

Huntsville Jan 18th 1860

Dear Ell

As I feel anxious to hear from you I have taken my pen to write a few lines as it appears you are waiting to hear from us I guess you have been so busily engaged that you have not taken time to write you must not fatigue your self too much and get sick you will get fixed soon enough Ell I hated so much our Pickel was left I blamed Henry she ought to of reminded me of it as they were in such a hurry to get off the evening before the left was so untidy I ~~did not~~ I thought doubtful whether they would ~~leave~~ in the morning perhaps they may be some passing so that you can get them James Harrop has returned home I understand in dead full health I was in hope his health would improve but I guess before he was declining so fast that he hurried back home We have had very pleasant weather the last few days I guess Eliza is very industrious as he always seemd employed about something you must write and let me hear how you are all getting on your Papa says if not parents he would like to visit you in the spring

perhaps he may never have it in his power to
visit you again I received a letter from Ben a
few days ago she said they were all well except
bad colds I would be very glad to see them she
says Lena is the sweetest baby in the world
I guess she thinks so Let take good care of your-
self and dont work too much I know how you
are when you get engaged about any thing

I am in hopes while you and Eliza are so much
engaged about the the world you
may not be forgetful of one thing need full
as that is worth every else to be preserved
to meet Death. Write soon and let me hear
from you Do write often you must excuse all
mistakes for you know I dont write you Papa
is now in his farm as busy as a bee the race is with
me have but little of his company well I will
close my servant My love to Eliza and your
self and believe me as ever your Devoted Brother

Rowen A. Harvey