

to hear from you. Dear
I can't be sure
that you have
probably given up the
care of the pen.
I am
H. J. May

Easthampton Mass.
May 18th 1850

My dear Uncle,
June has
passed and summer is
almost here. The weather
is hotter than much that
we had last summer,
yesterday the mercury
stood at 96° in the shade
one sun stroke occurred
at N. Hampton which
terminated fatally. Today
it has been just as hot.
We have had scarcely a
drop of rain this month
indeed we have not had
a rainy day for six

Mr do hope and expect

weeks or more. as you
may imagine the ground
is very dry and should
the frosts continue much
damage to the crops will
follow. I might see
having a display of
electricity, wind, and
some rain though a very
small quantity has fallen
yet. so much for the weather
Have you written us a
letter which we have
not rec'd? we can't imagine
why all of you have
been so silent for a
couple of months.

Father has had a quite
severe time with rheumat-
ism this spring, he
was confined for nearly
a fortnight and for

more than a month it
was a great exertion
for him to work at all,
he has so far recovered
that now he works all day
long. Sarah is troubled
with neuralgia same,
otherwise we are well as
usual. The other family
Uncle J's & Horace's -
are in their usual health
or ill health as the case
may be. Aunt Achsah is
feeble although she has
rode out, as far as
N. H. I believe. Cousin
Horace has had a
couple of his "colic turns"
last night he suffered so
severe pain that they called
the doctor. We expect
Emmie home in a few
weeks.

I suppose you have seen
notice of Miss M. Elvick ^{Hammans}
death in the Gazette.
She ^{of ~~Miss Hammans~~ very} died, suddenly, was
sick only a week. it is
a heavy stroke to Tra. H.
Mrs Samuel Hulbert
whom you may remember
was also buried last week.
Mr Colton has moved into
his new home. the Passage
looks empty enough. no
minister has been called
yet. Candidating is manat-
onous business anyway.
We are daily anticipating
great news about certain
Hyde estates which are
said to be awaiting heirs.
Love to all. H. C. C.