

"Duxton Place"

2nd Jan'y 1881.

Dr. Elias.

Yours of 24th ulto. announcing the birth of a daughter, was received two days since, which was truly astounding, had as soon supposed my wife would have given birth to a child as Ell, Why did you ^{not} tell me such a thing was in expectancy?

You can tell Ell, you were not as proud as Henry Williams is, it is pretty generally known that he is looking out for such an occurrence I sincerely hope Ell, and the little one, may keep well, & that she may be a comfort to you both in your old age, as I am sure she will be - May God bless you and yours -

The nice "Gloves" were duly received and most highly appreciated - I feel about \times mas times, that I am surely thought of by you, & as I grow older, I prize your remembrance more

highly - James Williams has been anxious
to visit you for some time, indeed, ever since
he has returned to Ch. C. & fixed upon the middle
of Nov. to go. I agreed to go with him, but his
family was taken sick, & we had to forego
the pleasure of the trip, and I now fear,
that I shall never get so far from home -

Three or four weeks since I was attacked with
something (I think) like "paralysis" in my
legs. The D^r won't say to me, what they think,
while it is attended with no pain, or unpleasant
feeling, even, it is with great difficulty, I can
move them, particularly my left leg. Have
no unpleasant feeling about my head at all,
general health as good as it ever was -

Of course, I feel uneasy about my condition,
but at the same time, I can but hope, that
it may pass off - feeling no pain, or uneasiness
about my head, and if I should be taken
off suddenly, I must say to you, that I have had
my share of this world's blessings, & have endeavored
to do right, as to my conduct to my fellow man, if I

had my life to live over again, don't think I
could improve it; As to my Maker, can't
say as much, have fallen short in many
instances - but will endeavor to do
better for the time to come.

Could write more, but the messenger
is ready to take the mail -

Am always pleased to hear from
you - With warmest love for Ell.

and remain as ever

Yrs affectionately,

J. Buxton Williams

P.S. Will take in the Hagar Short Beard
to-morrow - J. B. W.