Dear cousin,

I do not know but you will think that I do not intend to write to you again, if it so, you are mistaken. I have been reaching to leave some.

I write to the door I am always to visit your sister. She is in new York to attend kids. I write letters to her to see if you are doing well. I never was with one so long. I wish you could visit us while we are here, if you do not visit us, where are you, where that will be I do not know, at least you write to your cousin.

Written by Phoebe Fannie Ham, mother of John Ham, in 1844.
at Mrs. Lalli's Sarah wished me to look on the window sash and see your name written in pencil by your self the room had been painted but that spot had been reserved in remembrance of you. What do you think of our arrangement? The kind of selecting our farms. John talks of going west or somewhere to buy more land and be in a warmer climate and ladies think it will not be very pleasant or profitable farming alone so have concluded to do purpose you come and buy or shall we come and be your neighbors? If you know of any one there that would a beautiful situation on Lake Hill just recommend this place Will you? There has nothing very remarkable occurred yet worth relation as old Merritt is not married but Jeff is every day to hear that she is and Noah skin I presume will turn to Gould.

obtain by going to California. As for your husband you may tell him he might as well be there as any where as far as I am concerned for if comes within a few miles he will not come and see me. There I did feel almost out of patience to think of Alexander and you being not in Washington so long and coming here I do not think shall stay so long in Washington City when I go there on my wedding tour without going to see my cousin Rhoda if I have sold enough to make you do better expens sake shall be very glad I was in La Grange in March and spent two or three weeks with Elizabeth and all the rest of the good people seemed quite like old times with the exception of Rhoda and Mother Chott had been there the week before I was very sorry because not have seen him last Friday.