

Vine Place December 4th

My Dear Sister,

I embrace the opportunity of writing a few lines to you and are glad to hear you are all well as it leaves us at present. I shall be very glad to see you again at Brighton and I shall fully expect you early in the spring if the Lord will. Sarah is very well and her little girl is very much grown since you was hear and is very engaging in her little prattling ways. Obed has plenty of bussiness and he has just done some work for the Duke of St Albany's. Mother has just returned from the funeral of our dear Friend Mrs Shashelford. I trust our lost is her eternal gain may our hend be like hers pease for us to live may it be Christ and to die be our eternal gain then all will be well with us in time and through eternity.

Mr Savory has been very poorly and was not able to preach las sabbath nor will he be bale to supply in pulpit next Lords day he is something better today and we hope he will be soon restored to again. My Dear sister I should like to come to Brenchly and spend a few days with you but that pleasure must be deferred till some future time I hav nothing more to had at present therefore I conclude by saying that Mother Father Sarah Mary Esther and James join with me in sending our love to you and John

Jabez sends his kind love to you and john

I remain your ever affectionate

Sister Martha Vine

PS give my kind love to Mr and Mrs Waterman and all the family

[sideways up letter:] you did not mention whether you recd my letter I sent by Mr Kevells but I suppose it came safe to hand

My Dear Rhoda

I have nothing particular to add to what Martha has said -- but am allways Glad to hear from you and should be very happy to see you oftener than I do -- but knowing th\t you are so comfortable and happy -- and situated in the mids of Gods family it does in some measure counterbalance but then still it don't alter my feelings as a father to a loving child -- I hope to hear from you again soon I hope you are looking to Jesus and your face Zion wards tell Mr Waterman I hope he is still living high -- Give my love to Mr and Mrs Waterman and all their family -- Mr Gladwish and friends your Mother unites with me in love to you and John and remain your ever loving Father

Wm Vine

[on outside of envelope:] James has left his shoes and pinafore at your house which you can send the first opportunity