Sept. 19 1858

My Dear Grandmother,

I hope you are well, and you think that I have forgot you. I cannot but remember you at times. The time that I got your letter I was out riding, but tonight Mama and I walked over to your house. I thought that I would sit down and write you a few lines. We are as merry as a duckling, and I send my regards to you and hope you are well. I send my love to Mary and Elizabeth, and hope that they are well. I have almost done your garden, and will send them in my next letter. Johnny brought you over to the Grammar School, and stays here with Johnny. I would like to know if you got a valentine. We are going up to the Ganns' to spend Saturday. The box had some apples and a sweet apple in the harbor, and the piano all polished, and tuned, and the in living room glass table, and had had the carriage told off the Van Deusen, and his brother came down to see Postmaster.
and when they got there they had not
seen in the house long before the horse got
seared tore across the yard, over the fence,
and into the woods and over the fence.
I even rushing down one of the hills, and
one of the horses fell and they stoped,
but one of them was hurt very badly but
but the horse was not. We had a hard
in bed all the week but I felt equal to
tender tonight. The baby has got 2 teeth almost
now through, and she is very pretty and pretty.
We got a letter from Willie yesterday, he said
that Long Hollow had gone because the doctor
said that she would have the same
if the news was not very careful with him. So
the letter. Willie said that all the people
were very lonely without him, there is nobody
at the college but it hasn’t spread much.
I believe but I must not go further as I must go
to her. Your affectionate
daughter.

Of course I love you, Uncle William and Aunt Caroline
and see the children and pray for them.
Stockbridge Mass
April 21st 1855

My Dear Grandmother

I arrived here yesterday after a pretty long ride. I met 4 of the boys and we had a pretty good time. All of the boys have come back except two and we expect them tomorrow. Lucien Hitchcock has not come back though I expect him soon.

I would be much obliged to you if you would ask Uncle William to stop into Stockbridge and tell him to send me two white coats summer ones as I forgot to go in and get them. He will have to make them to my measure I will thank him if he will.

You must excuse me for not writing a very long letter as it is late and the boys are making such a noise in my room that I can hardly write. I received a sweet letter from Dear Mother last night and we are going to New Orleans the next day.
The letter was mailed in New Orleans. They were going to take Essie with them and Cora in blue. Essie is to have her picture taken on Bacchus. We were all well.

I must bid you farewell with a great deal of love,

Yours truly,

[Signature]

[Date]
My dearly beloved Grandmother,

Your dear and kind letter came to hand Friday afternoon and for which I was very much obliged to you for, as it had seemed a very long time since I had heard from you, though you are perfectly capable for, and I was very sorry to hear that you had been so sick.

I intend to write you a letter once a week, and I do not want you to answer them unless you are perfectly well, sometimes I may not have time to write, but I will endeavor every week to say a few words at least.

A day or two since, I received a letter from John, he said they were all well, his attention there was all
taken up with a violin, as Pa had bought him one from New Orleans and on which he was learning to play, from a Neg. Guy at the College.

I was very glad to hear that any one had joined the church, and I hope, and pray that it will be the means of his salvation, and mine too.

The weather here since Saturday has been very rainy and cloudy, quite a change from what it was a few days since. I wrote a letter to cousin Willie Saturday, and to hear from him soon.

We have a half term examination in a day or two and for which, I shall have to prepare a little, so I will be obliged to make my last letter, than I would otherwise; please to excuse the poor writing. as I am a busy, and have a very short ink. The time begins to grow short when we shall see dear Papa's

right face, and it will almost make me feel like home, it has been so long since I saw them, in a few days it will be a year since I left home.

