

Saturday, noon,

Dear Otis, I scratch a ^{few} minutes
this morning to prepare my ~~letter~~ letter for the office
give my love to William, Maria, Betsy, and
the little babe, you must kiss him for me,
remember ^{me to} grandma, and grandpa, Uncle
John and Frances your mother feels great
ful to them all for their kindness to ~~them~~
my dear Otis, give my love Addison tell
him he must come and see us in the
Vacation, give my love Sarah Lee,
her mother thinks a great deal about
her, remember me ^{to} Larry Ann.
tell ^{her} I hope she got home well from
here, We ^{have} heard of the death of ~~the~~
Dear... Lane, his funeral is to morrow at
ten o'clock. the traveling is very bad here
and has been some weeks take good care
of your cloths you will always find
real advantage from such care.
never dispute about small trifles if you
are right you can enjoy your own
opinion and let it go. I have no partic-
ular reason for saying this only that
boys sometimes do it, without thinking
of the confusion it makes and the
annoyance it is to others, I think you
must have a much better opportunity
for school than you could have here
and I want you to improve it to the
best advantage "time is money"
to a boy of your enterprise,
your Mother is always thinking
change. and holding for it

Yours with affection

From Home
To all well
Jan 13th 1844

South West
Jan 13
Master James. D. Howard.
W. H. Howard.
D. Howard.

(case of John W. Howard)

My dear,

Leeds January 15 1844

Boy I have received your letter by your uncle Ensign and am glad to hear you are getting along so well, and so happy, My mind has lately ^{been} called to very tender reflections by the death of your aged Grandfather. Howard, whose remains were committed to the earth last sabbath I did not hear of his death untill eleven o'clock, of the day he was buried I prepared myself and the two little boys as soon as possible and went to the meeting house the place of the funeral but the appointment being at ten o'clock the funeral was over and his remains were moving toward the place of ^{interment} all I saw was the coffin that contained the remains of one who I have much reason to remember with respect for his parental care over me my dear little boys, I learn that he has been in a very stupid state this winter did not know even his own children therefore it would not have been much satisfaction to have seen him, we have heard nothing from my father for some time and therefore conclude he is more comfortable I called at your uncle Ensign's on the sabbath, found the family well as usual sister Ann remains with me her health is about as it has been, I keep no girl this winter your Aunt, assists me about my work, Teresa, has been confined from business nearly two weeks with a bad thumb and nursing it, I am in

better, Rowland, H. and Rowland B. and C. & Co are at school, and like their school this winter I have kept Charles out some days, the weather is so cold I am anxious for fear he will suffer on the way with no one but ~~Reuben~~ to take care of him he has frozen one of his ears twice this winter, your brother Reuben plans is healthy, and busy, ~~as~~ anybody he can talk some I expect to come to Hb. this winter to stay one day if I do I shall have Charles come with us I have prepared your clothes and wish you had them especially your drawers I am afraid you need your drawers when you get them you had better sleep in them as you get up to build the fires they will make you quite comfortable. The remains of Thomas Penning, were carried past here last Saturday evening brought from Lowell, by Thaddeus Moore, he had a short sickness and soon as he died Thaddeus brought his remains to his parents wholly unexpected they not knowing even that he was sick, a melancholly error it was too, he came into the neighbourhood and got a neighbour to go before him was all theghnew of the fate of their son, he was buried on Monday. Ellen Peter Lane, is now laying in a dying state if not dead, so death seems to be our constant visitor in some shape or other some times I think it matters but ~~but~~ here if we are ^{well} prepared.

Mr. Alden's niece. It was a most melancholy thing
and spread a gloom all. Mr. Beldain's death
was very peculiar. He was a good
man (though ^{other speaking}) and we feel that
we have one the less to pray fervently for the

Jan 14 1844

Mr. John F. Johnson

South Field

prosperity of Zion. Your mother went to the funeral
and remained to tea with a few of the neighbors.
Give my love to him and tell her that we
all want to see her very much.
Yours truly
J. Otis

Hallowell, Jan 14th 1844

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Dear Mother

I take this opportunity, Sabbath
noon, to write you a few lines. I heard the sad
news of Grandfather Howard's death last Wednesday,
which was told me by Mr. Samuel Botby,
and I inquired of him, from the rest of the family
he said they ~~were~~ all well when he left home,
and I hope you are still the same. I have thought
many times of grandpa since I left seeds, and
thought it a wonder if his life should be spared
much longer as he was very old, but I could not
help hoping that God would spare his life a
little longer, that I might once more see him,
as it is so we have to submit. I am much obli-
gated to you for my gloves, for I needed them much, and colors
also. There has been a great deal of sickness here
this winter and many deaths, but I have been very well.
Sawry Ann said that Rowland B. had a bad cold.
Is he well now, and how does little Charles do and
Rodolphus, are they well. I hope that you are all well.

