

May 3, 1869,

Dear Uncle, I have sat down this morning to answer your kind letter that we received, the next Saturday evening, after I wrote you, was glad to hear from you and to hear that you were enjoying such good health, which is a great Blessing, also the Blessing of Religion, the greatest of all Blessings, that we can enjoy here, while we are traveling through this Vale of Tears it is a stay and staff to comfort us in our old age, when we feel that we are nearing the river, I hope that it will be our happy lot to meet on the other side, if we never <sup>meet</sup> here any more, we are <sup>well</sup> except hard colds

Dear Uncle I was very much pleased with the Picture you sent me,

I am very thankful, it is nice, it looks  
natural, but some older, than you did the  
last time I saw you, James new it, as soon  
as he saw it, I thought perhaps you would  
like ours, if they did not look quite as well  
please let Josiah see them, tell him if he  
will do as you did, we will do the same  
by him, I do wish, if your health remains  
good you will visit us once more, it seems  
to me you might, as you are not burdened  
with the cares of the World, to hinder you,  
I will now bid you good morning,  
hoping this will find you, and yours, well,  
please write soon, and often,  
as you said. I should like to know if  
this line goes safe, love to all,  
from your Niece Sarah P. Stoughton,