I wish to much obliged to you if you would ask uncle William to be so kind as to lend me five dollars, as I had to send for a hat to New York for a hat which I forgot to get when down, also some expenses charges & pay, I would thank him for it this week. The boys are now calling me to hurry to my room, as it is late so I must close, with love to all, and a good wish to you dear Grandmother, I remain

Your true Grandson

W. B. Murdock

P.S. When will Miss Prichard & his hon.
July 22nd 1864

Saturday

I suppose you think that we children have almost forgotten you as we do write so seldom but since Papa went away we have more time to write to you. We are all very sorry that Aunt Dwight is going away. I suppose you have heard that she became a Christian since she had been down here and she was elected the Presbyterian church better than the Episcopalian. We have prayers in school every morning. Mr. Hall is liked very much since he is in his carriages. They have a chaise horse. We have been very well and Fallin has hatched a little young but its feet is very sore and Mama has to see it every morning with her sinew. It does not yet have any killer. One morning Mama thought that the cow could not
Dear Mr. Mandy & Miss Jane & Sadies all sick. We all went up to see them yesterday and had a very pleasant time. Though they want to think when she got home that she slept all the rest of the evening. I suppose you would like to know what we study in school. We stay from 7 o'clock to 9 o'clock. First we read in the Bible and then Prayers. The Reading & Writing & Colours. Mental Arithmetic & Then Sallie Arithmetic and Reading. Then my Arithmetic and Composition and then Stories then. After these we have History & Geography every other day and then our French and then Practice from half past 10 until 1 when we have dinner. Then go to school at half past 2 and stay until half past 4. Learning our lessons for the next day and then practice until 6. So you see my time is pretty much taken up. Saturday is the only time I have to write to anyone. I wrote to Helen in the winter but have not got an answer yet. They tell me the next time you see her that I look out for one from her every once that comes. Our vacation does not commence until September and we think that it is pretty hard work going to school in such a way and we got to sleep sometimes. Wish we knew just now what I should tell Grandmother for you and she said tell her that I am coming to her house when the Winter comes. Aunt Elye has a nice bedroom and a beautiful room getting our the time. But 4 weeks ago every one was so afraid of the house. By that noon would let her stay all night at their place on Thursday.
Oct. 29th 1884.

My dear Grandmother.

Your kind letter was received a day or two since, and I now take my first opportunity for writing to you.

Part of my letter will give to you I know as I have torn off half of Papa's letter which I received two days since, dated in Chicago. Tell you will be sorry I know, to hear that he is not coming on this way much to my dissatisfaction.

I can assure, he said that business he needed him at home so he left Chicago on the nineteenth. I suppose as this letter was dictated the 18th inst.

Send you only half of this letter as the rest is nothing that would interest...
being intended for me alone.
I was very glad indeed to hear you again to go South this winter and only hope that Miss
Dunn will consent also if an opportunity offers and she does not. I hope that you will seize it,
as you know how hard it is to move her.

My visit to Little Falls was a very delightful one, I had two pleasant nights to see, and I
stay several nights with the other boys, and I kept a going pretty well from the time I left
there until I left. The boy I was staying said he was proud to
make sure have some fun and I did.

I have not heard from
Father for a week or more and I expect that you have heard later now
than that date.

I wish like to know when
you will go if Miss Dunn
make up her mind to go with
you.

I want to ask you if you
know whether Pa had any thing to
do with the New Haven County
Bank or not and if Mr. Silliman
was not objector or something of
the kind.

Please give my love to
tell the family, I shall never
forget my pleasant visit to Robuta.

Please take Emun Nary. I will
answer her delightful letter within
two days and I am very glad
that she un unstated me.
With much love for yourself I
remain

Your affectionate Grandson
William.

P.S. Pa does not say when or what Uncle
Lewis is going to do.
Edwards Place
Nov 13th 1854.

My dear Grandmother,

It has been some time since I received a letter from you, though I wrote one to you as answer to yours.  I received a letter from dear Brother a few days since she said that she intended to write to Cousin Millie in a few days telling or asking him to take you to St. Louis so I judged that you were going south I am so glad to hear it.  I wish that you would be so kind as to write me soon after receiving this, as I am a
lady to go as teacher for 
Mother, there is one here 
who is quite good and another 
one Ruf Dwight has in 
view, but she is a Unitarian 
which you know would never 
suit Pa, so we are waiting 
to hear which one she will 
take, and as it would be so 
much pleasanter for her to 
go with you, I want to know 
when you are to go, I would 
send her on to Rochester where 
she would meet you, and you 
would find her delightful 
company, I know her quite 
well.

