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I have had repaired James' buggy & say to you that Miss Roberts has had the opportunity
of her last fat & fine. an attack of "Dyspepsia"
lost my big much 2 or 4 days ago of "Tubercular" July 1st 1858

Dear Daughters Mary

I am in receipt of a letter but
a few days since from Jim with yours to him enclosed to your
mother and having a business document at this my fine July aft.
noon I hoped to write you a word or more that you may simply
learn that I am fairly well yet through the means of having
in mind & thinking — your mother however having spent but a
week or two since a severe attack of her old affection, but is as
usual up to day and on her feet again. I know of nothing
new that has transpired recently that would prove of interest to you
I am the friend Miss Pigeon & Ellen are now enjoying a
visit to the East, consequently have but little of the
day's return by Jim's writing, Miss Ma. She called a day or
so in office to Jim's gratification and delight. Jim speaks in
very high terms of her due of the attention she shows at
at Miss Pigeon's house to which she was invited. I know
nothing to the contrary among your other female friends, all are
well. I write him add that I expect to answer to you
the next of my old and much esteemed friend R. Joseph
"Man he is not in prison" who died but a few days since of a
"Cancer" I visited him last Sunday but with a few friends he
suffering immensely with an awful Cancer accompanied with
an ^{inflammation} erysipelas extending say feet around it. I administered
all the comfort I could in capacity of friend and indulged a hope
on being him of his recovery. Medical opinion of the opinion of his
physicians, Tuckey, Hamrah, Lutton and others, but alas! he is
called hence & I continue to expect his an living. The loss of

and talked acquaintance having a great blame in the eyes
of my acquaintances & friends, and withal rather a melancholy
reflection, My highly esteemed friend Dr. Caudle having
but my recently committed suicide as is supposed by taking
Sassafras, died in his bed at home with some of his friends
in his house the same hour and at night I find some coming
to Wilson his son, misfortune of killing himself a few months
ago, I got of him this Spring a load of Cotton seed for
planting purpose, and he sent me word to say that he was
in his life yet so gloomy & melancholy I hope to also enjoy
a happy future — as he was King of good fellows, Mrs.
Lupton his daughter I am told is all alone & musing her
lover in this way with a good deal of philosophy as yet.
This is both beautiful and highly accomplished whose husband
a distinguished lawyer died insane inside of twelve months
after marriage in N.Y.

I suppose Jerry will return home in a few days — say the 11
of July. He writes me he is in fine health and I hope some
time. My own health is generally better since I have adopted
the Homoeopathic or hunker Cure, but have had to day more pain
tation than I have had for a month or more — how long yet
I can not say. I am losing more of my teeth & have of necessity
to adopt this mode of living and enjoy the luxuries of milk & meat
mostly. I am mother enjoys her usual good health generally &
children. Virge looks a few years older. We are having a pleasant
summer thus far in July in consequence of the shower falling
daily. Our life is not decidedly promising — that we much need
look well to your health & have to cut medical aid in your sickness.
Life is short at best, & if anything unusual will do or result of the
I hope you are happy & enjoying life. Your dad
Matthew Gay

Original of handwriting of Matthew Gay in the handwriting of his son, Matthew Gay, dated July 11, 1851.



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