

[1884-01-27; letter from Henry Sears to father Nathan; stamped envelope addressed to "Mr Nathan Sears, Care Geo. N. Spear, Greeley, Colorado"; postmarked "Bost. & Wellfleet R.R., Jan 28":]

East Dennis 7 P.M. Jan 27 / 84

Dear Father.

Suppose before this you are in Greeley, and Myra and Geo. are to day feasting upon the satisfaction that you are actually with them in person. Received your letter yesterday noon written at So. Bend, saying you should leave there Friday and arrive at Greeley Saturday P.M. Was glad to hear your trip thus far had been comfortable and pleasant, and there had been no tedious delays. The snow storm that had kept with you until you reached Chicago, stopped with us from Friday night until Sunday morning. about 5 inches fell. it was moderate so it lay level, until Sunday P.M. when it breezed up and Commenced to drift some, but not very bad. there were several banks monday morning, each, on Center & Pleasant Sts, and the shore road. John Caril & Anthony Chase did the digging and together worked 9 hours. there were several [page] drifts in our lane, but did not have them dug out. Thursday P.M. it commenced to rain which continued until sometime in the night, and Friday morning the snow had about all disappeared, and with colder weather it is now good traveling. Minnie and the boys went to Church to day. I stopped at home to finish copying the Town Warrants, had poor luck at first copying. and last evening Abra & Wife spent the evening here, so I could [do] nothing, and it brought me behind, but had them all finished before noon to day. will send you a copy, that you may know what business will be done at the Town meeting. the pond fishery will draw out quite a lively discussion. as you will see there are three articles all relating to the same thing. the other business will probably be quickly disposed of. Do not hear as there is to be any change in the Selectmen on the south side. Joshua is going to retire, and expect Wefer & Isaiah B will be candidates for this side. Several persons here and at No Dennis asked me if I would run as there [page] was no doubt but what I could be elected, but I declined the honors.

Freeman Robbins had a load of Salt hay Thursday 1480 lbs paid on a/c 7.00 all the money the boy had. while we were weighing it, it commenced to rain, and continued to rain hard, so that the hay must have got pretty wet before he got it home. Bailey had his load yesterday 1320 lbs. Thursday the man from East Harwich who had some potatoes from you at 40 cts, Came for some more at the same price, told him I could not sell these we had for less than 50 cts per bu, so he went off without any. The City of Columbus disaster has been the main topic of discussion the past week, without arriving at any satisfactory reason why it occurred, without gross carelessness on the part of the officers in charge, after the Captain went to his room. no blame is attached to the Capt. but at last accounts it was feared he would loose his mind.

Minnie has gone over to Aunt Eliza's to [page] make a call and get the news if any. Thursday Minnie spent the day at Marga's Frank Clark carried and brought her. intended to have stopped the evening but on account of the Storm she thought it best not to, and came home just dark.

The boys are doing there work at the barn finely, and well broken in, doing it Systematically and promptly.

Winslow Howes keeps about the same, Minnie wrote you Tuesday about the death of Mrs Howes<sup>[4]</sup>. Susie Hall is gradually improving. they have had a nurse come from Boston, who takes all the care of her day & night

Warren Sears has improved so that he went away Friday.

Minnie has just returned from Aunt Eliza's Says Mary Davis is there. Came Wednesday. The reading Clubs are prospering. Harry went to Olive Crowells last night, they all walked over. Our Club meets tomorrow night at Mary Crowells, and read Snow Bound. Robbins has paid another installment, \$14.03 Shall expect a letter from you Friday, and [page, remainder in margin on first page] learn your opinion of Greeley, how Geo. and Myra are, and many other things of interest. Suppose you have received letters from Seth and Chloe, and are thus posted on their doings Minnie and the boys write with me and send love to yourself, Myra & Geo.

Your

Son. H H Sears

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<sup>4</sup> There is no Howes death in Dennis in January of 1884 listed in the Dennis Vital Records.

