinks so much of him. The same
to his aunt Patty.

Yours Affectionately
C. W. Whaley.

Miss Rachel Whaley
Brooklyn
New York

Aug.

1855

Brooklyn Augt 5th 1855

Dear Son Thomas.

I am again called upon to bid adieu to another of my children leaving for Cal^a not that it will cause me the severe pang it did to part with you, the first time, you went — as I never expected to behold you again, on this side of the grave, but such is the ways of providence Henry poor fellow is very sanguine in his expectations may he not be disappointed he was indefatiguable in his exersions he must have worked very hard he looks very thin which I am very sorry to see but I trust his labour will be light with you, I call him a very enterprising man I trust all will be well with Annie came last night by the 9 o clock cars, P.M. — H. was anxiously waiting as he had been here since Tuesday I presume she is loath to leave her relatives I must say it is quite an undertaking though people think but little of it O! Thomas I hope you have answered Mr Days — letters as he is a fine man he has travel considerable in Cal^a is much pleased. I shall be very desirous to hear from Henry as the weather

Harriet
by Henry

is very warm you will get all the intelligence
more than I can write but I thought best to do so We
have not heard of Palmer as yet or will we it pained his
too bad to think off I hope your little boy grows finly
do not fail to send his name Henry brings two fine chil
dren he leaves the eldest with his wifes sister.
I think H has hurried away to speedy not taking time
to settle his affairs, not having settled up his business:
I truly wish he could have been prosperous in washington
as I shall sorrow to see him go away but I trust to be
better reconciled to the separation, than I think you
through his prosperety which will mitigate in a degree
my grief. You may conceive my feelings in a degree
as you are a parent Thomas I have 3 children here
you are only wanting to complete our family Annie
appears to say she will not stay if she is not happy I am
sorry she is so opposed, but it may all be well do not
say a word that I named it as Hen has great trouble
in one way or other but I trust all will end well
you will see enough to corroborate all I say. I am
now all haste as they leave at eleven or twelve may
God bless and protect them safely to you who I know
will aid them to do well kiss baby for me and receive
my farewell for this time your Affectionate
Mother E Whaley

Thomas look for our vessels when you go to Sav & again
See that you are Henry write as soon as possible

Harriette has sent her little nephew a silver cup by Henry

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New York Aug. 1865

Dear Brother

I take this opportunity to address you and thank you for your kind intention and hope you will soon be able to send for myself and family. I hope you will be able to do so this Fall as I hardly know how to get along at present I have nothing to do and can get no money for what I have done for some time past for the 3 last weeks I have had but $3.00 to keep my family on and getting worse so if you do not send for me you must send some money to live on this winter if I do not get work soon I will have to give up house.

keeping and send my wife and family
to Virginia to stop a while untill
I hear from you. I have nothing to keep
me here one minute and if you
should not require my services I will
risk the chances somewhere else and
if you will furnish me the funds
to come with I will endeavour to
pay you again at the earliest oppor-
tunity for I cannot stay here and
see my little ones want bread and none
to give them as it has been of late
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my self and family are all well
and hope yours is enjoying the same
blessing Elizabeth wishes to be remem-
bered to your wife and
would be glad to see your boy
I shall expect to hear from you
soon after Henry arrives he leaves
in a short time and I have but a
few moments to write you
My respects to your wife

from your Brother
T. Thomas Whaley.

San Diego August 19th 1855

Mr Thomas Whaley Bought of Peter Rule —

One Roan Colored Horse marked R on the [redacted]ht hip } $30.00

Received Payment

Peter

Sept.
1855

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New York Sept 4th 1855.

Dear Sister

It is now some time since we have heard from you. I hope that none of you are sick. we feel very uneasy but expected have a letter from you by every Steamer, still we have received none I hope the baby is not sick again as for us we are all well. It has been very warm this summer, everybody has suffered with the heat. You will be surprised to hear that we have been to a wedding Mary Elizabeth is married at last to a gentleman from the South she was married the 21st of Aug. at twelve o'clock in the morning by an Episcopal Minister, in Brooklyn after her marriage we had a Supper and then they started off for Bridgeport Conn where she remained one week. She sends her love to you and says that she thinks that you have forgotten her altogether when you write send a word to her it will please her very much Rosalie and William Weidner are also married Rosalie married a german gentleman and William a german girl. William keeps a Fail and Toy store in Broadway between Eleventh and Twelfth st. Rachel made her debut in New York last evening at the Metropolitan Theatre the house was crowd and her success was

was tremendious I think I have told you all the news. Peter sends his love to you and hopes to see you soon remember me to Mr Whaley and his lady for me you have not yet sent the Daguerre opened as soon as possible And here I might close my letter by bidding you adieu

I remain your affectionate Sister
Amelia

I cannot see the Lines

Newyork le 4 Septembre 1855.

Ma chère Anna.

Je suis très inquiète, je n'ai pas reçu de lettre de toi par le dernier Steam c'est la première fois que je manque de recevoir une lettre le 25. tes lettres me sont toujours parvenues et depuis ce mois-ci je ne sais que penser. Je crains qu'il ne vous soit arrivé quelque malheur. Dieu veuille que ça ne soit pas ainsi. Par ta dernière lettre datée du 10 Juillet tu me marquais que ton petit avait été malade. J'espère que cela sera passé en disant mais je sais bien que tu ne m'en as pas parlée et que cela ne peut être que quelque chose de sérieux qui t'aurait empêché de m'envoyer ce que tu m'as promis car tu me dis encore dans ta dernière you may rely on your fifty dollars every three months. Peut-être que ta lettre est perdue je ne sais que penser. Je me suis informée quand il arriverait un autre mail steamer on m'a dit du sept au dix. J'attends avec grande impatience car je

Ma foi peut être forcée de déménager mais n'ayant rien gagné tout l'été je me trouve fort embarrassée. Je me figure que tu es en route, mais ce sera trop de bonheur pour moi si je ne suis née que pour souffrir et je souffre beaucoup dans ce moment-ci je T'assure.

