

Friday, 6th July 1849

My Dear Wife,

It has now been one week lacking one day since I left you and Willie during which time there has nothing happened me worthy of particular notice. Things here in Philadelphia look exceedingly dull and gloomy. Though I have been busy ever since my return doing small things and attending to little orders from our customers. I got home in good time as some of our men are sick and others out of town I have to be regularly at the store there has been a death in Mr. Scotts family since my return.

Our City continues very healthy only 12 deaths out of 34 cases of Cholera today the highest number of Cholera cases since my return were 15 and 25 deaths.

But it is frightful out west in Cincinnati they are really dying at the rate of 200 per day and it is worse in St. Louis than in Cincinnati. We fear it will very..... I am anxious to hear from you all whether you have had no deaths in your family from it for certain that much Uncle Joe had a severe attack of it and it is apt to spread when it once breaks out in a family. I am taking good care of myself and have no particular reason to fear the Cholera at this time. Write to me soon and excuse a short letter this time.

Yours truly,

W. R. Harlan