

THE SERGEANT JEROME PEIRCE COLLECTION

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LETTER TRANSCRIPTION

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My dearest wife, Allie,

It is pretty late but the "stilly night" is so favorable, that I must say something, besides it is so pleasant when all is still, to speak to you! Shall I be such an unsocial being when you are again with you [me]?

Have just returned from Mr. Gage's where we had a chatty time about Lowell, old times there, Ben B., and literary matters generally, till half past 10!

So much for your absence but you see I "own up."

Have been very busy since I wrote. Tues eve rode out with Foster to his house. Found all very beautiful, and happy and don't see what more they can ask. Plenty of land, trees, apples and pears, etc., etc.

Cannot, of course, describe it all, but it is one of the best locations, and the back parlor windows look out upon the bay where you can see the outer light with shipping etc. and fine land views besides.

Had at tea, besides their own family, Mr. Locke, Henry H., Miss Lucy Bowen and Susie Hall, who rode out with us. Had a hearty meal of meat (boiled), beans, potatoes of their own raising, hot biscuit, Indian cake etc. and a cordial social time it was. All seemed pleasant and happy. Many inquiries after you all and will be happy to see yourself and Abbie soon.

Rode in quick this morning which does one good.

Forgot to mention that we had music etc. in the evening.

Busy today, have seen none of the relations. Took tea at Mr. J's, very pleasant. J. as "gassy" as ever.

And this is the way time has passed, save that I think of P.V. [Pleasant Valley] and its inhabitants pretty often!

The weather has been charming and I trust you have been benefitted, have you not? I want to hear from you. How did you get along with the company that was expected? Tell me all the items.

Have not seen Susie B. yet since I returned, nor our neighbors, the P's.

There is no particular news, will send a paper or two.

Called a moment on Albert S. today. All well at C. also at our C. Do you want to come home?

But it is late, and I must close. A hundred kisses and the entire love of,

Your,

Jerome

Thurs Morning 26

Just to say "Good morning" to all. The plants are doing nicely again. The ship "San Jacinto" has arrived in N.Y. with young Edmands, sooner than was expected. If you see the E's [Edmands,] this may be news. Lucy is in Worcester I expect. No news from George.

Love to all,

Yours

J

TRANSCRIBER'S NOTE (Josef Rokus)

The "Foster" referred to in the letter was Foster Peirce, who was one of Jerome's older brothers. The 1850 U.S. Census listed him as being born in 1812, living in Charlestown, Massachusetts, and being in the furniture business. It is interesting to note that when that census was taken, Jerome, then 19 years old, was living with the Foster Peirce family, with his occupation being recorded as a "gilder."