Dans ma dernière du mois dernier je t'annonçais que le Draft avait été payé et tu as sans doute reçu la lettre à présent. Mais cet argent a été remis à Mr Vanderhall qui m'en avait donné le montant il y a trois mois. Enfin ma chère Anna je vais me résigner à mon triste sort et attendre jusqu'au dix mais si je n'entends pas parler de toi alors je ne sais ce que je deviendrai.

Adieu ma chère Anna je t'embrasse mille fois ainsi que mon cher petit fils que j'espère se porte bien et ton mari aussi encore une fois adieu.

Ta mère affectionnée

V. E. Lamiaz

J'ai perdu un verre de mes lunettes de sorte que j'ai beaucoup de peine à écrire.

Oct
1855

My

The first letter Henry wrote from San Diego.

San Diego Oct. 3. 1855

Dear Mother

as I expect the Mail steamer in this morning I am anxious to send you a few lines in return. also I am quite certain to receive a letter from you, I would have wrote so that you would have got a letter by the last mail but the coast Road does not make the usual trips, you see that this letter will have to lay in the Post office until the 20 th of the Month, it really it my fault to send letters by the Road but we are so Rattled, we arrived safely and had a very pleasant journey take all and all, the Harry stood it well but Willie was very [illegible] with the quotes screaming so much so that I made up my mind to throw her in the sea, as they have very poor doctors on those steamers, we lost three persons coming out, one child & two men, it was extraordinary at that season of the year, eight hundred passengers, Hence we all are now here enjoying good health. I did not feel well mornings when I first got here but feel well now the children & annie are getting a long finely

I am now in the store with Tony I can begin to understand some little spanish, ~~but~~, Business is very dull indeed we scarcely make expenses, every thing is high here to what it is home.
I wish you to see to the chair but expect they will be sold when you get them. How could the express company act so very trifling
I am in hopes that they will bring a good price as they cost me a deal of money, and trouble.
I am living with Tony at present but shall go to housekeeping soon. we will not have the good things here as we had in Washington, no person has the things here the same as they have them home, but I shall be satisfied as to the custom of the country. When you sell the chairs and the carpett, and receive the money. you can send me word the amount, so that I can make my arrangements how to dispose of it. I shall let annie have a store ~~shortly~~ as soon as I can get the things here. I am satisfied that she can do a fine paying business in a small way and make plenty of money. I understand that the draft has been paid if so the Balance of Hilton's note will be paid as I sent the draft to Washington to be collected my Father in Genoa has instructions to pay the note $48 00/100
now pay attention when you get this letter and find that the draft is paid you can write to him and get the note as it belongs to you and then that will end

that he can action Tell John that he must be contented until such time as things take a change which I hope will be soon as they are very dull here at present, but I hope for better soon as people say they will get better soon, I think he as well off home as he could not do any thing in the way of his business if he was here he would have to buy his land or something else say farming, which he could do well at, as produce sells High

Remember me to Betty & Baby and tell her that I have made a Loving Hearne but have not yet covered it but will do so soon, This will be the Finest piece of Furniture I shall have in my House

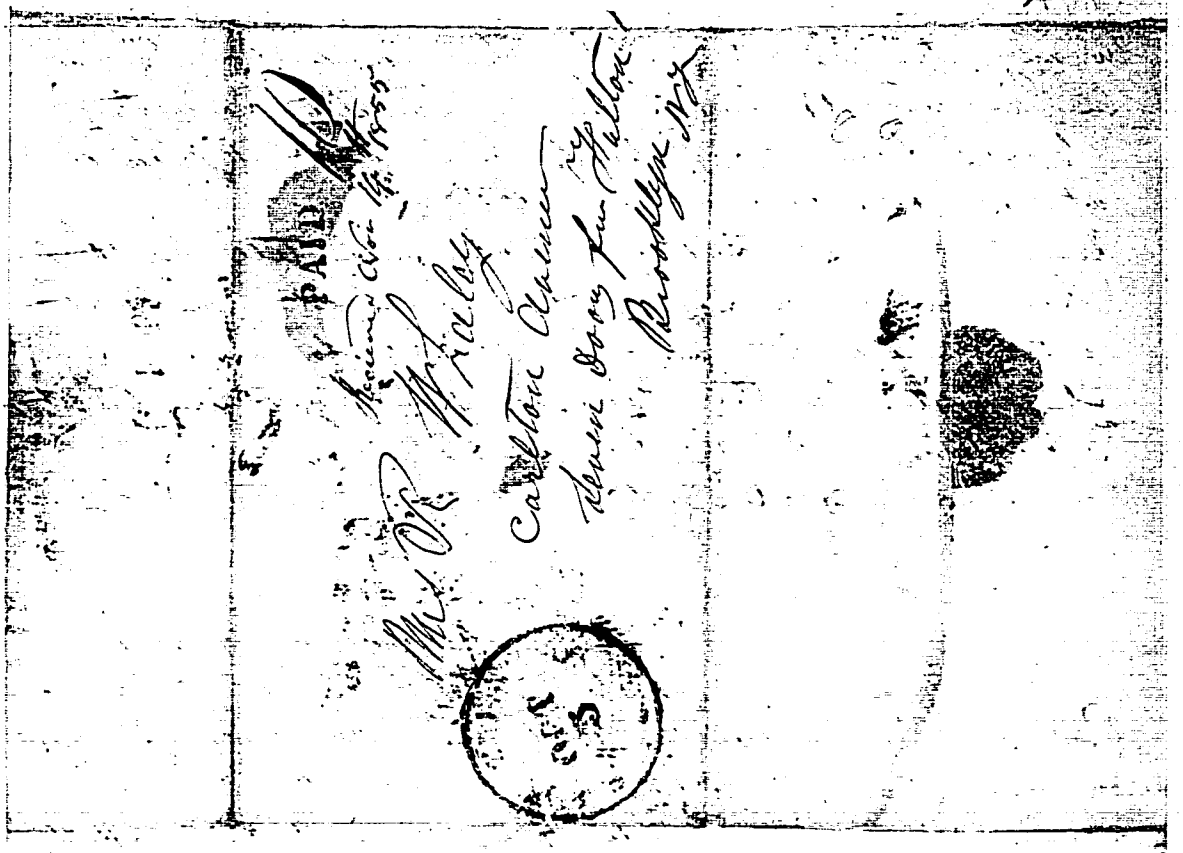
I must now close by bidding you good by

Your Son
Henry H Blake

PS I have written an order to My Father in Law on you to Pay to him the amount you may receive from the sale of the chairs & the carpett, he is to make the purchase of the goods in Baltimore and I would like to have as many sent as I can by the first shipment, you will also receive from him the note that Mr Hinkoff holds for the Rent of the cart against Shaw as, and then you will be Released from all claim, Now donot delay this but Pay every attention and donot fail in the least

as I am anxious to get the thing started immediately I am told that Page & Bacon has paid the draft that I held which is in Washington, I told ~~my~~ Mr McKim to pay Hunter my note which I no doubt will do

