

Pittsfield

Aprille 29, 1837

Dear Brother:

We were favoured with a letter from your daughter, Margaret, which you may believe was a verry great comfort to us. The letter was a verry sensible and intelagent one and cheered us verry much espatecely as it conveyed the welcome news that you intended to visit us this summer. You can hardly believe how much we rejoiced at the idea and should it be realized it would confer a great favour on us all but above all on Christiana who has talked of you almost every day since you came to this country. She longs to see you and now has hopes to be gratified. Do not disappoint her and us if it be at all conveanient. I cannot give you any further directions not knowing where you would start from in this side the lines but your best way will be the best way to Albany and then the stage road to Pittsfield. There inquire for the cotton mills where we now live. This is on your direct road to Pawtucket where Elisha lives. We have not had a letter from him for some time. The last we had they were well. I'm not entering into any details of ups and downs and sidway movements since we saw you that would be too much for pen and ink in the present hand but we will try to prattle it over when we all meet which we hope is this summer. I see by your letter to Elisha that he sent me that he has told you something of our family affair it is a subject that I do not tuch therefore we will wait until you come. At present tollaberly comfortable but in general our

family has had but poor health. Christiana has had but poor health these some years espeacely in the winter now she is able to be about and do the most of her work. She longs to see you. As for myself I am grown a kind of crumpled old fellow but still does a young mans work and still has time to play. If Rachel can come with you it will add much to the visit. If you will let me know when we may expect you I will write to Elisha and my son Samuel for I suppose that you will visit Pawtucket.

Now Dear James we all Jointly and Separately and Earnestly recommend and sincerly. Love and what is of Infinitely greater value the Love of God to you to Rachel to all your children to Joseph and Jane Greer and all our friends.

Yours with all truth,

Jonathan Francis

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Info Note: The original envelope was addressed:

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Ed. Note: The Jonathan Francis writing this letter is Christianna's husband and would be a brother-in-law to James Francis. The ancestry of this Jonathon is unknown to me at this time.
Larry E. Francis - 8-2-1998.