

Centreville July 1856

My dear William,

I thought I would take the first opportunity of
writing to you now. I am able to sit up, and walk some about my room
for which I feel thankful, that I am spared a little longer with my dear
family. my fall was ^{so} bad that I often thought I could not get over it, my legs
were broken but my troubles were mostly in my inside which is not yet
~~well~~ well yet, but I ought to consider it a great blessing that I am so well as
I now am. I rise every day at 11 o'clock, and sit up all day. I kept my
bed 10 weeks, and got quite tired of it. we get your paper regular but a letter
very seldom, we find by your paper that you are now in Columbus how long do
you expect to remain there, can't you come and see us, before you go home, we shall
feel disappointed if you do not come, we all want to see you very much, and perhaps we
may not ^{have} so good an opportunity soon again, do not fail to come, I have nothing
particular to tell you, but that Joseph as a mother daughter added to his family he
intends going soon to see Wood County we fear it is to cold for his constitution. Tom's
family are well, so is Henrys we got a letter from him yesterday your dear Father
and sister are well, but have had a hard time through the cold weather and they
had to nurse me to, as we got no help only from Tho^s and Mary Ann for four
days they were very kind but their family increasing by the arrival of
from Emelias children, and Mrs Riddle, they could not be here, your dear
Father and sister, made two good Nurses, we want you to write to us soon, I feel
still very weak, and, writing tired me. I have not wrote but one letter for 3 months
we all write in dear love to you, when you write to us say how all are at home

Remaine my dear Wm

Your Affectionate Mother
Anna Howells