I should like to see you all, and I think I shall come to Leeds in the vacation if Uncle and Aunt are willing, and William too, If I do not I hope you will come here and bring Charles or the babe with you, I get along very well. Uncle and Aunt are very kind to me, and we have a good school. It keeps three weeks before the vacation, and at the close of the term we have an examination. I have written 6 compositions this term and commenced one for the close of the term, New years evening Miss Caroline ^{Tru} Vaughn, Sarah, William and Maria and I rode to Gardner in one sleigh and I drove, and we went to the Episcopalian Church. Where the minister reads his prayers, Grandpa and Grandma are well as usual, Give my love to Roland and Hiza, Louisa, and Warren, And if Aunt Anne is there give my love to her, and tell her to give my love to Silas and Perry, I suppose Rowland and Charles go to school, tell them I should like to visit their school, does it not tire Charles to walk up that hill every day, and can he read yet, how far has Rowland Paley got in Arithmetic, do they have a good school, Give my love to them both, Excuse bad writing and mistakes
Yr. most affectionate son.

Oliver, P. Howard

January 15th

Dear Sister

Uncle wishes me to add a few lines to his letter and if I had time I could find enough to fill what he has left. But as it is washing day I have not much leisure. Uncle seems very happy and gets along as well as any one of his age could be expected to. Mr. Burnham speaks very highly of him as a scholar. Mr. Thurston had a donation party Christmas evening and the children all went the next afternoon and carried some little present. There were 76 children there - they enjoyed themselves very much. There was a table set and a plenty of cake and apples for them all. Our children all went. Mr. Thurston made a short address. John and I were both of us unwell and not able to go. John has been and is still quite unwell - he has lost a great deal of flesh and strength. The Influenza has prevailed here very much and is nearly as bad as a fever. I suppose you have seen in the papers and account of

Hallowell, February 5th 1844

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Dear

Rowland: I wish you was here this evening so that we might have a good time as Otis is here, and I should like to have you go to school again with me, I have got a little dog. I think you would like to see, his name is fido. which is by interpreta^{tion} I trust. Otis and George is studying latin and I hope some day or other you and I will study latin together. The boys say there is a wolf out in Dr. Nurses pasture, there is some first rate slides out in our garden if you were only to your Grandfathers we should have a good time, Our school Mistress is married the one that you and I went to school to, but we have another one Mrs. Park, that we like full as much as the other, Mother sends her love to you, Aunt Marks Lee, and silas, I cannot find you any thing more to write, so I think I must close by requesting you to write me a letter in return. Give my love to Mrs Lee, and Silas, tell him I should like very much to see him. Your affectionate friend, B. Howard.

To

Rowland, B. Howard

Master. R. B. Howard

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Alb Howard
Feb 11th 1844

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Mr John Gilmore
South Leeds
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Dear Mother

I take an opportunity Sunday after
getting to write you a few lines. We got here
about half past one P. M. and had a very good
ride when we got to Winthrop ^{went} into the tavern and
warmed ourselves, our block and brick we also warmed, and
the rest of the way we came very comfortably, and met
very few sleighs, once, between here and Winthrop we
met a couple of ox teams with stones, the first one we
got by very well, but the next we had to go out into
very deep snow, and it was as much as the horse could
do to get through, and he jumped against another sleigh
that was ahead and broke the back of it, I hope you
are all well as usual, Grandfather is about the same,
he cant eat any thing hardly. All the rest are very well
Give my love to them all, kiss Rodolphus for me,
It is so soon since I saw you. I cannot find

find much news, so I leave room for
grandmother, and the rest will be
unfilled, Give my best respects to Mrs
Turner, and all the neighbors, Give my love
to Aunt Anne, father, my brothers, Roland
and Arza, tell them I should like to have
another as good a time as we had, write
to me as quick as you can, Your affectionate
Son.

Oliver, O Howard

my dear children your Father is no better altho he is more comfortable
this few days past aprite is no better and his flesh and strength
fades Dayly i hope you Dont forget to offer up your prayers
at the throne of grace that his faith may be strengthened and his
love to God increased and that he may have patience to bear his
severe sufferings and be prepared for that solemn change which
will must shortly come oh how little can we realize the great
change that awaits us anna i am afraid you will put off
coming too long it is dark and Old is wading

love to all

your caple Mother
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Betsy Olin

Ol Howard
March 15 1844

Mrs. John Gilmore.

South Leeds.

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Hallowell March 15th 1844.