Hy. H. Ashley



Long Lay you send Him a statement of the Firm Hand Bolling that he left with you when he was in New York also the Note that he gave to H & H also the Papers connected with the Firm

Hy. H. Ashley

Newyork le 23 octobre 1855.

Ma chère Anna.

J'ai enfin reçu deux lettres de toi; la première datée Aug. 21.e et dans laquelle tu me marques que tu as négligé de m'écrire parceque le petit Hank et toi avez été malades; c'est ce que je craignais et ce qui m'a donné tant d'inquiétude. Mais Dieu merci ta seconde datée Sept 5.te et par laquelle tu m'envoies une (lettre de change) pour cinquante dollars, m'annonce que tu te portes bien ainsi que mon cher petit fils. Tu as dû recevoir de mes nouvelles par le steamer dont tu fais mention dans ta dernière, parceque je t'ai écrit trois lettres depuis le départ sur Raja Bacon, & Co. Tu me demandes si je suis in good spirits; je n'ai jamais passé une saison si triste et je ne me suis jamais sentie si malheureuse; je m'ennuie à la mort de ne pas te voir, il y a des moments où j'ai tant de chagrin que je crains en perdre l'esprit. C'est vraiment plus que je ne puis supporter à mon âge.

Tu me marques que ton mari a fait venir son frère et qu'il va entreprendre le commerce de Bréguet. Je crains tout cela a bien l'air de retarder encore notre retour et qu'il se passera encore bien des années ~~avant notre retour~~ et que je ne le reverrai plus. Voilà ce qui me tue! tu ne me parles plus de revenir. Newyork est devenu un endroit que je déteste. Je n'y ai que du trouble. Nous voilà en octobre et je n'ai pas encore une seule étoile riche dans mon ciel. Nous n'avons rien eu à faire depuis le mois de Mai dernier. Nos associés les ont été en Europe où elles doivent rester deux ans. Nous faisons tout ce que nous pouvons pour nous en procurer mais nous n'avons

pas encore réussi. Si Amélie était musicienne elle trouverait à se placer tout de suite mais la pauvre Sœur a bien la bonne volonté mais non la capacité. La seule bonne nouvelle que j'aie à l'annoncer c'est que nous sommes déménagés; nous sommes maintenant au No 101. Twelfth Street Corner of third Avenue. Nous avons un petit logement au rez-de-chaussée qui consiste en, une chambre et chambre à coucher et une cuisine dans le Sous-sol pour neuf dollars et demi par mois. Je payais chez les Hagan, dix dollars pour deux chambres nous avons donc un logement beaucoup plus commode et à meilleur marché maintenant si nous avons des élèves nous serons assez confortables pour l'hiver mais je crains que dans l'été nous ne pourions pas y demeurer à cause de la chaleur. et à cause de la sœur qui ne dort pas toujours la nuit. Maintenant ma chère Anna dis-moi si ce que tu fais pour moi ne vous gêne pas et si je ne vous suis pas à charge? Demande à ton mari si Peter ne pourrait pas trouver de l'occupation à N. Y. Tu dis qu'il est très adroit et que l'ouvrage bien travailleur il ne manque jamais d'aller à son ouvrage à moins qu'il ne soit malade. Le pauvre garçon me donne tout ce qu'il gagne excepté ce qu'il lui faut absolument. Il y a pour de jeunes gens qui en feraient autant. Il ne gagne encore que dix dollars par semaine et l'augmente d'un dollar par an seulement. Mais comme ces temps sont si durs je l'engage à patienter jusqu'à nouvel ordre. et puis Mr Vanderbilt est un si bon homme. Peter s'est fait une Turning lathe qui vaut vingt-cinq dollars à l'acheter. il est vraiment étonnant pour son talent pour les mécaniques et Mr Vanderbilt lui dit souvent Peter, you ought to be in a better place than this. et c'est bien vrai. Amélie m'a dit qu'elle t'a écrit plusieurs lettres mais que tu ne lui en as pas encore écrit une. Je pense que tu es en correspondance avec la pauvre Sœur mais dis-moi Anna car elle est bien triste

Je te remercie de ce que tu m'envoies ma chère Anna. Dieu te bénira d'être si bonne pour ta pauvre vieille mère. Tu dois bien te faire une idée du bien que cela nous fait c'est comme la providence qui vient à notre aide. Tu me demande si j'aimerais à voir mon cher petit Frank. Je donnerais dix ans de ma vie pour le voir il ne s'y a pas de jour que nous ne parlions de lui, si sa tante Amélie l'avait à N.Y. comme elle le gâterait! et sa grand maman! nous le mangerions de caresses. Quel bien pour le petit Dolce! Je suis bien sûr qu'il apprendrait à faire des mecanique. Dis à cette bonne Mrs Robinson que je la remercie de tout mon coeur des soins qu'elle t'a prodigués ainsi qu'à mon petite filleulle elle est vraiment sa grand maman à S. D. mais non à N.Y.

