Dear Sir,

Fursten, brunch Aug.

Fursten received, in the summer. In fact, the winter was hard, and St. George not coming up to any degree of perfection, I can only say that the crops

are, for the most part, below par. I was hoping to have had a good harvest, but now it looks like we will have to

wait another year. The prices for wheat and corn are still high, but I hope they will come down soon.

Enclosed find a copy of the letter I received from Brother Jones. He is in the state of Arkansas, and he wants me to come and see

him. He says he needs some help with his crops. I will try to make the trip as soon as possible.

I have been thinking about starting a business in the Fall. I have some money saved up, and I think it

might be a good idea. Do you have any suggestions for what kind of business I should start?

Please let me know if you have any other news. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
We write to express our love and respect to those dear to us in the memory of our deceased relative. Sister Judith, who has passed away, leaves behind a legacy of love and devotion. In her memory, we will continue to cherish the beautiful moments she spent with us in this tranquil setting.

P.S. May all the letters and kind wishes sent to us be given with love and regard for your dear friend. Timothy's kind words are much appreciated. May our correspondence be a source of comfort and joy.

[Signature]
EVANSBURGH, PA, SEP. 20.

Nathan Stone Esq.
Post Master

Dennis
Maj. the
Cape Cod
Sixteen months have roll’d away since I left my native Shore for this wooden world and yet I have not come up to my promise of writing to my friend and Cousin before – neither have I any reasonable excuse to offer for my neglect, excepting this that Brother Isaiah is in the practice of writing often & receiving letters in silan which I have the privilege of reading, I was happy in having from time to time, that health reigns in Your family, & thrice happy should I be if I and my family could conveniently visit you and our Cape friends, at hand once in the year – this is in deed a fine country, but it will never have half the charms for me that I experienced in my native place – one reason is the people here are strangers to me, most of them are from Europe & the manners and Customs of the inhabitants differ from those of massachusetts, especially of Cape Cod. We are all favoured with health here, for the most part of the time. I believe the country air is equally agreeable to the constitution as that we were favoured with from the Salt water; certain it is that people here are not Subject to cankering complaints, as they were by the Sea Shore. Nancy & Julie enjoy fine health & would not return again to the Cape for any thing – but it is yet exactly so with me — however, I am content myself most any where, if my family is satisfied, and duty calls me — the greater cause of complaint with me since I’ve been here, is the want of employment. The prospect for doing business here in the mercantile line is So unfavourable at present, that it would be the hight of impudence to imbark in it, even if I had Capital sufficient for the purpose, (which however is not the case) — this [???]ing in Some measure to the apparatines[?] on the Canal’s having been Stop’d for twelve months past — we expect it will go on again next Spring & business will then take a new Start — at present we are obliged to content ourselves with the implant of providing for & [??]asting Spare Boarders, of which we generally have 8 or 10, this Keeps the women employed & furnishes a Support for our family, & perhaps a little more— If any of your neighbours are desirous of turning Farmers, they would do well here – fine Farms may be purchased here in good times, & this is a fine Country for fruit, indeed it is a good place for mechanicks of all kinds— but they must not depend altogether on their trade – it is best for every family to have a good Farm to Cultivate & then by industry & good management they would prosper — — — [Next page]

We wish You to remember us with respect to Your Sister Judith, tell her we woish She & Aunt Sally would come & Spend the remainder of their days with us in this beautiful country – besides our Yankee women Stand So high in the Opinions of the better Sort here that cousin Judith would be Sure to have the offer of a good Husband very Soon – there is no mistake about it —
give our regards to Mr & Mrs Shanns[?] & Your Own family & friends & accept the best wishes of Your friend & cousin

Oliver Alden

P.S. now Esq Stone will condescend to write me a long letter & tell me all the news worth relating — direct your letters to me to Evansburgh – County of Crawford, Pa — Brother Timothy’s village begins to flourish, a number of houses have been built in it this Season & three or four more will be erected before December, if lumber can be obtained for that purpose — the Summer with us has been very dry, So much So, that all Saw mills have Stood Still — Brother Timothy’s Classmate Kendall has been to make him & us a visit & preached in this village – he had not Seen him before for 30 years – Sally will recollect him – he lives near Utica N Y

Nancy & Julia Says that when they get Husband they will come and make you a visit —

Brother Isaiah & Family are well — When You See Capt Henry Hall, give my respects to him, he is a man I think much of —

how comes [????] Saw Nathan? I wish he was nicely Settled down here, hear us —

Ol. Alden