Dear Mother

I take this opportunity to write you a few lines to send home by father. I am very well although I hurt me a little this morning father will tell you how. Mr Burnham excused me from reciting that I might write to you. There is a writing school here now and I should have gone but could not get the money. Uncle is gone to Boston and grandpa would not let me have any. I should not wanted to have gone but I am a poor writer and have considerable writing to do. And you said if I would not attend at Payne I might go to one here so I think you will be willing. I shall ask fathers opinion. My cloths want repairing and I have no pieces I dont but father brought some. I had holes in my knees and Uncle told me to wear my best ones, and when I slipped this morning from the hay the fork forced its way through the full cloth. I am sorry to ask for more this year, but hope when I am older, that

I may be able to repay you and father,
I trust that you are all well, I shall not say
any thing about Grandfather for Grandmother
is going to write, I shall ask father for a little
money, for if I should meet with any accident
I could not get any, but I trust to Providence
that I shall not meet with another, I like my
school very much this term, for the school
is not so large as it was last term give
my love to my brothers and the rest of the
family kiss the babe for me, ask Rowland
how far he went in Arithmetic this winter
to tell me, let them come here as soon as
you can conveniently, excuse mistakes

Your affectionate Son

Oliver, O. Howard

Oliver Howard
Nov 10 1844

I am very much oblig'd to, ^{your} Grandma for visiting. the particu-
lars about your Grandfather as I am very anxious about
him, and ^{on him} I do not hear from him only by people
who call, I frequently get wrong accounts, give my love to
your grand father and grandmother, Lawrence, town.
Addison, Sarah, Lee, and Bunt Frances.
always bear in mind when you see you aged

Master Oliver O Howard

Hallowell

Care of John Otis Esq



From Florence
No Hallowell
March 16th 1844

grandparents that they are as dear to your mother
as your mother is to you, and as your fond father was
to you,

from your affectionate Mother
Eliza Gilmore

Rev. P. Howard.

My Dear Boy, Leeds March 16th 1844. 12

I wish I could be with you then I could ^{direct} you what to do
in all cases, I would save you some in your clothes by keeping
them in repair, and ^{have} them in good order, I was aware of this before
you left home, but you was so desirous of attending school, you
thought you could put up with that, but your inconveniences
are small in comparison with thousands of others in ^{this} world,
I am sorry you lost this opportunity of attending writing school
as I wish you to be a good writer I never was good writer myself
but I improved very much in attending writing school, if
there should be another term try to attend, I will send you the
money, the first opportunity I will make enquiries and see if I
can get some one to fetch it down, to you, Your Papa has just
been fixing ~~Stora~~ away and has paid away all the money, ^{he}
had, by him, and has been disappointed of some he thought
he could call in any time I don't want you to ask your
grandpa for money, because he is very sensitive about
his money and everything troubles him now because
he is so sick, but if your Aunt Jane had a dollar by her that
she can spare a short time you may ask her to let you have it
if you attend writing school, and don't send it soon enough,
you may ask your Aunt Jane to fix up your pants, for
you when she gets rested from her journey you must be
kind to your dear Aunt Jane she has many troubles
and poor health to bear them, be kind to all with whom
you have any concern, and be discreet in your ob-
servations if you see that in others which is not
right pass it over and say nothing about it,
be a good boy and always try to do as near ^{right} as
possible yourself I hope you still love your teacher and ^{he will} love

be ~~long~~ you, I often think of what a tedious time you had last year attending school through the snow and water and how very much fatigued you were when you reached home every night and how anxious I was about you in the storms when I knew you must walk two or three miles through the deep and new fallen snow, now you have a pleasant walk just enough for exercise. Now my dear boy how would your mother have felt had your fall been fatal I hope it will not essentially injure you but I have known many a person from a small accident as that labour under poor health through a long life, good health is very much to be desired we cannot live very happily without it, I read in the news paper of ^{last evening} just such an accident with the exception a broom handle, it went into the child's bowels and it died immediately, if you my child had been plunged into eternity at that moment was you prepared for happiness or woe as the word of God teaches, it certainly is very essential we should look to our future prospects in the world to come, this life is short at most only a morning to prepare for a long eternity and we see others dying around us which should remind us that the same will be required of us, seek first the kingdom of heaven and all the rest shall be added unto you, I think every ^{enjoyment} thing has a double relish when accompanied with religion. We received a letter from Abner last evening dated Boston March 24 1838. Washington street. he has gone into a Carpet store he got business very quick I hope he will do well he is so slender the labour will suit him

better than farming, Roland G. B. is sitting beside me using a pen, I fear but poorly but I hope he will improve, he went as far as simple proportion in smatter arithmetic I think he does not love ~~work~~ arithmetic as well as other studies but I hope he will like it better when he gets older Charles H. reads some better than he did when you heard him read, he reads every day but he does not take that interest in reading that I want he should. Now Otis take good care of your health be careful and keep your feet dry, especially now while you are lame with your horse and take good care of your clothes and cultivate that habit while young, you will be the one to receive the benefit from it, R. B. is chopping wood at the door, R. B. chops off the small wood we have no hired man now and Abner is with me now, so I don't feel quite so full of us common, you did not say how long your ~~uncle~~ would be gone I hope you will leave nothing undone while he is gone that is necessary to be done or that he would like to have done if he were there take good care of his things and do as your aunt would I like to have you give my love to William Stuart Eliza hopes he had a good visit at Leeds, and he must come again, give my love to Maria her Aunt feels a great interest in her and wants her to be a fine young lady which will soon be the case I wish she would write me a letter I should like to have one very much, I have no daughter of my own but I feel an interest in all my Nieces and all of their improvements, tell Vaughan. I remember his little smiling face I hope he is still the same little happy fellow

