

Gloucester April 4 1857

My dear Hetty

I suppose you are waiting for me to write first, if you are you shall not wait any longer that shall not be any excuse, you shall not have any thing of that kind for an excuse, or any longer delay. The busy season has commenced and I have more than ever to do, but one job is accomplished, that of making soap, and the garden is nearly all completed, I shall get through after a while, my fowls are rather backward about laying, my geese have not layed yet, I mus get Fnda to give me some lessons in that line, you have I suppose very little trouble about things of that kind? Rowena & Fnda are at Colonel Thurston's, Martha will go to Newington this evening they are all well at Springfield, Mary was here this morning. I suppose you know. Ma Morais is dead his remains have been brought and deposited in his grave yard at Westend, Ma Gregory Morais some came with him, he told me he became acquainted with



my brother Hugh, and they were to meet at Old Point  
this summer, it is pleasing news to me I hope I shall  
not be disappointed this time, I could <sup>not</sup> bear well  
another disappointment of that kind. "Old Dr Taliaferro  
is dead, Dr William will go to the Worlds fair.  
Mr Rose is coming to Virginia on his way to the Worlds  
fair, I wonder how Sarah T. will meet him, she  
went to the ball and danced. Mr Cooke is dead.  
Rowena has not been to see me, she has taken the rounds  
and left me out, I suppose there is no attraction here  
for her, therefore she is excuseable. Miss Rite will  
leave for Indiana in a few days, it is much  
against her wish to go, she knows it is her duty to  
go and of course that would compell her, if nothing else  
I should think where her parents were that would be  
the most desirable of all others besides. I saw Lucy on  
Sabbath she was well Kate is very fretful she will  
not let any person have anything to do with her, some  
day she cries all the time, Nanny as fater than ever  
and as good as when you saw her. Margaret Borth  
as another daughter she calls it Ellen, They talk  
of haveing a campmeeting how it will be decided  
I cannot tell yet, but it will be known at  
the quarterly meeting, the ministers are in favours  
of it. Mr Baytop wishes to write and I must have  
room for him remember me affectionately to Mr  
Fitzhugh, let me hear soon from you, your affectionate sister  
H. Baytop.



D. Fitzhugh The Oyster man at The Eth-  
ouse inquires regularly for you & after you  
left the price fell down a little now  
would you like a few now I can almost  
see your mouth water now, I have at  
last demolished the Gloucester Clover &  
commenced planting corn there, I have not  
found any more mart yet - but intend  
trying again directly it gets warm  
the wind is blowing from the East & as  
cold & raw as it was when we went  
to Sinclair, you maid many friends  
when in Gloucester who enquires of you every  
time I see them Curtis & Taliferro &c if you  
possess the power to retain them as much  
so as making them, you ought to live  
here, every thing move on as when you  
were here don't forget my Apple trees  
it is now too late you must keep them  
untill next winter & bring them down  
with you, have you bedded your  
potatoe slips it is time I have planted  
a large Water Melon patch for the  
camp meeting, our pear is large enough  
to stick Give my love to Miss Conway  
& tell her Brook is one of the most  
industrious fellows we have yours J. B. Boyles



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