Dear Cousin, I was happy to receive a letter from you and to hear of your being in health which I know by experience to be very great, but I am considerably better than I was a year ago. I am in hopes in time to regain my health which has been a strain at my stomach my children are well and are very healthy I have not been at Greatmzamo this two years but often hear I believe they are well John Bapst who married last winter to a Bruna Jones Chika remains a bachelor yet. Anna Jenkins is well. She has 3 children all boys their names are Cockey Prince & Eben. Sarah Howes left 3 the youngest when he died was 3 weeks old their names are Susanna Judah & Eben. Uncle Abram was so much affected he drank no spirits for several weeks. Kezia is a melancholy woman her troubles put uppermost this. She will sometimes appear cheerful her children appear to be likely well behaved. I think George is the best looking of the three. Muhammad is not very well this summer but keeps about quite lively. Our children are as well as common. I saw them last on Sunday.

I hope you will not fail of writing to me when you have opportunity my neglect of writing to you was not wilful you was not forgotten by one.

To Mrs Abigail Howes
Hannah Chapman
Dear Cousin, I was happy to receive a letter from you and to hear of your being in health, which I know by experience to be very great, but I am considerably better than I was a year ago. I am in hopes in time to regain my health, which has been a strain on my stomach. My children are well and are very healthy. I have not been at Greatmagna this two years but often hear I believe they are well. John Beckett was married last winter to Ann Jones. Ehina remains a bachelor yet. Anna Jenkins is well. She has 3 children, all boys, their names are Crocker, Prince, and Eben.

Joshua's left 3 the younger when he died was 9 weeks old. Their names are Susanna, Judah, and Eben. Uncle Abiram was so much affected he drank no spirits for several weeks.

Kazia is a Melancholy woman but troubled by uppermost. She will sometimes appear cheerful. Her children appear to be likely well-behaved. I think George is the best looking of the three. Michael is not very well this summer, but keeps about quite lively. Our servants are as well as common. Saw them both on Sunday.

I hope you will not fail of writing to me when you have opportunity. My neglect of writing to you was not willful; you were not forgotten by one to Mrs. Abigail Howe.

Hannah Chapman
Dr. Mr.

Barnabas Hawes

[Signature]
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Dennis October 1807

Dear Cousin

I was happy to received a letter from you and to hear of your being in health which I know by experience to be very great but I am considerably better than I was a year ago. I am in hopes in time to regain my health Which has been a sprain at my Stomach my children are well and are very healthy I have not been at Greatmarshes this two years but often hear from Mum[35] I believe they are well John Bassett[36] was married last winter to Anna Jones[37] Elisha[38] remains a bachelor yet. Anna Jenkins[39] is well She has 3 Children all boys Thier names are Crocker Prince & Oren[40] Judah Howes[41] left 3 the youngest when he Died was 9 weeks old Thier names are Susanna Judah & Eben. Uncle Abram[42] was so much affected he drank no Spirits for several weeks Kezia[43] is a Melancholly Widow her troubles seem uppermost tho. She will sometimes appear cheerful her Children apear to be likely well behaved I think George is the best looking of the three Ruhamah[44] is not very well this summer but keeps about quite lively Our Aunts are as well as common I saw them both on Sunday I hope you will not fail of Writing to me when you have opportunity my neglect of writing to you was not wilful you was not forgotten by me

Hannah Chapman

to Mrs Abigail Howes

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To Mr Barnabas Howes

Ashfield

35 Refers to Rachel, 3rd wife of Samuel Bassett, and stepmother to Hannah Chapman.
36 Hannah’s half-brother, b. 30 Sep 1784, son of Samuel and 2nd wife Elizabeth (Luce) of Tisbury.
37 Anna Jones of Sandwich, m. int. Barnstable, 10 Oct 1806.
38 Hannah’s brother, Elisha Bassett (b. 26 Jan 1783).
39 Hannah’s older sister; see Note 8.
40 Per Barnstable records, Crocker (b. 15 Feb 1799), Prince (b. 11 Nov 1803) and Oren (b. 13 May 1806) would later have Elisha Bassett Jenkins (b. 23 Feb 1808) and Lydia Crocker Jenkins (b. 5 May 1813), after which the family moved to Cincinnati, OH.
41 Judah Howes (Abraham4, Judah4, Joseph3, Thomas1), b. 28 Mar 1778, d. 23 Aug 1807; m. Thankful Howes (b. 26 Sep 1777; d. 3 Nov 1816; d/o Jonathan (Lot4, Prince3, Jeremiah2, Thomas1) & Susannah (Matthews) Howes). Their children were Olive (see Note 28), Susannah (b. 2 Feb 1803; m. Nathan Foster Sears), Judah (b. 1 Feb 1808; d. 5 Aug 1842; m. Mary Jane Davis).
42 Abraham Howes (1740-1817).
43 See Note 25.
44 See Note 20.