Il faut maintenant que je te prie en grâce de ne pas manquer de m'écrire par tous les steamers et tu peux être sûre que je répondrai à toutes tes lettres. tu parles de m'acheter une petite propriété si cela pouvait se faire ce serait une bonne chose parce que je ne la mangerais pas moi, et tu la retrouverais toujours. Mais si ton mari ne compte plus revenir, je ne me soucie de rien dis-lui donc qu'il fasse en sorte que je le revoie bientôt. Adieu donc mes chers enfants que le bon Dieu vous bénisse tous et qu'il me fasse la grâce de vous revoir un jour. encore une fois adieu ma chère Anna je ne vois presque plus rien. Nous vous embrassons tous de tout coeur ta mère affectionnée

V. B. Lamar

Our compliments to Mr. Sutton tell him I thank him for the trouble he takes to teach you to ride but that, those wild California horses frighten me, and I would rather you would ride in a buggy. My address. No 101. Twelfth street. Room 3d and

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1855

Brooklyn Oct 4th 1855

Dear Son Thomas.

I have been waiting very anxious to hear of Henrys safe arrival at San Diego, but so far we have all been disappointed, for some reason unknown only, to Henry, his promise to write, was in his last conversation how could he so quickly forget us, we did not forget him I do assure you, I hope his most sanguine expectations are answered, notwithstanding his neglect to me, its true he wrote a few lines from Aspenvale, which came safe to hand well with other acts, I must put it aside and leave it to his consideration, the thing is, it was necessary that he should write as he had left business for me to transact for him, I hope he has not forgot that. Thomas, your note I gave to Flintoff is due the fourth of Dec I hope you will send on the amount as soon as possible they are anxious to have it settled and you know it is a small affair and what is the use for a Gent that keeps his carriage to let it stand longer, I was disappointed that Hen did not pay the whole amount as he had it on hand. then to leave the remainder of the draft in Mr, Dovits hands to collect I thought was very strange when he was here but

you need not say a word to him I would not name it only he knew that note was to be paid and you expected it to be paid from that draft. I am not pleased that he did so you cannot approbate it me or John being on the spot was the most proper persons, though as I feel I shall not write to him about it only I wishes you to know it — Well I presume your little boy grows finely we shall see him one of these days but, when,? what is his name let me know I trust you are prospering beyond your calculations in all your undertakings, I have not the least doubt but, Hen, is quite satisfied and happy which is a great comfort to me. Thomas I was indeed sorry to witness your brothers Johns disappointment, that you did not answer his letter written by Hen he said he would not treat you so unkind was he situated as you are, do write to him, soon, I beg of you. It is a good man has been unfortunate of late in not recieving his pay but times is hopes of doing. so his wife and children, have gone to visit her mother for a while which make him lonely at times. Did you ever get a letter from Mr Day, he is still in San Fr. doing well his wife is at a stand to go or stay will decide, soon I would like you to call on him if you go to San Fr — he is a good man you would like him much, but I have spoke of him before you may have forgotten all about him

well my child I have written you quite a long letter
saying I have not received one in six months, but I am
happy that I am able to write, so you see I am not
sadly offended, that you have not written in such a
long time if you feel satisfied I must, as it only of late
that you have done so. Mr Montgomery is still away
I rather fear his well doing. The Fair is in opperation
we have not been but, intend to do so soon.
Thomas, I am about to sell my lot, and buy about
a mile further up near the mill and a plot of five lots to build
on, perhaps you can let me have one or two hun
dred of dollars, not to inconvenience you from
paying Furlong & Haines, write and inform me
it will be a good purchase, please tell Ken
that Mr Devitt sent a certificate on, a week
ago, but I say it the same one as before, has been
to the Auction room, but, did not see the gent, will
call again therefore the chairs are not sent as he
desired, or they would have been, he must write and
say what is to be done, I will do all I can to promote
a good sale. John Gerolieres has married and
gone out as a missionary to China been at college
seven years. Nov 5th I have thought we might get a
letter, but I shall Mail this at all events, we are all
tolerable well thank mercy and hope you all enjoy the
same great blessing I have written to you and Ken since

his departure ~~must~~ you have received it to write and inform me if you get my letters correct if not I should be glad to know, as it may be proper under circumstances Well, I have bought a lot in the burying ground of Greenwood size of 15, by 27 – Sister takes half – cost $110 – I shall put a monument up and I will assist to to make the removal, as I am anxious to have it all settled and I and Sister will take great pains to decorate it with various plants as her babe will lift them you will be glad of this though you are so fast forgetting us all but your are getting so rich I am glad you are in such a good position, our best remembrances to all good bye, may God protect you all, kiss the baby for me and tell him of Grandma Whaley and how glad she would be to see him write soon

Your Affectionate
Mother Whaley.

P.S. I – the carrier for the Nicaragua route has just been Mrs Day has letters by it, so I give up to get any from you these mails

Newyork le 4 Nov. 1855.

Ma chère Anna.

Tes deux dernières lettres, la première du 21 août, la seconde du 5 sept. que j'attendais avec tant d'impatience me sont enfin parvenues ainsi que la lettre de change que j'ai reçue par ta dernière du 5 sept. J'y ai répondu de suite; mais Peter qui a porté la lettre à la Poste m'a dit que le Steamer qui partait ce jour-là n'était pas un Mail Steamer et dans la crainte que la même lettre ne parte pas je t'en envoie une autre par le Steamer qui part demain le 5. J'ai eu bien du chagrin d'apprendre que toi et ton cher petit avez été malades. C'est toujours ce qui m'inquiète lorsque je ne reçois pas de tes nouvelles aussi chère enfant dis toujours une lettre écrite à l'avance pour chaque Steamer afin que je ne sois pas désappointée. Il est arrivé un Steamer hier, the Star of the West. Si je ne reçois pas une lettre demain Lundi j'aurai encore du chagrin et

de l'inquiétudes Ne crois pas que je m'habitue à être éloignée de toi; notre m'es plus chère que j'amais parce que tu m'as prouvé ton affection par ta bonté pour moi depuis que tu es en California et je puis le dire, le Bon Dieu m'a béni en me donnant de bons enfants. Mais il faut que je te dise que je m'ennuie beaucoup et je voudrais bien que tu fusses de retour.

Je sais que tu as un bon mari et que tu ne manques de rien mais tu es trop éloigné de nous et cela me rend bien malheureuse.