Hallowell, March 18th 1844

Dear Mother

I sit down a few minutes this evening to copy a few lines of thoughts and reflections to you. How do you do this eve. and how is the health of the rest of family, I have been to school to day, I have made as much progress in my studies as I expected, I in regard to my coming home, I have thought much about it, I should like to stay here in Hallowell all summer if all would permit, but Uncle thinks it would be foolish for me to leave off work, I have many reasons that prompt my desires of remaining here, but I shall not relate them now, I have attended sabbath school constantly for a few weeks past, I have attended dancing school twice a week, we have a very pleasant time indeed, How did Bowland say he enjoyed himself while here, I do not think he did very well for Aunt is rather selfish, which would be apt to make

Mrs John Gilmore

South Leeds

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him think she did not like to have him here
that I feared would make him unhappy
I & his school done, You may think it queer
why I did not send his shoes and Gram^{er}
by Uncle Ensign, the reason was because
he went away much sooner than I
expected, and when I did not know it
Lidia^{has} heard from home once or twice,
within a week past, she heard that her
mother had ^{had} two fits, and she remained in
the last one two hours, And to day she had
a letter from her father, there was something
in it which affected her very much, but
she did not inform me what it was,
But that was not very surprising, for she
permits things to trouble her that any one
else would hardly notice, One of Lydia's
acquaintance married a young widower and he
treated her very unkindly indeed, the
reason ^{was} she loved another better than she, but
he thought she could not have her, so he
married the one he did, and in eleven days
after the marriage he threatened her life
because the former told him if he had
waited a little while she would have
married him, And worse than all, he what
he did ^{was} without any provocation, They are all
very well here, as I hope you are, Give my
love to my three little brothers, and tell ^{them} I

shall be very happy to see them, And give my
love to the rest of the family, tell
Rowland he must write to me and I will
try to answer it, I will send his things
the first opportunity I should like
to reside in town during the summer with
your permission, but you may decide as
you think it is for the best.

Your affectionate Son,

Oliver, Jr.

Al Howard
Mar 2/1844



Mrs Eliza Gilmore
South Leeds
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Hallowell. Mar 31st 1844

Dear mother

I take this opportunity to
to write you a few lines. this afternoon.
and to inform you that we are all well excepting
grandpa. The Dr. was in to see him this morning
and said that he was a great deal weaker than last
sunday, and he said he did not think he would
continue more than a month as long as that.
^{my} Warren Woodman went home from here this morning
and Grandpa told him he had better tell Martha
Jane to come down right away for he was to let
what the Doctor said of him. I suppose you would
like to see your Father once more. Grandfather's
folks had a letter from Uncle Amos the other day. he
he wrote that he was not any better than he was
when here. he does not go out any only when it
is very pleasant. Aunt Ann sent her love to you
and said she would write but did not feel much
like it to day. We are all well here at Uncle's
Maria and William as unpleasant as ever. but I
try to bear it as well as I can talking to me
while writing. &c. I attend writing school now
but I suppose you wont think I improve much
but I have a very poor pen. and always do when I

when I write to you. for my pen is at school.
I like my writing school very much. for the
writing master is very pleasant. I went to the
frewill baptist this fore noon. the text was the 2^d
chapter of Isak. and 5th ver. O house of Jacob, come
ye. and let us walk in the light of the Lord.
And the Minister told two stories. the first was. that
in the island of Madagascar the gospel was sent
a little while since. and great many embraced it
but after the king died. there was a Queen
who rejected or opposed christianity, and comman-
ded that all who embraced it should be executed.
there were 16 persons found praying by the executioner
of the law. and they took them to the queen. she
commanded that they should be put to death in
the most hideous manner if they did not renounce
their religion. which they would not do, but they
escaped and were just going to set sail when they
were detected and brought back to the Queen. and
then they were boiled alive. Then the Minister made
a few remarks, he said. how much easier it is
to obtain religion in a free country like this
where we have no such obstacles as this. And
then related another anecdote, On an Island, he
told the name but I have forgotten. most of the indivi-
duals had embraced religion. and there were some prin-
ces, who had been fighting among each other. they
joined and were laying plans to massacre the
Christians in the night. but they hearing of it

before the time appointed took chance ~~to~~ to escape
from the island. and the princes finding their dis-
appointment fought among themselves and killed
each other. and the christians returning to
their island found them all dead. Give my
love to Rowland, and tell him I should like very
much to see him, ask him how he liked the
papers. Give my love to Charles and tell him
I like him as my affectionate little brother,
and kiss the babe for me. and try to make

him remember me. Give my love to Mrs
Ebbery. father and. Rowland. Alger. I should
like to have my books as soon as you can
them down.

