



Princeton July 4th 1858

Dear Sister,

In the place I will say that today is the pleasantest day (in all respects) that we have had in many weeks. There has been no lack of sunshine for the last 4 weeks, but it has been so very hot, that no one would call it right pleasant. We had quite a number of showers Thursday P.M. & night. The wind is N. so it is just the kind of weather one would like for the 4th of July. How many kinds of vegetables are you going to have for dinner today? We are going to have green beans. We had a ones the first day of July. We should have had peas two or three weeks ago, if the rabbits hadn't eat them off several times after they came up. If you will call & dine, you may have as many beans, as much lettuce, ripe currants & currant pie as you wish. & after dinner I will go down to go with you, & you can see your Willie, & can go out in the currant yard & eat your ^{fresh} fill from the bushes. I wish I was in N. P. today. I bet I would have a nice time. I don't know though when I shall come there, perhaps never. Grain is very low & money scarce so there is not much prospect of our coming home soon. I can't tell why none of those seeds that I sent, have come up. The "Waverick" grows any

where here after it is once planted. Mrs. Bragone gave me
two roots last year, & now I don't know how many there is
come up from the seeds that fell out last fall. There is
lots of it in bloom now. I suppose John is at home now,
so tell him I think I will write in a week or two.

I am glad to hear that there is a paper started at
Wakefield. I think I shall subscribe, as soon as I can
get a gold dollar, for the bank bills that we have here,
would be good for nothing there. If you get one of the papers
to spare please send it to me; as I would like well to see
one of them. It seems to me there is lots of "youngbets" your
way lately. I think there will move here to leave there for
the "great west" soon. I don't believe "little Betsy" will be
able to support all her population soon, ^{it} ~~they~~ increases

so fast. Chon. July 5th. Just as I got here Melvin, Lucinda,
& the "youngbets" came up. They staid until about sunset
so of course I could write no more yesterday. Nellie can
stand alone. There is a celebration over at Cardona ^{Ill.} today.
Cardona is just across the ^{river} ^{miss.} from Princeton. It is
only about 3 miles from here. We can see the grove,
(that the celebration is to be ⁱⁿ) from our south door.

I did not want to go, for I should be a stranger, among
strangers, & ^{I thought} ~~so~~ ^{my} enjoyment would not compensate for
my fatigue. Lots of the neighbors have gone, but none of J's
folks, Saml. or Horace. Write how you spent the 4th & 5th.

I will stop for this time. Love to all deserving friends,
reserving a large share for my sister Ann. Sally,