Je n'ai qu'une bonne nouvelle à t'apprendre c'est que j'ai quitté Eleventh Street qui m'était devenue insupportable et quoique je n'aime pas le logement où je suis maintenant je suis bien aise de n'avoir plus rien à faire avec un Irish man je ferai toujours mon possible pour les éviter. Nous avons pris un bas de maison qui consiste en une Chambre et Chambre à Coucher et une Cuisine dans le Basement. pour neuf dollars et demis par mois. Je payais chez les Hagan dix dollars pour deux chambres et s'il n'y avait pas tant d'enfants dans la maison où nous

sommes je m'y plairais assez excepté cependant que dans l'été nous ne pourions pas y rester à cause d'un petit endroit dans la cour qui ne sent pas toujours la rose. Mais pour l'hiver il faut nous en contenter.

Tu me marques chère Anna que ton mari a maintenant avec lui son frère. et qu'il a entrepris le commerce de Brique il mérite bien de réussir car il se donne assez de peine. Mais quand comptes-vous retourner à Newyork? Voilà ce que j'aimerais à savoir parles-moi un peu de cela dans ta prochaine lettre.

Nous n'avons pas encore d'élèves ni ta sœur ni moi Dieu veuille que nous en ayons bientôt car nous en avons grand besoin mais N.Y. est devenu un endroit où il est difficile de gagner sa vie surtout à donner des leçons de Français parce que tous les étrangers enseignent le Français. Je ne sais vraiment que faire. enfin ma chère fille je te le répète je m'ennuie beaucoup et je ne serai heureuse que lorsque tu seras de retour. embrasse mon petit-fils et dis-lui que sa grand maman a

bien envie de le voir ainsi que son
oncle et sa tante. Ta Soeur te fait
dire que tu ne lui as pas encore écrit
depuis que tu es en California.
Peter est toujours chez Underhill
où il travaille bien assidument
Mes compliments à Mr Sutton dis
=lui que je le remercie de t'avoir monté
à monter à cheval mais que j'aime
des vrais California chevaux et que
je préfère que tu te promène dans
le Rockaway que ton bon mari a
acheté exprès pour toi parce que ton
petit en peut profitter aussi. enfin
adieu ma bonne Anna embrasse
mon cher petit Frank mille fois
pour nous ainsi que Mr Whaley
à qui je souhaite bonne réussite
afin qu'il te ramène a N-Y. le plus
=tôt possible encore une fois adieu
nous vous embrassons tous de tout Coeur

Ta mère affectionnée
V. E. Lannay.

Adresse tes lettres au No 136. Green St
aux soins de Mr Underhill. Box Maker
En cas que je ne déménage.

I enclose you a
flower, remember the
motto, also send one to
Mr Sutton the smaller
one for him ask him
for one from the
Ship Season progresses.
It is quite cool here
persons constantly
napping in all kinds
of Tot-carts. Charlie
De Lay wished to be
remembered to you
he has played "Sleeping
& dreamed love" a good
many times for me
since my return &
always thought of you
and the happy hours we have spent —

together, and I look
forward to your coming
in the Spring with
a great deal of anxiety.
We are having delightful
weather, this is a lovely
day, the second day
after I arrived it
rained very hard
and I trembled for
fear that ~~[illegible]~~ might
take cold, but I kept
near the fire all
the time. There were
nine ladies, and seven
Gentlemen came out
yesterday to see me
to you. See I am not
so far away, but that
my Friends can come
to see me, it almost
repays one for a long
absence from home
to receive such a cordial
and sincere welcome.
I have been in a constant
state of excitement
since I arrived, it
seems as though I
had been removed
to another world.
Mr Fort has called
and I must close
write soon.

Yours with much love
Mary A. Crosthwaite

Early on Monday morning, nothing occurred on the passage up worthy of note. There was the usual amount of lee-sickness, and among the sufferers was your humble servant of course. I have given up hoped of ever being a good sailor.

Strange to say I am well, have only coughed one day since I came home. When arrived found that Uncle and Charlie were in Sacramento - I went to the International

Remember me to Mr Hartley with my new home it is a perfect little Paradise the Gardens is a perfect delight of flowers and well they never wear out.

Mr Dolores Mr Sutter

and Mr. Butler telegraphed to
Uncle immediately he came down
the same evening and after being
three days at the International
Mrs Butler came in after me,
and as Uncle was obliged to
return to Sacramento I thought
it best to come home, he left at
four for Sacramento, and I left
at half past four for my
home at the Shipion.

I have had
very many inquiries for you and to
family, and heard many regrets
hearing you did not accompany
me, and Butler sends her love
to you and says she wishes you
were here. Mrs Peck also desired
me to send her love to you,
Mr Fort and she are coming
out this morning for my letters
and I am writing in great
haste as the Republic leaves
to morrow for San Diego and
Mr Fort with his usual kind
spirit is coming for my letters.
I have so much to tell you I
hardly know where to begin.
Charlie will be down on Sunday
next to see me and is very
anxious for me to return with
him to Sacramento Mrs Bigler is
very anxious for me to make her a visit
but I hardly feel settled enough
to start off so soon again but
shall defer my visit for the present.
I have seen a great many of my
friends since my return all delighted
to see me and say that they will
not allow me to leave home again
in a hurry for long. Way back to
long Mrs Peck would hardly
listen to my leaving her but
Mrs Butler gained the day,

and so here I am and it
is one of the most delightful places
you can imagine a beautiful garden
and in the mornings it is
filled with sweet birds singing
and a thousand times I have wished
for you my dear Friend although
I am surrounded by many dear
affectionate Friends yet I do
not forget those I left in San Diego
and you my kind Friend are
first on the list God bless you
you were ever kind to me
and I feel truly grateful.
Do not fail my dear Friend
to write me by return boat
I shall look anxiously for a letter
from you. Mr Deane and Mr
Fort took excellent care of me
we used often to speak of you
Mr Townsend is in Benicia leaves
on Tuesday next for the States. We are
living quite near the Nightingale
about a quarter of a mile from the
old Mission Church, I am delighted.