Your dear son. with
affectionate regard for his Mother,

Oliver Otis Howard

Hallowell Apr 16 1844 W.H.

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Dear mother

I take this opportunity to write you
a few lines, and to inform you that I am
very well, and to ask how you do this morning.
Grandfather is as comfortable as usual, and they are
all as well as usual here to Grandfather's, Aunt
Francis was mistaken about my shirts, I have four new
shirts now that have not been worn scarcely any, &
two that besides that I have not worn any since
I have been here, these two that I shall send out
you need not send back without you wish too.
I suppose they may be of some use this sum-
mer when I am at work. ~~What~~ What do you think
you think it will be better in hot weather, don't
the farm than to go to school, for I am afraid it
will make me sick to go to school in the
summer, because I broke off from work and went
so ~~to~~ to school and have been some time
and go to school again in the fall, but I will do as
you say, Give my love to my brothers, remember
me to Mrs. Murry, and Roland, & Sister, Yours Yours

Write me a letter as soon you can
and I will answer it, and will
take time to write it and show
you my improvement. I am in
a great hurry for father is going soon

Oliver O. Howard

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Apr 16 1844

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 Lowell - Apr. 30th, 1844

Dear mother

I take this opportunity to write a few lines to you to send by Mrs. Mann are you well, are my brothers well, are all the family well. Grandfather is considerable better he is able to sit up most all day and walk out some, As I am coming out to Leeds soon I shall see what you think concerning my cloths, &c. Therefore I shall not write any thing about them only tell you that I have to wear "my best jacket" to school for my old jacket is rent badly. Maria William and I have been to walk this morning before breakfast. they are all well he at Uncle's. Give my love to P. I don't know when I can come out, but our vacation is next week and week after next.

Yours affectionately

Dear Mother
 Oliver Otis Howard

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Mrs. Eliza, Belmont.

~~Belmont~~ South Leeds.
 Maine

South Leeds

Col Howard
 Apr 30 1844

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Dear Eliza was very sorry to hear Roland was so sick
your Father is very feeble but comfortable as we could expect
the most of the time Henry I have concluded to come to Holliston
has gone to Boston Martha Jane is coming Down to morrow
Sydia Martin will go to Leeds to Day Francis wishes
to have her come to stay with her if you Dont want
her to stop with you she will will make a visit and then
come to her uncles till her Father comes Nathan and Harriet
Woodbre was hear last Saturday say Larry has failed fast
her appetite is very poor and the Diarrhoea and canker is very
trouble some her symptoms are very Discouraging they are gone
Martha will return the last of this week you need not send
me any these Martha sent me a large one. My love to all

Otis is very well goes to School all the time in haste. your ever
have not heard from Otis Woodman affectionate Mother
Mirrin is hear on the farm as ever you was hear
your Brother family is well

Dear mother I take this opportunity
to write you a few lines at grandmas request
I never have heard that Roland was sick
before to day, and I am very sorry to hear so
for I was expecting him down when I say
came tell Charles that I am much obliged to him
for the apples, and give my love to him

My dear affectionate Mother
I am ever your affectionate Son
O. W.

Mrs Eliza Gilmore
Leeds

10, 11th &
Waltham
Jan 2 1844

C. C. Howard
July 7th 1844

Mrs. John, Guilmore.
Doubtless I need
We



Hallowell July 7th 1844

Dear mother

I take this opportunity to write you a few lines informing you that I am well, and desirous of the good health of you all. How is brother Rowland? is he any better than he was when you were here? I have thought considerable of you since you were here, because you appeared so melancholy or unhappy and low spirited, if I am the cause of it do let me know, I do not wish to give you any trouble. If you wish me to come home please write to me or Uncle requesting that, and I will come, I do not wish to make you unhappy in the least. Give yourself no trouble on account of your second marriage ~~and~~ concerning me, for I have no doubt that it was all for the best, I have no doubt right ^{but} that it was right for you to be married, for it would have been very difficult for you to have ~~the~~ taken the care of the place then as young as I was then. I think it was all for the best as it was or it is as it is, and we may some future day find it to be so, therefore let us not mourn over the past what cannot be helped but try to do what is best for the present. Do not say I have lost my mother, for you are as dear to me as ever you was, and I as much for me.

