

My Dear Dick

Safely arrived at my journey's end and
refreshed by a most excellent night's rest. I imagine
you feel some anxiety to know how I fared by the way.
The sail up the river was just as delightful as possible
and I enjoyed it more than I expected; we had a beautiful
sight of the cars for some little distance; we retired
about 10 as we all felt tired our state room was
luxurious and when we did not sleep we talked
there was very little noise or motion in the boat and
I had quite a comfortable night's rest we reached
Albany 4 AM and left the boat at 5; we took break-
fast at the Delavan House and had plenty of time
to eat a well prepared full and breakfast; we
were seated in the cars 20 minutes before } without
any hurry or confusion. I cannot say much in favour
of the car travelling the day was hot & dusty in the
extreme sense of the word and had it not been for
Mrs Dennis bottle of handy & bay water and her supply of
crackers I should have failed by the way. but through Sarah's

attentions and her good company I managed to keep up though on my last legs I assure you: when we reached Auburn Mrs. Burden was so fatigued they concluded to stay over night and take the cars for Buffalo next morning so I had company to the last minute we took the stage of the American Hotel and was soon in a pleasant airy room had a good wash and I laid down a short time before the carriage was ready to take me to Charley's. I spoke to the proprietor of the hotel about sending me and he said there was a gentleman & lady going to Shenandoah and he thought he could get me a seat with them. They made no objection to my company and the ride was just as agreeable as hot sun & clouds of dust would permit. I took the couple to be on a marriage tour but I found them to be a gentleman & lady in the true sense of the word. reached Charley's by a straight road and succeeded in getting inside of the gate when I heard an exclamation "there is Muggsy come" and saw the bounding figure of Belle almost on the gallop and my welcome was hearty and sincere. Belle soon had tea ready and I was too tired to say much that evening so I went to bed. Had a good rest and to day my tongue must do its duty. I had been expected for two weeks daily and Belle had seen me several times either or no, so Charley said Charley is waiting for the letter as he is going to Auburn on some business. Oh how I wish my children were here they would have such a nice run. and I

do regret that I left Emma behind if I only had a fairy wand and power to wield it I could soon transport her here, little Alfred knows all about his Cousin Emma from hear-say and seems to feel quite acquainted with her. The baby is very nice he runs all about and Belle says gets his own living. The place Dick is beautiful every thing desirable for a comfortable home and Belle is the same as when I saw her last she says she has stuffed the chickens to get them large enough to broil and has succeeded as I heard adieu for Pero to catch some chickens what the result will be dinner will tell. I hope I shall not get the gout I will try to exercise enough to counteract the effects of high living; it is only 8 o'clock and we have been some time through breakfast, it is thundering quite heavy with every prospect of a hard shower. It will be very acceptable as rain is much needed. They have plenty of mosquitoes here but Belle says they will not be so thick after the rain. I certainly feel very grateful to Mrs. Burden & Sarah for their kindness to me on the entire way, every attention was paid me and by Clinton too, as far as he went. I expect to enjoy myself as well as can be without seeing my family. do take good care of my dear boy I do want to see him. I do not know how I shall stand it talk to him about me every day. Give my love to Aunt Sarah & Liz and kiss Emma & Bob for me. Tell Alfred I have had to give an account how long I am going to stay and just when he is coming and Belle repeats every little while oh! Muggsy I am so glad

to see you. Belle sent word to Mrs. Thursted & to Mr. Abels that Mrs. Sund had come. Belle says you must come out with Alfred how I wish you could Rich maybe you will. There is a board against a tree with "this farm for sale" written on it and from the run of conversation I find that it is the object nearest their hearts to sell as soon as can be done without sacrifice. Charley feels there will be no difficulty in doing so at the price he gave but he says he will try & do better and when he finds it cannot be done without taking longer than this year to do it he will sell rather or no. Belle says he is so homesick he cannot work. A letter from you Richard would be very acceptable I should like very much to hear from home.

as ever yours sincerely
Margaret.

