

Colton Mar. 25<sup>th</sup> 1888

Dear Aunts uncles and Cousins

It has been a long time  
since I have heard from you  
and I presume you have given  
up learning from me I expected  
when I left your place last  
that it would not be so  
long a time before we met  
again but almost ten years  
have furrowed our brows and  
silvered our locks since we  
parted I have had good  
health most of time but  
Hannah has been sick a  
great deal she is better now  
but is very short of breath  
when she exercises any I  
carried on my farm last year