My dear Henry

Since we or your folks received your letter I have felt as if I wanted to write a few lines to you. You know your Grandmother Sears always feels an interest for you, and I hope I shall as long as life shall last.

We are all well at home and at your fathers, this morning Grandfather and your father are cutting up their beef which has proved to be pretty good, Grandfather has carted all his wood, and one load for your father and would have finished his to day if it had not rained, but now it is a severe rain storm —

all things are going along down here about as usual — [page]

I have not heard much about the schools only they have a plenty of scholars I hope you will not be faint hearted about yours, for no you have a good time to study, you have no cares nor work to do to divide your mind, I hope you will strive with all diligence to improve in all the branches that you undertake, be careful when you write that you spell all your words right, for that is the beauty of a letter, if it is worded ever so well, and badly spelt, it looks bad, but I found yours pretty good, one or two exceptions, but all was very glad to receive it as from Henry, your folks was quite disappointed in not having one on Monday was very sorry to hear you was home sick, I hope you have given that to the winds before this time. I know something about that I went to Uncle Isaiah Crowells on a visit [page] when I was fifteen years old to stop a few weeks, but was so homesick they had to bring me home —

but you have something of more importance than a visit. it is to gain an education, and I hope you will make all the exertion that lays in your power to improve and in due time you will come home and see all in good health and spirits. How are you, are you in your room most of the time when out of school, have you and bed fellow! are you lonesome, can you sleep warm nights, those cold nights last week I was afraid you would lay cold, as you have such a warm bed fellow at home,

But you must get along as well as you can, time passes on swiftly, there has been almost two of the weeks past already and spring will soon come. most likely you will come home in [page] course of that time and stop a few days does he have school on Saturday how many scholars are there in the school who have you in your class, I think after a few weeks you will have more studies, but Henry it is important that you read, write, and have Arithmetic perfect, do you go to meeting and where, how do you like Sandwich.

I do not know of anything more to say to you at this time, only be a good boy cheer up your spirits and dont be homesick any more, think your father was kind in sending you, in hopes you would improve more in your studies, and in your manners, and it would be one means of making you a man, and fitting you to fill the various stations in life.
all these are my best wishes to you Henry I send you much love and many good wishes Aunt Thankful and Hannah C. sends their love to you and I think all hands would if they knew I was writing from your friend Betsey Sears
dont think I have talk hard for I have not