

Three Mile Creek, Beekmantown  
March 30-1856

Dear Wife - It gives me much  
pleasure to tell you that my health  
is just at the present time and that

I rec'd letter from your sister (dated  
Feb 10 and mailed at N.Y. Oct 29) &  
last Sabbath I was glad to hear from  
you and hear that you were all well  
I had dear wife that it gave me much  
pleasure to write you this evening and  
I had truly because this is the only

means of communication that I have  
with all that I hold dear here below  
I think I need not say that I want  
to see you all very much, yet that  
pleasure is lessened when I think of the

disappointments and troubles comes and  
complexities which you are subjected to at  
home and that on my account I regret  
that I have been unable to help you there  
or I might say to help you some but I  
have done the best I could & know you will  
disappointment will be great when I will  
not be able to start this Spring for home





Sunday Morning - Well Mary Ann  
it has now been three years since I left  
home and three wanting a few days since I  
left my native land my health has been  
good my luck has been varied now doing  
pretty fair and then doing nothing the latter  
streak I have had for the last six or seven  
months I have traveled since Christmas  
about 5 hundred miles so you may know  
how we have spent part of our time, the  
scenery we viewed from some of the ranges  
in my travels I think has exceeded in  
grandeur and loftiness and even the sublime  
and beautiful I think has exceeded the <sup>times</sup> imaginary  
of your dream was the most beautiful prospect  
on landscape scenery. I even saw I said to  
one of my mates my vision for once for is  
gratified and now if I can gratify my  
pockets I will go home, we have now  
commenced something like California mining  
we are now sluicing have just begun  
we cannot tell what it will pay yet  
but hope we may get <sup>than</sup> something that  
will in the end pay better, thinking in mining  
pounds, the population on the ore is nothing  
so large as the lower diggers the pay is so  
small that most are not satisfied with it  
but I believe it averages better in the end

I am glad to hear of the Boys &  
being so much help to their mother  
I am sure they will save their mother  
a good many steps I hope they will still  
be good boys

My mates send their best respects

I must send you a short letter this time  
as I have got to carry it 3 miles to is after-  
noon but I will send you a ship of the week  
herald where you will find letters from  
3 or 4 of our principles gold fields more  
interesting than any description I could give  
you at this time

Give my best respects to all enquiring  
friends My love to my little boys  
tell them be good and receive much  
from your Husband

James H Sanders

To Mary Ann Sanders  
Concord N.H.

W. S.



Three Mile Creek Beechworth April 6 1850  
Dear Wife - I enclose this letter to you not  
knowing where to direct to them as they  
spoke of the probability of their moving  
Will you have the goodness to send it  
to them, I want to see you all wish  
I could I could have knowledge this  
evening My love to you all may God bless you  
and keep you and me in subjection to  
his will which is the prayer of yours

Your Husband  
To Mary Ann Sanders

David S Sanders

Concord NH

D.S.