

Otsego April 23/1858

Dear Aunt

After a long  
silence I take my pen to write a few  
lines to you, and to yours generally;

I am in good health, at present, and  
so with the rest of our family; that is, as  
far as can be expected. Father is growing  
old, and I think he is failing some;

Verona does not enjoy very good health, she  
has rather more work than she ought to do, and  
the additional care of her babe, seems to

tax all her energy; Seth is as comfortable as  
usual, and our little Nephew, is as keen, &  
full of mischief as he can be. D's babe is a real  
fat, healthy, little chub; her name is, Sarah

Esteline; she is about 10 weeks old; the  
family are well. I am at home, at present, for  
a few days; I have been away most of the  
winter, and spring, engaged a good share of the