Brooklyn Nov 18th 1855

Dear Son Thomas,

I was indeed thankful to learn at last of your brothers safe arrival at San Diego, though he must have had rather an unpleasant voyage, with so many passenger, then his little girl being so very ill, I was sorry to hear it as the parents must have felt very unhappy I presume Hen is quite happy in his new situation and hoping business will soon be better I trust his hopes will soon be realised Thomas I hope all will be comfortable and your expectations will be answered in sending for your brother as his intentions are good you will guide him for the best I think he will do as you say Thomas what is the reason that Henry has put the money in other hands than mine to pay my note given to Hinckoff for you, he says when I find that the draft is paid I must write to Mr Devoe I know him not, or his address why did he not tell Mr McD to call or send the money to me by the by you ought to have known that such proceedings would be very disagreeable to me as I am as much to be trusted as ever how am I to ascertain if the draft is paid, I do not mind what he puts in Mr D, hands so that he puts what belongs to me, in my hands you know what I say is just Hen writes for a statement of the five Hundred dollars you left with me I know you gave Mr West money and he told me about who he paid or a draft he received after you was gone, at all event I never received any only $25 — for Lawyer ten dollars for John Devoe Mr W, paid the rest to your interest, I think he paid $200 and more or, how much your note have been paid thus far to other particulars you may gain from friend West did he not pay something to Smith you must know better than me

as all you left in my hands is what I lie you, Thomas I must write though you do not answer my letters or I was to receive it but I will not trouble very frequently at any rate. I have the lot in Greenwood will get a nice monument soon, an article we shall all want. I hope your little one grows finely and keeps his health, you must begin to know something of the anxiety a parents feels for their offsprings may your fondest hopes be realised in your darling boy, Tell him he has a grandmamma, your sisters little girl grows finely perhaps you may come and see us one of these days as you will have such a good partner to leave in business. I do heartily hope you and him will agree nicely and prosper first rate, as you are so far away from us I have affertained this day, that Page Bacon & Co has paid a dividend, I suppose the fifteen per cent he promised to him I have been to Steinhoff agent, Mr Pardee, but he did not think the Note was paid, but would let me know in a day or two, I told him to keep my note and take a receipt from whoever paid it you see what a trouble I have, had him left the money or draft with me all would have been correct. Hen speaks of setting up anne in business I should think you needed all the cash on hand to put in your business unless your wife is to be partner but as you please all is with your sanction. When Steinhoff is paid I will send you on all the papers pertaining to it. What did you get for your Beach Point? why not send on the two shawls that you promised to send, and charge them to my account or give me a proper reason why you do not, I do not treat you so indifferently as it is late I must close, hoping to hear from you soon good news its cold to day you have my last wishes for your prosperity with my blessing

Your affectionately

Rachel Healey

Dec.
1855

Dec 7, 1855

Henry + Thomas quarrel! -

Money mentioned $1,000

Tell Mr Whaley he must not
forget his promise to bring
you up in the spring
I shall be delighted to
see you. Do not fail to
come. Remember me to the
Pendleton's James and
Mary Ann. I have been up
several times to the Old
Union Church it is a short
distance from here. I wish
you were here to say
such a delightful
place I know you would
enjoy it. I often speak of and
think of you my dear friend.
Mr Cook the other day on
Montgomery street but am not
sure as I did not see his face distinctly
Could not see my

Please give my kind regards
to your husband and Mr Sutton
thank them for me for their
kind wishes tell them I will
not forget. That is not
my way. to forget my friends
when they are out of sight.
I have thought of you all
very often since I left
and you have my kindest wishes
for your welfare. Write my
little pet for me. tell Orin
he must not forget Rio
Aunty. Remember me to all
friends you will know them
I suppose by their enquiring
for me. I did not hear from
Philip. The time is he well?
I intend sending
him my daguerreotype by next
steamer. Willing to promise
you he will let you look at it.
I shall look anxiously
for a letter from you by next steamer.
God bless you my much loved
friend. Adieu yours sincerely as ever
Mary A. Crosthwaite

how I could have taken cold, I have Thomas Cheeder
been to San-Fran but once since I heard me speak
came out here have had many invitations aches for him
to go to the Theatre and Concerts, but from or of him
was obliged to decline them, (much against indeed, before
my inclination as you may imagine) for fear to him at the
of taking cold, the night-air being accident, seve
injurious to my lungs, but I had rather were our Dove
be planted, than have to return to and I do n
San-Diego. [illegible] a Co

The last steamer from the East, my
States brought us dreadful news from
my old home St Louis, there was a large and Charlie
part of the most prominent men in are both in
St-Louis started on a pleasure excursion be down to
to Jefferson City on the Pacific Railroad to give you
the first night, when about a hundred you were here
miles from home, one of the Coaches up and you
gave way and eleven of the cars beautiful bo
were precipitated thirty feet below, and not what and
many were killed, and very many wounded, they think at
among the badly hurt was my dear friend Sweet flowers

I have Thomas Chester of whom you have so often
since I heard me speak poor fellow! my heart
many invitations aches for him I feel very anxious to hear
cents but from or of him and the time will seem long
much against indeed before I can do so, I was writing
me) for fear to him at the time I heard of the dreadful
is being accident, several of those who were killed
and rather were our Friends we all feel badly indeed,
them so and I do not feel in the mood for
writing a Cheerful letter to you my dear
from the Friend, my heart is sad.

My dear Uncle

news from
was a large and Charlie are well, at present they
ot Men in are both in Sacramento the latter will
e excursion be down to-night. Mrs Butter desires me
e Railroad to give you her love, and says she wishes
a hundred you were here, and says hurry and come
fridges up and you shall have the most
the Cars beautiful bouquet her garden affords, is
t below and not that an improvement? what would
many wonder they think at home to see Roses and other
dear Friend sweet flowers in full bloom, in December.

I was quite surprised to hear that Mr P— n had taken offence at what you wrote, I have no recollection of having refused upon any occasion when asked to ride with Him I think there must have been some mistake but I was not surprised to hear of that contemptible Mr Reiner's falsehoods he is capable of saying or doing anything it is too bad is it not? for Him to shuffle up such stories I knew he was offended by his not coming to say "good bye" to Me but it is not any matter I will not waste any more time or ink he is not worth either.

