

Olmsted      April, 3<sup>rd</sup> 1874

Dear Grandson,

I received your very kind letter, with much pleasure. I rejoice to see, that my grandchildren sometimes think of me. I wish I could see you; I suppose your eyes sparkle, as bright as ever. I can imagine how you are flying about, every night and morning, doing your chores. I suppose you will have to hurry a little more now you go to school. I think you are a very nice writer, for a small boy. You have improved very much. Since you were here. If you had only been here this spring, you would have helped Arthur boiled sap, and had warm shugar to eat almost every day. Your Uncle Edmund has sold Molasses enough, to get his years stock of shugar ; and some more. It is very pleasant weather now. But rather cool ; cold winds as we expect in March our roads are very dry and nice, and have been, for some time. George French ha sold his farm and gone to the Citty to live. We have some new Neighbors by the name of Williams. They appear to be very nice people. I think they will be very good neighbors. I can't tell when I shall come to Ellington again. It will depend upon my health. Perhaps your folks will sell out and move away ; I don't know where you will go, you must write, and let me know; I shall want to come and visit you when you get to your new home. I suppose you have heard about your new cousin; your Aunt Kims [?] little boy baby. I do not know what they will call his name. We have seven cows this season, we have to skim milk and warm, for four calfs every night and morning, it makes some work, while we make butter we shall carry it to the factory, as soon as it opens. We are all well, and all at work only me and I am in good business. No more this time. Much love to all, yours truly

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