Let us trust in providence for good, and strive to do
that which is right and I have no doubt good will
be obtained. I attended meeting all day to day. and
Sabbath School this morning. Give my love to
Rowland tell him I was very much disappointed
in not seeing him and hope he is better. Addison
said that you said I might go to Crows and I went
with Maria and Vaughan, William went to ^{Boston}
last Monday and has not returned he spent the
fourth of July there, Uncle went to Bangor
last Tuesday and returned on Friday last
The fourth of July I worked in the forenoon and
in the after noon I went to the farm and got some
strawberries and cherries with Harriet. Give my love
to little Charles and Rodolphus. Give my love to
Roland and William. Tell them I hope they are
getting along well in hay ing if they have begun
And give my love to Susan, and father, I least
write often, excuse mistakes.

Grandpa is some better than
he was he has rode about
two miles and a half. twice
grandma is well as usual,
Maria is unwell to day
the rest are well here at
Uncles, Uncle Amos and
Uncle Ensign have gone
to Boston.

Yours with
respect &
affection

Oliver Otis Howard

Oliver Otis Howard
11/27/77



My dear boy

Leeds July 29. 1844.

I have thought of you much. since I parted with you on the sabbath walk, you and I both of us so much fatigued with the excitement of the day. that our natures required rest, I have enquired of myself again and again why we are separated, why we are not enjoying the comforts of ^{the} same table, why at evening we do not sit by the same fire side, why before retiring to rest I am deprived of passing into your room to see you in quiet slumbers or know your wants and try to satisfy them with ^{my} own hands and why in the morning I am not one of those to greet you with my welcome and my enquiries after your health, why is your Mother deprived of these and many other nameless privileges which no one can appreciate but ~~themselves~~ herself. I can tell you at once how I answer myself it is his best good, it is his improvement his own advantage I am looking at it is because I cannot give you those advantages which I do know you can enjoy where you are, and how should I feel to have your time pass along with little or no improvement do improve your time to your own best advantage, ask yourself every night what have I learned this day that will make me more useful and how is it my integrity have I been perfectly upright in all things, towards my companions, and towards my employer, and above all towards myself, that is have I done all that I designed to do and in the best way for my future usefulness. I know your sabbath school privilege must be far superior to ours and I want you should treasure up what you learn at sabbath school for if you live to old age it will do you good and make you happier to look back upon your youthful improvements. I know that our town school is not to be compared with Mr Burnham's school, but I am always full of anxiety for you. I hope you will imitate the good you see and hear, and shun the bad, on the fourth of July I went to the meeting house where we had prayer and singing and two sabbath school lectures one from ~~Dr~~ Mr. Meriam, and one from Mr Thue, from Moonmouth, they were good and I thought much of you ~~while~~ while listening to them and seeing the little boys and girls who have been reared in the same town and neighbourhood with you. They looked happy ~~to~~ ~~see~~, P. H. is well now and goes to school

Charles goes to school and improves some this summer
he can read a story so that he understands it tolerably
well, give my love to your Aunt, and William and Maria
Vaughan, and the babe, I shall send your stockings
as soon as possible try to have come about everything
to be a good boy.

from your dear Mother Elizabeth

P.S. I thought I should write a great deal more when I began
but being fatigued and all the family have retired
for the night, I shall not. E.g.

From
Lettie
Halloriel

Master D. Howard

Hallowel

Alfred Howard
Aug 8th 1844

Informing mother
of Uncle Amos'
death the night
before.

Mrs John Salmons

South

Pleasantford

Single

Mallowell Aug 3^d 1844

Dear mother

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I take this opportunity sabbath eve
to write you a few lines. Uncle arrived from
Bangor last eve about half an hour since bring-
ing the affecting news of Uncle Amos's death
last night (saturday) an ulcer broke which
immediately supplicated him. He rode out
a little while before. I was up to
grandpa when Uncle came. I was reading
to grandma, and Aunt Frances came in
to the room and took grandma by the hand
and led her into the room where grandpa
was without saying a word, but in a
few minutes Uncle John came out and told
us, that is Addison, Warren, and I, that Uncle
Amos was gone, and Aunt requested me to write
to you. Please let Uncle Ensign know
Uncle and perhaps grandma will go to Boston
or tomorrow. I did think of coming home
on the morrow but do not think I can because
they are going away. I have worked out to the
farm enough to come to B. N. 25 cts. spent 4,00
give my love to all. I think I shall see
you soon. Dear mother this is bad
news which I write you, the death of a
dear brother, for what good purpose this
affliction is laid upon us. The only known
cause is the ulcer which broke last night.

great affliction is just, and we must try to
bear it as well as possible. We must all die some
day or other, either former or latter. Saurer
is also sick, she may not live long. I suppose
that Aunt Anne was at Monroe at the time
he died. I suppose that you would like to be
~~at~~ the funeral, but I think you will not
be able. I don't know when it is, but think
it is ~~fast~~ pretty soon by Uncle's going tomorrow
he does not say much about it.