When I last saw Mrs Peck she was not well nor little Julie, they both had colds when I see Them will deliver your message Charlie he says tomorrow your letter ~~[illegible]~~ I read to Him the part where you mentioned Him he returned his kind remembrances to you and says he shall expect to have the pleasure of hearing you sing the favorite songs when you come up, I told Him certainly, do you see you will have to fulfil the promise I made Him on your account. Do not fail my dear friend to write Me one next Steamer and please direct to Uncle's care & B Hempstead San Francisco. When I am better, I intend going to town then while the delightful weather lasts. I will tell you all the news in my next.

San Diego December 7th 1885

Dear Mother,

Your of Nov 4th is to hand as well as several others that I have received from time to time and which I have failed to acknowledge. It is a long time since I wrote to you and the only reason I have to offer is that I had nothing pleasant to communicate. It would have been far better for me had I never sent for Henry who instead of being a benefit had been a source of annoyance and detriment to me ever since his arrival. I will not enter into particulars and what little information I may give you I wish you to keep to yourself and particularly I charge you not to mention or refer to it in any way in your letters to me as I do not wish the annoyance of corresponding upon so disagreeable a subject. Henry arrived here with his wife and family. I took a dislike to his wife from the first ~~and~~ from her assumed airs which I could not help remarking and she disliked me no doubt as much. This however did not prevent me from taking Henry into business with me but as he was so entirely under the control of his wife I was obliged to dissolve it. He has called me every harsh name possible to think of and insulted my wife so that never I say longer

consider him a brother. He has shown himself a most ungrate-
ful wretch and much less a man than I supposed
him to be. After we had quarrelled and I told him
of the utter impossibility of doing business together he
insisted upon remaining in the store upon his legal
rights so that I was compelled to make an affidavit before
a justice of the peace that he had assaulted me, was
a detriment to my business and praying that he
might be restrained from coming to my store.
I failed in getting the redress which I asked for
and when Henry came again to the store I
told him he could not that I would defend
myself to the death in the protection of my prop-
erty and that if he persisted it would result
fatally with one or both of us. I had taken my
ground and was determined to maintain them let the
consequence be what they may. He saw my determination
and feared me. He left the store and has not been
to annoy me since — Previous to this time he had
shown himself very overbearing, anyone would have
thought that he owned everything and that I had nothing.
I put up with all manner of insults and abuse until
I could bear it no longer. First he called me a
liar. Now Henry said I, I have done with you
we cannot continue any longer together. Then he ~~called~~
me a cheat a thief a damn rascal outside of the
store door and took off his coat and called out to
me in the presence of several to come out and
fight him!! And then again he called my

My little boy (Francis Hutton is his name) grows finely. He is nearly a year old and will soon begin to walk. I don't know what then is about the child but certainly he does attract more attention than ever I saw shown to a child before. He is exceedingly bright, very quick, and laughs and plays from morning till night. His health is very good though of a delicate constitution. I tell him about his grandmother sometimes, when he laughs and kicks and looks as much as to say "Well I would like to see that grandmamma that you talk about so much." He takes his nap out of his Aunt Heidi's silver cup three times a day. He never cries unless he wants something in particular. He dances when his mother plays on the piano and when she does not play he tries to him self. He has just crawled up to the table and got his fingers in the inkstand so that I cannot get any more ink and as it is nearly time to close I may as well do so at once. Wishing you farewell

Yours affectionately
Thos Whaley

wife a white livered damn thing and when
I went to put him out of the store he flew upon
me and struck me several time. Mr Sutton in-
terfered and sent him in the street, when he
picked up a stone challenged me to fight
him again in the sight of a dozen persons
he at this time again abused my wife, re-
ferred to her ~~[illegible]~~ before marriage —
Up to this time I had used no such language to-
wards him or his wife indeed I never have
such as he has used towards me and my wife
I put up with everything not even resenting the
blow which he gave me — What redress had
I but to make a complaint before a justice of a peace
and when I could get no redress in that way
I deemed it my duty to act differently from
what I had before done — I dont know what
possessed the man. Why could he not have left me quietly
when he found we could not agree? I told him I was willing
to assist him in anything or in anyway. What could he hope to
gain by quarrelling and wrangling with me? How sick-
ening this is to me and I know will be to you. But
I consider that you should be apprized of it ~~and~~ but let
the matter never again be mentioned between us —
Would to God that the $1000.00 draft had been lost
and then I should never have known a brother's in-
gratitude. His wife has been the cause of every
thing — Mr Lead Henry by the rode and will have
her own way regardless of consequences and what

may not be to the interest of her husband. They have had repeated quarrels together, several of which I witnessed. She is the most self willed and obstinate woman I ever saw. Told Henry so. He said he knew it but that he could do nothing with her. Well, I told him you ought to now that you have come to California or you will never do or make anything. She is certainly a very disagreeable woman and I don't like her and the expressions all I have to say or do about her. No one likes her apparently. They think her too proud. I could write a great deal more but what is the use it will distress you only so much more. My mind is made up regarding Henry. I wish to have no more to do or say with him though I anticipate to have more trouble. I expect that he will claim six months support for himself and family which I was to give him the first six months we were in business together but which I did not think him entitled to notwithstanding no doubt that we might have done well together notwithstanding the dull times. John and I might agree better but I hate to be so disappointed. I have no overtures to make to him. I am sorry to hear he is so badly off but it is not in my power to do anything for him and if he is as badly off as he states it is a shame you do not do something for him. I don't know why you should expect me to do anything. You have more money than me. In regard to paying Hinloff I expect he is paid by this time as Henry wrote to McDermot to take up the note when he got the money and I understand that the draft has been paid in full.

Alas! how little do we appreciate a mother's tenderness while living! Heedless are we in youth of all her anxieties and kindness! But when she is dead and gone, when the cares and coldness of the world come withering to our hearts, when we experience how hard it is to find true sympathy, how few love us for ourselves, how few will befriend us in misfortune, then it is that we think of the mother we have lost.

