

Dear father and mother as I am at my Brother Johns I feel advised to write to few lines to inform you that what my Brother John has put in this letter is truth as she rote a letter stating he might do as he had a mind to do she would not come to america the question is what would you have don would you had a little of your own mind or you would lived a batchelor all the days of your life as she stated in a letter that she would send him the money if he would come back to England mony which he send her to come with he lived something like 6 years then he thought he would try again it is somethin something like William wood and Jane Kurner it is not a pleasant affair where ever such a case meets but in the midst of all he has got a comfortable home enough to eat and wear and to spare and every apearance of a good wife it is tru you have had bad reports of him and me as well but that dont make any diferance I ham just the same if they turn me inside out it make no diferance i did not come to gain homer welth and fame but to obey my saviour if you was all like me you be betor than what you are but take your own choice you will gain wat you laber for I am sattisfied and doing well as Brother says I have a little aforehand and if any of will lend to my son Richard as much as will bring him to me I will send it to you as soon as he comes or to my Brothers little washington or Moss street southwork between 7th and 8th streets Philadelphia I could like him to inquire for the first ship in Liverpool and come as he has been working at the foundry he might do very well hear for men that atends to the mason with bricks and lime receives ten shilings per day comences at 7 oclock and gives up at 6 in a foundry it will be better according to what you work at bring 12 pair of mens stockings and as many womans and coton handerchifs and coton shirts and other things as you can such as flanel shirts and drawers for wint-erand if you could bring good cloth for a coat to cut america live and dress the way they do you can get any kind of goods cheaper in England t than you can hear if you can bring 2 or 3 pair of boots good strong sunday boots they would be strong enuf welingtons boots stenderer for sundays razers and knives will make mony if you had mony you might m make much what you bring lay it very snug in the botom of your box and w when the inspector comes be cheerful and ready to open your box and if you have coat cloth show it saying you wantslike to have it america fashion what I have is clothing for my own wear and after you have been hear a little while you can write to Isac to inform him about coming but be carfull and have every thing locked up tite if you dont you will loss you will want light clothing for summer if you had rather come to my house land in castle garderns New York leave your box inquire and cross fultan fery and see if there is any wagans for rockvill center to fetch gou along his name is Jakes Jones please write back as soon as you receive this and do as I have wished you to do so no more at pressen from you kind and affelctionate father

Willâam Thornton.

Philadelphia Jany '26/59

Dear Father and Mother I am almost at a loss to know what to write I received a Letter from Nehemiah last summer and direction of my brother William. I wrote to him in Rockville centre But got no answer untile December 18. You will Excuse my negligence for not writing oftener it is only carelessness, William came to see me Last week and is here yet he is Looking very well and is geting along very comfortable having laid a little up for a rainy day he thought he would pay me a pop vissit he dropped in to breakfast one morning about $\frac{1}{4}$ before seven oclock he is only about 130 miles from us when he is at home it is only a'days journey distant for us; William received a letter from Richard today We where very glad to hear from you being all well & doing well as it found us I think Richard is very foolish he does not come to his father and mother he little knows what a place this is you would be suprised to see us how we are going ahead Richard says he would come if he hadthe money it is a pity if you cannot raise five pounds Richard and a single man. if you was here you could raise it easy if you had let your father know he would have land(?) it long since and will know or if you intend to come borrow the money and come to philadelphia by the first ship you will never regret it we live at home here we do we are not working on a coal pit hill or draggin in the lane with an old horse I was very much suprised when My Brother came. with severn children he had a hard task but he has managed to get clothing and food and a little beforehand for the winter and to spare and has a good prospect before him. Father and mother I often think of you and the rest of the family and wonder how you all are and the place looks I sopose your grandchildren are very numerous not counting the great grandchildren I can but had two to the number John T and James: two little boys one 4 years nearly and the other 2 Nehemiah says he heard from B Gomersale that I was in prison I was neither in prison nor a likelihood of it Mary came here like and old match hawker or ragg gatherer and sued me but she could do me no harm at all not even when she got her marriage lines she thought she was going to get it all her own way but she was greatly mistaken she did not understand the ropes. I hope you will be kind enough to send again and the first oportunity I have of sending by anybody comeing home to England I will not forget him I understood from B sharp that David wished me to write to him I have done so but he has not answered it may be he has been better employed. Except of my respects and well wishes. Your undutiful Son good night

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Please give my to Henry Clayforth and all the rest and to Joseph Booth blacksmith Brothers and sisters I dont say anything to you bit I will in a little while if I am spared

William Thornton.

Rockville, Kane, Co. Utah-territory
April the 15th 1877

Dear brother Richard and family i take pen in hand to write you a few lines it is with pleasure i do so and feel to beg parden for not writeing sooner i will try to write oftenand keep up a corispondence withyou the last time i herd from father and brother William and Phebe and Mary they were well myself and family are well and we hope these few lines well find you all enjoying the same blessing we live in the south where there is not very cold weather we can plaw all winter we grow mostly fruit and cotten and molasses we do not grow much grain we can raise all knds of fruits such as grapes plums aples peaches apricots pears cherrys and all kinds of berrys i moved down here ten months since i have forty acres of land and four acres of it in grapevines they are the most paying crop we can raise it is four hundred and fifty miles from here to where fahter lives Phebe has four girls and two boys Mary has a pair of twin boys and one girl Marys Husbands name is Franses M. McKinsy William has tow one girl and a boy we have tow boys and a girl Eliza left two boys and four girls they are all well i should very much like to see you and your family and all our friends and relatives but i do not know when I shal have that privelege tell Hannah that i have not forgotten her tell her to write and send her adress and i will write to her we are along ways apart but it hope we shall meet again sometime myself and my wife have atended conference in the temple of the lord at saidt george we had a five days meeting which was very interesting to me the president young says their has never been such a privelege as this bestowed upon the human family as this since the days of adam and we can now go throug the templa and get our endowments for the living and the dead and this is a work that we have not had the privilege of doing we can oficiate for all our dead relatives that never had the gospel preached to them so they will have the same chance to come up in the first reserection as we will we have got to redeem the whole human family clear back to adam and i will ask you to please get the geneology of our father and mothers familys as far back as posable get fathers relatives by themselves when they was born and where their was born and when they died get them as corect as you can and tell what relation they are to us uncle Charles Thornton-was had a wife that died a good many years ago pleas find out her maiden name and when she was borne and when she died the relatives of mother get them by themselves the wives of men get their maiden names i would like to have you get them as soon as you can and send them to me as fast as you can i would like to commence to do the work for them this next fall if i can get them so that i can it done as soon as possible we have a great work to do and little time to do it in father is getting old and will not be able to do it all if he shoudl live to be a very old man so we must make a commencement before he is gone acording to the keys of the preasthood given to Joseph Smith we have all got to adopted to father and mother before we can becme lawful airs to the preasthood and i thind it is time to commence to do something for ourselves and our friends will it is about time to stop for this time please answer this as soon as you get it and send as many names as you can i cant think of any news this time you must excuse by bad writing we join in xnding our love to you all give our love to Hannah and family and to all our friends i remain as ever your true brother

from Charles Thornton
to Richard Thornton