

[1883-11-25; letter from Hannah:]

S. Falls. Mass.

Sunday eve, Nov 25.. 1883.

My dear Bro. –

Have just written a long letter to Geo & Myra, in answer to one I recd from Myra yesterday, and in reply to one I recd from Geo while I was with you. Geo is troubled, and perplexed with some matters, concerning the settling of the Estate. There is a house here, which Mr Spear sold to Mr Hallam, for \$2000. he has paid \$600. on it, and there is a mortgage of \$1400. on it, which Jenks wants Geo to take. The bank will take a first mortgage of \$800. on it, leaving \$600. for Geo [page] but as he can get Hallam to set no time, that he will pay it up in (as he says the arrangement was, he could have forever, to do it in) Geo has written Jenks, to foreclose it, and sell it at auction. I saw Jenks yesterday, and had a long talk with him, said he had recd a pretty sharp letter from Geo, the night before. I think that Geo cannot do better than have the Bank take 800, and Jenks said Herb would take half of the other 600 – as he thinks if they force a sale, it will be hard to find a \$1400 cash customer for such a place as that. Jenks is to send Geo \$1000. the first of this week, and I think that will relieve him a little. I suppose he very much wants the ready money to pay up [page] for his house. J thinks Hallam will pay all he can and as fast as he can, and it would be hard on him to force a sale now. Mr Pelton read the “Presidents Proclamation” today, for Thanksgiving, from a small little clipping from a newspaper, but entirely ignored poor Benj F’s. He said “there was another proclamation from the Gov of this state, but as he only recommended, th[---] my it should be kept at our firesides, nothing said of our assembling ourselves together, at the place of public worship, the reading of it, in this place, was uncalled for, and he would not take the trouble.” We expect to spend it in Williamsburgh. wish the day was passed with you, for it will be a [page] very lonely one, the best you can make it. Recd good letter from Minnie, and also the Item, containing the beautiful tribute to Sarah’s memory. Was it written by Miss Shaw? I thought it was very pretty. Recd letter from Mrs Gale, said they were to go to Hartford for Thanksgiving, and then would come up here. I want very much to see them to learn of Geo & Myra. do you hear any more of Nane’s marriage? Suppose you will expect Seth Wednes. I wonder, if Elsie goes back with him, it will be very nice for him. if she does. Excuse this hasty scrawl. J is winding clocks, shaking and filling stoves, locking doors, all of which tells me it is bed-time. So good night –
Love to all, from Sister Han –