Brooklyn Dec 7th 1865

Dear Children

I am again compelled to write to you though I have not received any to many I am fearful the Mails are not as correct as usual. Henry writes that as soon as I find the draft is paid I must write on to Washington for my note. I sent to Page Bacon's office they said they could not tell unless they had the date ~~of the Note~~ and number of the draft Henry, knew that as I sent him ~~that~~ word to that effect when he wrote on the subject to me while in Washington, why does he give so much trouble, and not send the necessary information Thomas; why did you not attend to having it done properly. Mr Hains called on me on the 3, instt bearing that P & B resumed payment just the

in the Merchants Bank for collection it has not been paid therefore it is protested, all this is great trouble for me. I think Hen ought to have paid the note no doubt they think you ought to pay when you can give your brother proof as they said, Mr Haines wished me to write to Washington I did the best I could. Hen told me to write to him for my my note but, never sent his christen name or address, John did not know his whereabouts so I may get an answer and I may not but, I shall write to Haines in a few days as I promised him to do so. All this might have been done with great ease had H only have consulted my feeling not to give so much trouble I am always happy to accomodate you all but do not give so much trouble. Hen, your chairs are not sold, John cannot ascertain as to the Certificate, J says it is the same as you had so, I am afraid to send them. I wrote this to Hen and have been expecting a notice from W, as I presumed, Hen had wrote to Washington about it J has called often at the certificate with the clerk but, cannot get a a concern

answer, I wish I knew what to do I trust you will attend to the note without delay if I hear any thing further I will inform you next mail. I hope this will find you all as it leaves us in good health May the blessing of God wait upon you all all join in love to you

Your affectionate Mother
A Wheeler

Brooklyn Dec 18th 1865

Dear Son Thomas

We I am anxiously looking for a letter from you in order to my not hoping to hear that you and Henry are progressing finely in Georgia. It seems a comfort to me that you are together. Poor Henry was made considerable of a sacrifice in winding up his business so hastily and leave his school child but he is so very desirous to make something for his family, which I trust will make him attentive to your interest and his own as they are to be one. I have often thought what would you do, I could you or Sabin sick and not a friend at hand now you have a brother, to cherish him for all our sakes let us hard thought separate you are brothers if any little affection record pays it off as gently as possible. For the peace of your own mind, for it would be a great grief to me to know that you have contended so far away from us all, I can ill stand contentions at this time of life so you may conceive. You may say I dry too. Well write thus I write like you Henry wrote in his letter informing of his safe arrival. Had him and family was at your house. I was very to know it as you had remarked in one of your letters that you should provide a home for him, so you was fearful that the negroes might not take in with such a free way of thinking. I was much pleased with this precaution then children often make trouble also this I considered you sensible to have. I frequently picture to myself you and Henry reconnoitering around about the suburbs and then in business employment quietly engaged. so R is a good hand to help to do well

Mr. Sabin Marshall from Washington County writes a friendly letter to see his family he has made his little bro. within the last month and trust he will succeed

John Starke Esq. Washington Saturday with a purchase of Segars at Thirty to be sure he wants to see his family he has more than other winter has been with us therefore I trust we will succeed

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[illegible] profession
[illegible] be
[illegible] pass
[illegible] matter
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[illegible]
Walter [illegible] it was
[illegible]
[illegible] love you
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your [illegible] acquainted with
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mercy sake look
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from your dear
wishful for him
[illegible] I think you
I learn that [illegible]
continued, the [illegible]
how can it be
you can [illegible]
as [illegible]
how or when will
John, [illegible]
how mean [illegible]
heart with your
not cause you
in the fright
you will not

[illegible] as he is doing
[illegible] God bless you & your Thomas Day if you
[illegible]
[illegible] I hear from one of them the last of [illegible] from time to time [illegible] may
[illegible] the next time with some news. For 18 [illegible] you [illegible]
[illegible] from France [illegible] received a letter from Mary of the
most powerful [illegible] that you have [illegible] must
[illegible] is the position that you should [illegible]
[illegible] you have so [illegible] to your hospitable for-
mer care look at the matter more as you may have a judgement some
[illegible] you [illegible] opinion [illegible] has deluded you
[illegible] you [illegible] would be [illegible] you [illegible] equally
[illegible] for him to [illegible] you write you are [illegible] my [illegible] letter
[illegible] you [illegible] any [illegible] to vale your interest
I learn that Anson is with you [illegible] your [illegible] brother [illegible] may be
continued, [illegible] for me to endure [illegible] my dear
[illegible] if you consent, [illegible] consented to your [illegible] and say
you can agree with him [illegible] as you [illegible] most [illegible]
as your [illegible] [illegible] you [illegible] you and him
[illegible] with the [illegible] you [illegible] in [illegible]
[illegible] you [illegible] [illegible] you
have [illegible] to consider the matter [illegible] not [illegible] write [illegible] you to be
[illegible] with your brother if he [illegible] [illegible] mine [illegible]
not cause you and your brother to disagree. I am [illegible] that he is
in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] you
you will not [illegible] want for any thing [illegible]

he stealed against your brother and had indeed to think of it would unkindly write sec
might if it would do any good. I think how often I have complied with your many
requests your wife must require to be wondered to your brother John says you
must send him back again I thought you was all going in business when here
whole the time before and what will be done it is such a disgrace for children
to quarrel any think would a great shame. Thomas do write most and say what is to be done
about Philips & Thomas payment, I have expected one in the most shameful manner for christ do not trust
any communications so unmindfully I would not disregard you by any means, but if you will
not answer them I must discontinue them but you wife will think of this un-
happy change I trust all will be made up see this reaches you you know
I would not let you know each other if I had any way to give brother his money
it was in your keeping if I written any wrong place it at my door do not blame Thos

Thos Warner Marshall

1 dress	2
2 sheets —	2
2 pillowcases	2
2 towels	2
1 shirt	2
[illegible] gowns	1
2 shimes	1
1 pr socks	4
1 pr stockings	2/-6
1 pr socks	
1 petticoat —	
1 ~~dress~~	
18 pieces	21

Mrs Warner May 6th 1836

1 dress
4 petticoats —
1 tablecloth
1 shirt —
1 counterpane
1 pr flannel drawers
1 " shirt
3 pairs stockings
1 pr socks
2 towels
2 halves.

but be kind to poor Thos who is in great trouble, I must now close Mrs Day will take them to the office If I only knew the reason of the difficulty I would be more able to judge may you forgive your brother that jewel and plenty may attend you dear
good bye and may the more bless you if you only listen to your affectionate
William B Whaley
Harriet wishes to be remembered to you