

Please keep this Secret

Three Rivers Mass April 23 1840

Friend A.W.G

Your letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> Just Came to hand this morning And in it was found Melancholly news to me very much to more than you can realize. I must through fable words and humility tender you many and most sincere thanks that you have conferred on me by keeping up your communications and friendly as I think and always shall remember I do regret your loss and how to express my feelings I cant tell You undoubtedly know how intimate we have been and must know the feelings that I have Although you and myself have differed in Political points but those kind feelings are the same with me & shall remain I must say to you that if it was in my power to advise you I would But know best Yourself what you can do the times are very hard almost every where people of property do not care much whether they continue their Business or not I know that is the case in this County and hear from others in the same Your loss to me from Richford will be severely felt much more than any other one But let you go where you will will you let me know it so that we can communicate with each other I want this favor to be as if I should write you times if you can get in with Sears your Uncle and do well you will do better than thousand others. I know that you feel bad by thinking of leaving but this world is a shifting one no mistake you cannot tell the sober hours that I have very often I have not only got my clothes and Board this first year and if I did not some money of my own I should have not got along I now sit but \$250.00 and my Board and how long I shall stay on that I cannot tell the Agent does not know how long he shall run the factory if that should stop then my time would be out and then I should be placed in the world as you may say without nothing and what to do I do not know if I should stay here this year out I should not stay another then I could not

tell what I should no more than I can now I should want  
to get into some nice chautile Business some where the Law  
only knows I do not think it best for me to undertake  
to do any kind of Business in Richford for there is  
not enough a going on there for any one to make his  
Bread and Expenses I am not tough enough to go on to a  
farm and Curot. Almost Every day some City Clerk or  
County Clerk wants work and they offer to work for almost  
nothing I think that the agent would release me at  
any time if I could find a place better for me But I do  
not know of any one I shall stay as long as I can make  
anything. I do not know what to do about coming home  
this summer I cannot come till the last of May  
and shall not see you and I shall feel bad when  
I come to find you gone It will cost me 40\$ and  
a months time and I shall come home in 8 months  
again I wish my father would tell me any what is  
best to do I can not tell what is best for me  
You will please write again before leaving the place  
and inform me about all the shifts that will take  
place when you leave who will be P.M. and  
who will fill your place with Sears who he will get in  
the Star and all about the Business in General  
I do not know what more to do or what more to write  
to you You know my feelings respecting your dep-  
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arture. You will remember me whenever you may go  
and write to me as soon as you hear where I am  
I cannot tell where I shall be in a month or two  
from this time till Mrs Sears to Miss By Anna Allen Sears  
and my best respects to her and Allen and family and all  
the people in the place of my acquaintance just not  
to write to me before leaving and after my Respects to  
E.P.G. and parents & Brothers James H. Powell is in Cabotville or Chicago  
13 miles from here do not know whether he got work or not

I shall ever remain your friend  
A. W. Sears Esq. Post Master  
Richford Vt

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this place on account of the mail not being in