Give my love to all.

Your affectionate son

Oliver. Otis. Howard

C Howard
Sept-19 1844

Mrs. John Palmer

South Leeds

Mrs



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Hallowell, Sept 18th 1844

Dear Mother

I sat down this evening to write you a few lines concerning my brother. How does he do? I saw William Turner this afternoon and I inquired of him from Rowland, who he said that his wife was in there the night before and thought him to be very sick, although she did not know as you thought him dangerously sick, but she thought he was, and I did not know that he had the Typhus fever until the night before last; grandma said that Thomas Brigham said so. I thought he had only a slow Fever like Rowland Alger. If he is so very sick I should like to come home. How does Charles and Rodolphus do? and how do you stand it having Rowland to take the care of, and having been broke from your sleep, as I suppose you have. I went up to Grandfather's last evening, he was very str. low indeed, that when he had to be helped up and down when he knelt to pray, he has not got hardly any flesh at all. I do not think he can live a great while longer, but I hope he may. All the rest are well as usual at grandfather's.

Oliver Woodman is here now, And Mrs. Woodman
came here and stayed two nights in succession, and
settled with grandfather, which pleased him
very much. Mrs. Levett and Mrs. Harroff were at
grandpa's last evening. Mrs. Levett was from
Leeds, I am very well indeed and get along well
in my studies, but I feel very anxious about
Rowland give my love to him, tell him I should
like to come and see him, and read to him,
tell him he must try to have patience
and try to bear his pain I know it is hard
but we must endure it. Give my love
to all

Yours affectionately,

Oliver O. Howard

Oliver O. Howard
Sept 1844

Received of
Mrs. J. M. Howard
Sept 1844



Hallowell Sept 21st 1844.

Dear Mother

I take an opportunity to write you a few lines, to send by Uncle Ensign, How do you do? and how does Rowland do? is he as sick as he was or not, how does little Charles and Rodolphus do? I am intending to send Rowland and Charles each a book which are presents from cousin Oliver, O. Woodman, to them, He gave me a very nice bible, and I shall send your bible home, I have written you a ~~letter~~ letter by the mail, perhaps you have got it. ~~It is~~ not best for me to buy a pair of pantaloons and waist-coat as Rowland is sick and you cannot make any very well, if it is best please write, Write often dear mother if Rowland is worse. let me know it, that I may come home, Give my love to all at home

