

Letter from L. Stearns to her Grand Daughter

May 2, 1863

Dear Granddaughter,

I was very much disappointed in not being able to send you some by Bennett. He told me he would carry them. I got the things put up to send. The next that I knew, he and Sperry was gone. Said they were not going that way.

Had some stockings for children, same for you. A dress, several other things. I was very sorry that they could not be carried. When you sent by Mr. Biver?. I did not know anything about it till he was gone.

And I should send you some things. You sent me a cap. It is too small for my head. It will do for a keepsake.

I received a letter from Phineas January 16. He had been sick but was in the army. He has been in several battles, never wounded. I hope he will be spared to return to his mother.

Sylvia writes me often. Jane has 5 sons and 1 daughter. Sylvia keeps house by herself.

Albert Judd was here has 3 children, 2 boys.

Martha is going to North (Granville) to school.

Henry has come home. I don't know how he got leave, believe he was homesick.

Mis Tucker spent the winter in Waterbury. Daniel is in New York. Don't hear nothing from Clarke, he is among the secessionist most likely.

When did you hear from your mother? Don't she help you? I suppose you month when Beecher was gone. Where is he now? Why did not he get someone to take care of you when he was at home. It was a wonder that you lived.

Your picture that you sent, I only saw it for a few minutes. I want it to keep. If you meant I should have it, say so. Write soon.

Tell how you all are We remain the same. Sarah has a melancholiasick.

Do your children go to Sabbath School? Remember the Sabbath.

It is a great chore for me to write. Can't see no longer. Good night.

From your grandmother

L. Stearns
E. Chatfield

NOTES:

I do not know who Bennett or ?Biver? are.

Granddaughter is Mary Elizabeth Seymour, daughter of Sarah "Sally" Dunham who was the daughter of Lucy Ariail. It is interesting to note that on Jul 27, 1856, Mary Elizabeth Seymour Chatfield had a daughter and named her Lucy Ariail Chatfield.

Sperry is Lucius P. Sperry. He married the sister of Enos Beacher Chatfield. Enos Beecher Chatfield is the husband of Lucy Ariail's granddaughter, Elizabeth Seymour. Sperry was born in Bethany, Connecticut, but had been in Davenport, Iowa before he married into the family on Jan 28, 1856. His occupation was that of a mason.

Phineas is Phineas Leonard Dunham, son of Albert Dunham and Sylvia Cowles. Albert died in North Carolina and after that, his widow went to Minnesota with her family. Phineas Dunham was in the Civil War. He died in Gettysburgh, Pennsylvania. He and his 2nd cousin, John Milton Ariail was fighting in the same battle on the same day. Phineas for the north and John Ariail for the south. They were both wounded with Phineas dying at Gettysburgh and John Milton Ariail recovering, returning to Georgia and raising a family.

Sylvia is Sylvia Cowles, wife of Albert Dunham.

Jane is Sylvia Jane Dunham. She married George S. Woodruff, moving to Minnesota and eventually to California where she died in Stockton.

Albert Judd is Albert Dunham Judd, the son of Deacon Morton Judd and Lucina Dunham. Lucy Ariail may be wrong about the children, there were 2 girls and 1 boy at that time if in fact these children she is talking about belong to Albert Judd.

Martha is Martha Louisa Judd, daughter of Deacon Morton Judd and Lucina Dunham. She eventually married Harry Hall Martin and had two children, Louise Ariail Martin and Oliver W. Martin.

Henry is Henry A. Dunham, Jr., son of Henry A. Dunham. He was in the Civil War. I have a copy of his pension papers here in my files.

Daniel is Daniel T. Dunham, son of Henry A. Dunham.

Clarke – don't know. They only one in the family at that time was the husband of her granddaughter Annie Augusta Rosina Seymour. He and family may have been in Canada or Indiana at that time.

Sarah is Sarah Dunham, wife of William Augustus Seymour, and daughter of Lucy