The winter has seemed 
to have fairly set in, as it 
has commenced this morning 
with a pretty good snow 
storm and the ice is strong enough 
to bear a person.

They all seem to be 
enjoying Pa's return, and 
Uncle Butler is slowly recovering 
he seems to have been 
pretty sick. Please tell 
me where I can reach Lewis 
is. Mr. & Mrs. Fred send their 
kindest regards. My love 
to all the family in P and 
to yourself. 

Yours aff. grandam, 
A. B. Benedict.
Dear Grandma,

I received your letter last Friday and thank you very much for it.

Mother has been very busy keeping clean house and I have been sick with a bad cold or maybe pneumonia and Connie is sick with a cold and cough. Now I am just getting well of my cold. So we have had quite a lot of work to do. The weather has been very dry.

I am a little better today. I hope it will not be too hot. I may come over sometime and I believe that Father will be here.

I went to see Mrs. Anderson on the way back. I did not have time to go to see Mr. Merriman because we are under orders not to leave except for necessary business.

This parcel of yours was on Thursday, I believe. Mr. Russell made us all come down at 8:30 o'clock in the morning and then march.
Dear Grandma, I have written a pretty long letter and I hope you will read me with patience and the way in which it is written.

I hope you will be kind to write to me after having received, as I wrote to you or these things. I love my love to Uncle Albert and Aunt Mary and all your command and have a great deal of yourself.

From your affection,

M. Bright.

P.S. Father has just come in and says he has had a very long letter from Uncle Louis who is still in Chicago and is well. Father and mother sent love and as does Willie and John and...

Uncle affection.

M. Bright.
My dear Grandmother,

I hope that you will excuse me for not writing for a long time, but I have been waiting for some news from brother. Mr. Dwight heard a few days since she said that as a lady could not get out before Christmas she has concluded to do without me.

The children go to Mr. Hollis without I believe and she is to have some music teacher I do not know who. I reply with to tell you this and as I want to have you receive this soon I must close as it will not go until Monday if I do not.
Please give my love to all and keep a plenty for yourself.

Yours aff. (int. in short),

Y. B. P.
said she could not sleep for the 10 or 11 o'clock as she knew there would only be out until then with a gentleman home. She went with snow this afternoon. Papa had walked but I suppose we must need to “Belle” late than ever.” Mama has been very ill every day I believe. Every day I believe the cows are kept quiet. We cannot expect many letters from you or Grandma. Don’t trouble yourself about writing from time to time. I believe as read and wrote as much pleasure as we did at home. I believe we were going to sit up a while at Washington Heights at York. I suppose we could have our way every evening. I am very much afraid she has no notion of going. I suppose you received the letter. Mama asked you from Washington.

The ladies of Peters 9 and 12 have I think a few of the children have been making some littleexcise in the clothes they have and last come from one of them. as you do not take the New York streets I suppose you half-intend to come about them. The account of them are very interesting indeed. The weather has been very changeable indeed. The morning of the last Saturday night was so clear as seems possible that the thermometer was up 80 last. The next morning it was down to 21 to give the Thirteenth a taste of cold. I cannot all last night. It was very cold like it was last night. If going to rook if she is going into Boston, my going to visit. I can’t by the very much afraid the bill be caught. The rain which will put the very pleased, though I hope that she will not the Babel is going to be pulled down in a
Dear Grandma,

I received your letter this afternoon and hasten to reply to it. I was sorry to hear that you were not coming home till May for I expected to see you before school began again which it will do in two weeks. I suppose I shall then have to tackle down to my studies for I have been absent a long time from school. Murdoch has been ill almost a week and now Chaplin has succumbed.
Two of the above mentioned is that with
War 1, she has entirely
absorbed him at least I
have seen nothing of him
for the last days.

