

June 10th 1842 East Hampton

Dearest Parents

I thought I would give you a little History of our journey I didn't know but it would be as interesting to you as it was to me. We started from Catskill tuesday morning at nine Oclock it was quite pleasent until 1 Oclock when it commenced raining and rained most all night we landed at New York 4 Oclock Cousin John hired a cab to take us to Mr. Conley's house it was five when we arrived there. We was received and treated with a great deal of kindness by all the family. in the morning after breakfast Eliza Conley and myself went out to walk we went to a place called the City Hall from there we went to the parks I saw great many curious thing. I never saw so many radishes in my life as I saw there. When we returned they was eating dinner after dinner Cousin Phebe and John and Mrs Conley went out. Eliza and I kept the house and children from running away while they was gone they was not gone long Phebe could not walk far after tea Cousin John and William Conley and Eliza and myself went to the Museum There we saw all kinds of birds and fishes and makes of all descriptions among the rest a white niger her hair was white as linen her eyes was pink she was the curious looking object that ever I laid my eyes ON it was eleven oclock before we got back they was all a bed I never was so tired in my life Eliza said she thought we walked six miles in all it makes me ache to think of it now There was no vessel going out so we staid until five Oclock John hired a coach to take us to the east river Mr Conley's daughter a little girl eight years old went with us we took the steam boat went to Lime Connekticut there we changed boats at half past one at night next morning at we was in sag harbor the children slept but we didn't it rained some the latter part of the night we was not but a little seasick not enough to make us vomit it was six before we got to Cousin Levi's we was most tired out one of John neighbor was down with a waggon so after breakfast I went to his house Phebe preferred staying she thought she should have a chance to go to uncle Abraham they didn't see any one in the afternoon Cousin Levi sent a line to uncle Abraham William come down next day which was saterday John went down to cousin Levi Friday afternoon Phebe was sorry enough she didnt go with us in the morning Saturday I went to uncle Jered and sunday we went to uncle Abraham 's after Meeting we went back Celey Ann Mr Conley's daughter went with me she kept as close as she could I couldnt be gone 15 minutes out of one room into another but she was after me John came after me tuesday to go to their house John told her she must stay with aunt Ruth she said no she was so afraid I would go and leave her that she on with her bonnet and into the waggon before I got to it Cousin Charles was corning after me in a day or two I thought I would leave her there to help Cousin Betsy take care of the baby but she found it out as soon as she see me putting on my things she on with hers and was out to the waggon first one but would git in untill she knew whether I was agoing or not. Sunday I was agoing to east Hampton they all said it was to bad for her to chaise me uo Mrs Strong wanted her to come over there she sent her daughter over and we got her to go but she didnt want to after she was gone I cleared for Easthampton. Tuesday uncle Abraham and aunt Phebe Cousin Phebe and AT and wife went to the Springs her Father's they all called me cousin so I called them so in the afternoon Cousin Phebe left Alford asleep she and Cousin Abraham and Cousin Andrew and Cousin Phebe and I went out on the water two hours we had a very pleasent time when we come backbubby had waked up good as could be when we come home Aunt Phebe girl had packed up and cleared she broke into the chamber that was locked

and got her things a new silk Hat that she never had worn they paid
4 an 6 per yard for the silk AT and wife lives in the family there
is no sign of their moving as I see Deacon Osborn was in here yester-
day Aunt Phebe interduced me as Brother Conklin daughter he said he
could see Conklin looks some say I look like Pa some like Ma some say
neither and some say that they never see two person look more a like
than I and Cousin Edmond does. I hope Father and Mother has got over
the itch by this time I have not seen any more of it Pa if you could
see how smart uncle Abraham is you would take curage you think your
triles is great but I don't beleive you would exchange with him if you
knew his AT swers at him calls him and his Mother everything most he
can think he is as bad as Philanda his wife scolds some times we have
music a plenty I hope Ma and Pa will keep up good courage do not think
we ought to complain for I have seen those that I would not exchange
with if they would give money to boot it will be ordered so that it
will all come out rite in time You must not be frightened if you dont
see me till fall I expect Charlott and George has fine times while I
am gone I should like to see you all Abraham has a spy glass but I
cant see over the Catsk Mountains tell Charlott and Olive if I send
a paper to them they must send one to me send it to East Hampton I can
git it from there they must write on the rapper] sent you a paper
a week ago there is half a house full that send their love to you all
I am afraid the letter will burst for all the love that in it I
shall not be surprised if some of it should crawl out at some of the
air holes I suppose I must follow the fashion so I send my love to
all who may take the trouble to inquire especily to Pa and Ma I hope
I hope they feel better that my stuff wont make them feel worse that
Pa wont drop his head lower than ever when he comes to read it. I
am going to the Harbor tomorrow So Good By Father and Mother your
Affectionate daughter Emiline Osborn Give mylove to Philander tell
him he must be good You must rite for I want to here how the time goes
there send a paper

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My Dear husband

I thought I would write a few lines with Emiline my health is about the same it was when I left home. I was about tired out when I got to Uncle and Alfred likewise he has had a bad cold ever since I left home his face is getting very sore I do not know but it will be as bad as it was last winter I have made to visit since I have ben hear you must kiss Charles for me tell him he must be a good boy I have got himm and Anna some shells I wish they could bin with me to helped getherd some June 12 I have been to church to day for the first time herd a very good surmon you must remembr us in your prayers you must come when convenient I have not been to Bridghim yet but expect to go this week you must not let any one see this tell Anna she must keep up good courage I want to hear from you all I want to hear from George Conover I shall look for you soon I shall be very glad to see you You must get money enough to get some books and rocking chair You must direct my letters to me then I shall git it for they know me I have been to the office

You must write to me you write how the goosling come on You must take care of the chicking and goslin and I hope you let the old cat die a peaseable death dont let them torment her You can get calico here for 7 cents in the harbor as 12 pence summerand for 12 cents as good as 18 pence] wish you let me get a dress (Uncle Lewis is here)

You must rite to me about my flower bed I have been to the office once and I shall go again so dont disapoint me have you got a good fire I am most froze I expect snow every minit I wish you would send something to get some window curtains with Uncle Jered says he wished I had brought him some wool. Pa cant you spare a pair of stockings for Uncle Lewis he says he thinks a great deal of you

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This letter was not signed but must have been written by Abigail Hedges Osborn (daughter of Stephen Hedges of Sagg wifes name unknown)

sent to Mr. Conklin Osborn
Blenheim
Schohair Co
N.Y.

sent from East Hampton N.Y. June 13th

Phebe Hedges m. Abraham OSBORN
Charity Hedges m. Jacob Osborn
Abigail Hedges m. Conklin Osborn
three sisters married three brothers
Hedges sisters were daughters of Stephen Hedges and the Osborn brothers were sons of Thomas Osborn (5) wifes name unknown