

if there is gold above in the river I don't see why there should  
not be gold below they say some that have got some California  
that they never found a better place than on sandy river to dig <sup>est</sup>  
gold I don't think of any more to write now that would inter-  
rupt you my neck has not troubled me any since I came home  
I suppose that Uncle Wardwell if he is alive lives alone yet I should  
like to know how Mrs Mathews is now I have been to meeting to day  
I am quite tired I don't know as you can find this out my pen is  
poor and it is getting dark give my best respects to Martin and let  
word say tell them to come up I am a coming down one of  
these days I want you to come up if you can I can't see to write  
so good bye write us soon as you get this don't forget my verses  
yours affectionately

H R Gardner from Betsey N Harris

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Sister Hannah I would say to you that we  
are all well as common and I think that  
I shall come down before long but if I should  
not come down or should come I think  
would be the best for you to sell your  
sheers, if you can get a good price for  
them it is possible that they may bring about  
as much this fall as they would next if  
hay should be cut off another season I think  
it would be more profitable for you to  
keep 6 or 8 <sup>and 15 hens</sup> sheep instead of turkeys  
Turkeys cause you a grate many steps to  
look after them and a large lot of corn  
to fat them I advise you to get rid of them