

Saratoga Springs March 19th 1865

My Dear Uncle

It is with great pleasure that I now make an attempt to answer your kind and welcome letter which I received the eleventh of March ~~1865~~. It found me enjoying my usual good health and unusual spirits. Father is getting smart and is as fat as a bear Frank is enjoying himself in this spring weather and as for Mother she is not very well she has had a run of fever for four or five weeks but she manages to keep up about the house but she can not do much about the ^{house}.

We are having some genuine march weather up at Saratoga the snow is nearly all disappeared and the travel is all done with wagons but the sudden thaw made rather bad work in some ~~places~~ places they did not the railroad cars did not run from wednesday untill saturday and did not from ~~saturday~~ troy to newyork on the Hudson river road.

I had a letter from Aunt Mary Will the 13th she was well she sent me uncle Johns photograph he had it taken when he was home last summer on a quillough it looks just as natural as life just as he did when he was at home.

Perhaps you would like to know the cause of my unusual bright spirits I will tell you I was up here last week the

came and took me by surprise and that made it pleasant
Minnie did not come with him but how I wish she had
I should like to see her very much But I sent your message to
her by Isaac so I should not wonder if you heard from
her before a great while I pity you of the hardest
work you have to do is ~~to~~ to cook and eat for I know
what hard work that is — Mr Louch's horse is all right
he was well as a day or two well it is getting late and I will
bring my letter to a close by wishing you goodnight and
pleasant dreams hoping to hear from you soon

I remain Yours Very Truly

Peter H. Lottam