The appointments for
Commencement have not
been given out yet but
will be about the 16th of
June.

The junior exhibitions
came off last Tuesday
but only one fellow
that I know was Thos
White, who spoke in the
evening.

Mother does not expect
her sewing machine to
do anything as Mrs. Sanguin
did whose history she will
me to put in the letter.

But she expects it to be
an aid and when she has
acquired more skill in
the use of it she expects it
to be an efficient aid.

Mr. Muldoon received a letter
from his father who was about
thirty miles west of San
Antonio, Texas but he said
nothing in regard to his
health.

Mother wishes to know whether
you would like her to have
your room cleaned before
you come home so that
you can see to it yourself.

Sarah Tomlison is engaged
to young Hubbard of Boston
in Louis's class.

We all send love and hope
to see you soon.

Your affection,

[Handwritten Signature]

Grandson

[Handwritten Signature]
White Sulphur Springs
July 12th 1859

My Dearest Grandson,

It has been indeed a long time since I wrote to you, but I will now try to make up for it by sending you 4 pages. It will be a great pleasure to us all to meet again with one who is so dear to us all; especially now that nothing will detain you and that we shall meet at Bridgeport and then on to see those dear boys and especially Willie who we have not seen for so long a time.

I just received a letter from home written by Aunt Elice; it is the first we have had since you left home. We have been anxiously looking for one to hear from dear Cousin Jamie. The Doctor thinks that the disease has removed something from the lungs I gone to the stomach, she has been
having D. Wharton but has got D. Parker now. The place here is beautiful the Hotel Knox is the most beautiful house I ever saw there is a large parlor on one side of the house & a ball room on the other with a dining room in between Mrs. Bowie is coming here on Friday & is going to bring Skip Anna Bowie & Nellie Bowie & Tolly Routh. There are quite a good many nice people here, they have a ball every night but they can't get up much dancing though Willie huh? But I have not mailed this letter yet.

There are quite a good many pretty walks here though they are not very nice for ladies there are not very pretty views from the mountains though not at all good paths up to them. Mr. Whiting the gentleman that belongs to the company that the Spring belong to told Papa that I could come over to their house to practice & so I began writing & like it very much for the water here is awfully bad. Papa goes up early every morning and goes down to the spring and drinks one or two glases of it. I had to drink it when I was sick but Papa does not want us to drink it when we are well. Does Ettie mention of them like Mama makes us so many face. While drinking it that I told her she had better not drink any of it before any one but I won't speak of the daughters performance on the occasion suffice it to say that it all gets down. The weather has been very good indeed since we came here it has only rained once and one cold spell but today.
My dear Grandmother,

I am ashamed of myself for not having written to you so much. I could not and I will not be so bad again.

I think the reason why I have not written is because I have had a letter from Emily Tracy who is in debt. I am not sure if this letter is true. I have not heard from her since. I will write to her and ask her if I can hear from her son. I will write her another letter which will make her happy. I hope she will write me back. I have sent her this letter twice. She has not written back. I hear from time that she has gone both.
unt. May to spend the rest of the winter and into the spring in Florida. Uncle Butler is coming in next summer.

The last letter from Home was from Mother, she says, that Pa was threatening to have another attack like the one last year, and feared he might be forced to take a voyage to China. I hope he will not have to do it, and I feel sorry about it, he has been thinking he was too much fettered. Perhaps he will be relieved when he got back to Minnesota, which I wish he will do next summer.

This winter is here and getting quite cold, I do wish she was with the children, as Mother it seems has been disappointed again by Uncle Leonard (who by the way is married) and through her last a very fine lady, and I think the best she could have got from what she said; O. B. was off her last summer and now has been having pretty only weather for a week or so, but has turned off cold again. I want to know if you will be in New Haven in April.

They told the family and a large chance for yourself to remain. 

From your affectionate Grandson,

Fillie.