

Atreys Aug 20th 1865

Miss Julia Bliss
Hyde Park

Dear Aunt I received your truly
welcome letter in due time and was very
glad to hear from you once more in this
world I had long looked for an answer
to my last and when it came and I caught
sight of the well known writing on the
envelope with what eagerness the contents
were perused I need not count. tell it
was joy to know that you was yet alive
and your own hand had penned another
message to me and it found us still alive
and enjoying our usual health Father is
as well as could be expected for one of his
age he has the phthisis some this summer
we have been trying to have him come
go to Keimont and spend the winter
but he thinks it is too much a task
for him (how I wish I could see you once
more how glad I was to get the picture
of our dear Cousin wish you would send
yours together with the rest of your
family I should think so much of
them I will try and send you ours next
spring if I can I should be glad to send
them this fall but times are hard here
it has been so wet that crops are rather
light wheat grew in the field before it
could be sowed corn and potatoes are a
light crop hay and oats good our folks
finished buying yesterday uncle Samuel
& family was well last week Lyman &
family are well they have two children
living my girl is well she is eight
years old in Feb she is quite a beauty