Springfield July 8th 1851

My children

Your Mother, Bravingly I have held Myself, until to-day, the 13 and reach Goodville on Thursday the 14th if nothing happens to prevent. Your Mother has been suffering with a pain in her back but it has not decreased. She has suffered more than I can express from my complaint and a severe fever. But I hope she is better. Whereafter from this point the family are all well and I am in hopes to come to you.

Yours with the sincerest affection of a Father

Mrs. AT.

My Dear Son,

I have been expecting a letter so long I cannot account for your long silence. I am afraid something is the matter, yesterday went to the office no later this morning Martha was going to the court house to get some things for me, and I got M.B. to write the above to let you know at what time to expect us, but before the carriage was ready it was raining and has been pouring down all day, consequently she could not go, and I am writing myself. Lucy Sinclair sent to invite Martha to go with her to Thompson to spend a week, she is anxious to go and going there it is a bad day for doing up stores, I have been quite uneasy a fortnight with a pain in my back and have it now. I intend trying the cold bath, I prepared a large hot yesterday for the
the purpose, we have had another dry spell another we share
make a short crop, I mentioned Lucy Ann Campbell is coming up
with me, she is anxious to come but as now mentioned her name in your
letters, she is afraid she would not be welcome, how is the lady since I hope
and as lovely as a cherub. I long to see her to see her grand manner is coming
very I have a long motion of going on a Beechams, one just over
at Beecham, we have had some fine cool weather, peaches are nearly
ripe, Lucy Stiles is looking very bally, I hear she is with her like poor
Rebecca, but hope not she has had chills and fever, she was from
my step until Monday morning with Mrs Tangy, who is far from being well.
quite settle, some of the others have been sick, too of the servants have
had a long spell but are recovering slowly. I am afraid this will
be a week for, there was a severe time sunday night in some parts of the
county chimneys were blown off trees uprooted fences blown down but it set
not much way. Martha is more frustrated this summer than she was the
tast, she is very thin now, but says as the school is over, she was very
sereni, I hope so, I sometimes think I shoud never be meaning for her to think
again, however is very nice but is not near as fat as she was when you
left us. Why is it he and spirits anticipating her trip, Eugenia is a
squad never saw her so hearty, your aunt Martha is quite thin, she has not
been very well lately, little Martha and Parker are about so much they
are in poor as oranges, Sarah has been quite sick, but is living in the
hope of seeing her brother George soon and going back with him to
Louisiana to visit her sister, Thomas is hard at work, we are now I
have written more than I thought I could when I commenced I must
omitted, with time to see, write and meet my dear chile. Farewell

To Betsy has another say born yesterday

your devoted mother

L. J. Daytop
Dear Kitty,

Mother insists on my filling up this sheet though I feel very little like writing, but I will make my effort and try and think of something to amuse you. Het has just returned from Kansas City, went to the Association, and then went also to see a Miss Motley, whom she has tried everybody in Glouchester whom the company and were seen to look at the Ladies of King from. I hope he may be more successful. He tells me nothing else, but masying. We went to Salem last Sunday and spent a very pleasant day. I went to the E.R. to an Indian concert a long time. I saw five Indians. They showed us the manners and customs of the Oregon Indians. They were descendants of Black Hawk and Oda, who also saw a slum of the Rocky Mountains, the Columbia River, and a street in the, and a great many of them. They were beautiful, one thousand persons were there to see them, they and went a week at Wilson, and not long ago, we went not coming tonight seven more than any of the others. The first, I have not commenced to be 20 yet. Cousin Sarah is still in Washington, we heard the captivated good beauty, she goes to Old Point every night and dances, I believe I have told you all the news I could think of excuse all mistakes.

I remain your affectionate and devoted sister,

Burns