Thursday June 20th

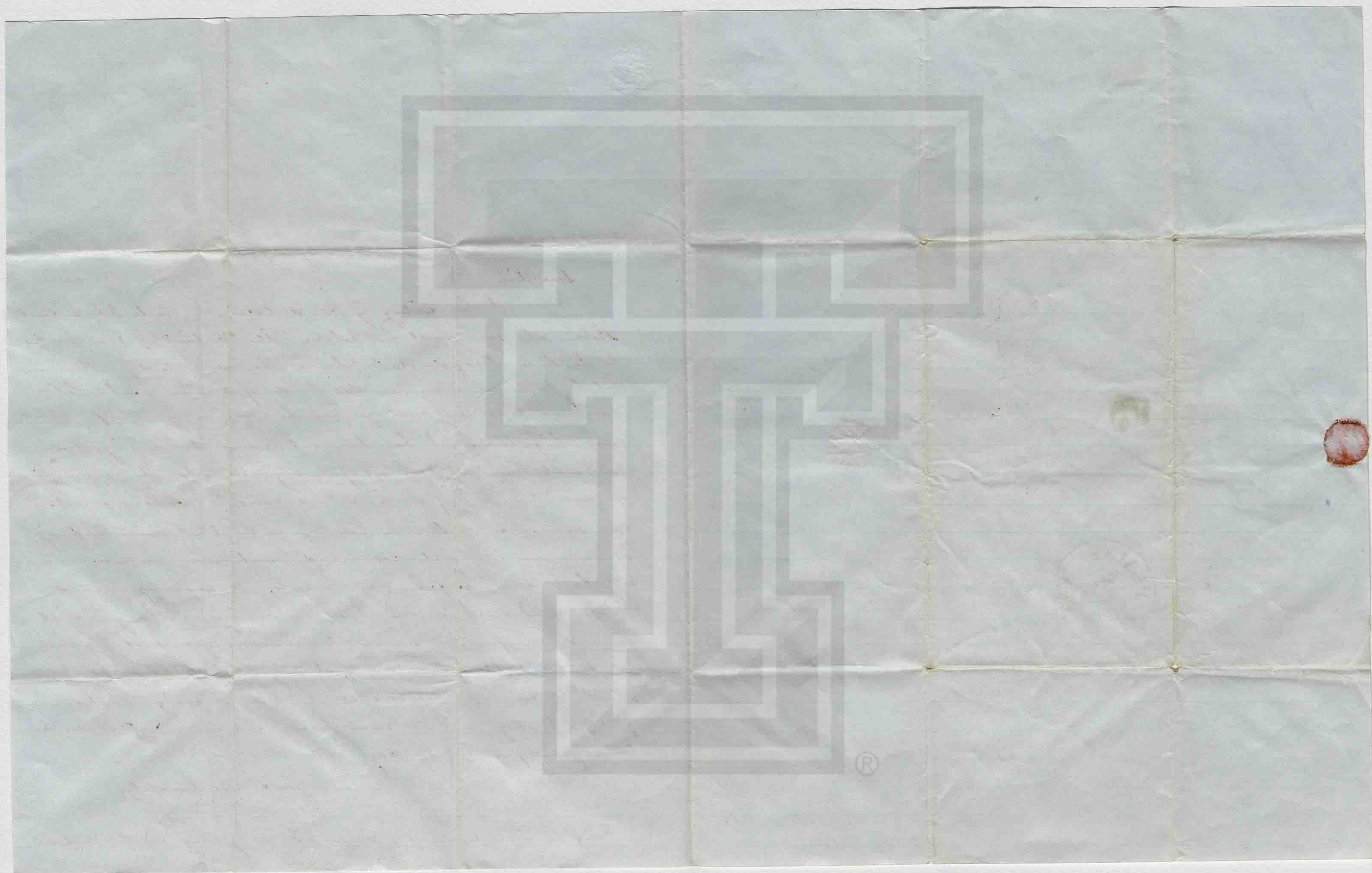
Thursday Sept 2nd

Dear Rich

I am writing by the dictation of Uncle John & Aunt Phebe who say I must not return till the first of next week to the Lake. I asked Uncle John to take me yesterday afternoon but he told me when he was tired of me he would let me know. I am very well entertained and enjoy myself beyond every thing. Emma & I have been out riding this morning down to Daniel Griffings. I do not feel very well and it is a kind of consolation to confide my aches & pains to ~~some~~ one who can sympathize with me. Come up in the L.P.R. train and if it is convenient I will come and meet you and we can all have tea together. My love to all enquiring friends. I hope if I write you word once or twice more you will succeed in finding me. Uncle John says you must try and get on the right track and put your smellers down in North St the first place. Aunt Phebe is going to have a quilting to day and I must cease writing and go to work. Emma grows fat by the day.

yours affectionately
(Maggie)

Being so word within by succeeded in getting in the school.





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