Yours with great affection

O. O. Howard

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Sept 21st 1844

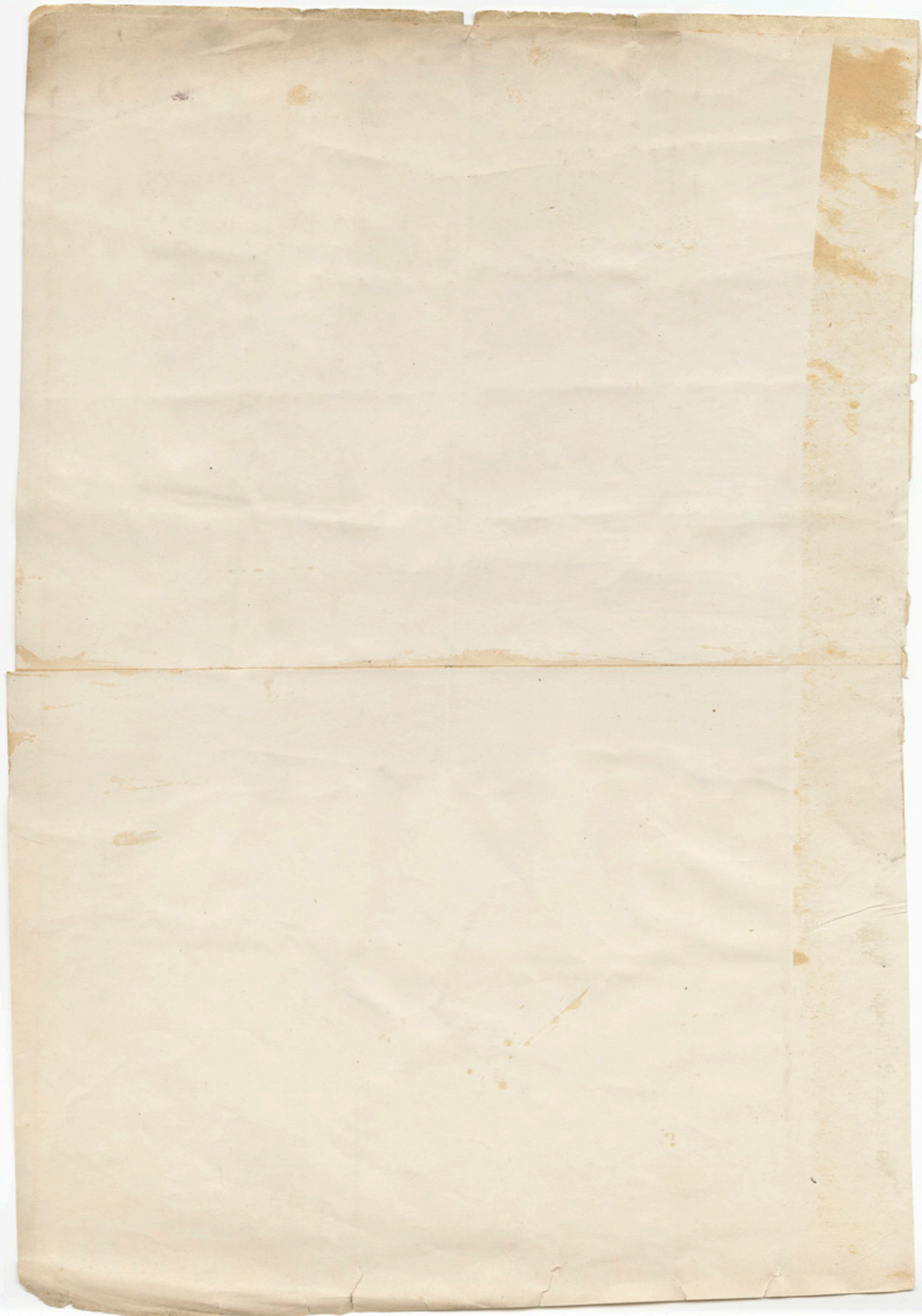
Mrs John Johnson

South Leeds

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Leeds October 23 1844

My dear boy: How do you do how are you
getting along with your school it is now
vacation I believe, when the next term²²
commences don't let any cares take you
from your studies to think every day these
are ~~for~~ precious moments never to be
recalled take good care of your health
you will be disappointed about your clothes
but your father has had so much to do
of late he could not go to Lewistown
after the cloth but ^{will} go soon, and when I get
them I shall come to Hallowell and
bring them, Rowland B. H. rides out
and gains part is very cheerful,
Yours in haste J. Gilmore.



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Mrs John F. Green

South Leeds

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Hallowell Nov 24th 1844

Dear Mother

I sat down this noon to write a few lines to you. How do you do? and how does Rowland, Charles and Rudolphus do? I hope you are all well. I suppose father and Uncle Ensign are gone to New Hampshire. Uncle John requests me to inquire of you ^{whether you} desire Grandma to have more than she has been allowed or not. he says that all the heirs excepting you desire it ^{very much} but whether you do or not he does not know. And he wishes you to write as soon as you can. for he says Judge P. Emmons is scrupulous ^{& uncertain} how to act until he knows that you also desire it, and it is something that they wish to know as quick as they possibly can. I am very much obliged to you for my clothes, they set very well indeed, especially my sack, which I am very much pleased with indeed. Sarah, Lidian and I expect to come to Leeds the day before Thanksgiving, and if nothing happens to prevent we shall come. And if you are willing I should like to have Rowland & invite some

company Thanksgiving day evening if he
is able but if he is not I can after I get
there. A converted Jew lectured here three
days this week, one of which I attended.
I have been to Meeting this forenoon and
heard Mr Thurston preach and it was very
interesting. part of which was on the fulfill-
ment of the ~~Profi~~ Prophecies spoken of in
the Bible. You spoke of Charles in your
last letter, saying that he thought of me,
and you wished I would think of him.
I do think about him. I should like to lead
him to school this winter, or be with him.
I know I am very negligent to my brothers.
I ought to do more for them than I do, and
I ought to be kinder to them, but notwith-
standing all I love them and would like to
give all in my power for their good. And
I do not wish you to give me better clothes
than you do to them. the dress does not
make the man, but the disposition to do what
is right in the sight of God and man, or as
near right as it is possible for us in our
state of existence to do. scorners and slanderers
may scorn and slander, but what will it
amount to in the end, it will all be
treasured up to their shame, ignominy and
disgrace, was not the best man that ever lived
scorned, disgraced or put to shame? and

was it in the end recorded to his disgrace?
it was not, but to the shame of those who put
him to shame. And so it will be with all
others who follow his example. they may be
laughed at, at the time of their action, but
sooner or later they will have their reward,
You tell my three brothers I will try to
bring them some thing when I come home
if I can. Grandmama is very well, she came
down to meeting this forenoon, and stopped
here to dinner, all the rest of the family are
well except Aunt Ann, she is unwell. I have
been to school a fortnight and get along very
well in my studies. Liddia is here. Give my
love to all.

Yours affectionately

O. P. Howard