

Baltimore May 17th

to be afraid of the regard, of those ~~we~~
we love, how truly gratifying, believe me my
dear Becky your welcome line, afforded much
heart felt satisfaction, and should ever esteem
it a favour, to be often indulged in that way; and
~~should~~ endeavour to steal a moment from my every
employment, to tell my loved girl, how sincere
is my affection for her, I often call to mind, the
many pleasing hours I have passed with my two pupils,
and frequent bring them forward as examples of
love and affection to each other, and such as I
wish, my children, to copy after. Ought my
thanks my Becky for your tender promises, should
I ever be so fortunate, as to reside amongst you,
~~more~~ more, and if ought is left, could make
any, reparation for our loss, it is in enjoying the
love and tenderness of our near connections, and
those we have from our earliest recollection
been dear to, I with much pleasure do look forward
to that period, whether ever to be accomplished
can not yet determine, remember me with great
affection, to my much esteemed Uncle, and happy
he enjoys health, Appear my dear Sally of my
affection in company with all your good sisters

hope they are all well, I wish much to see them all
when to enjoy, that satisfaction, Heaven only knows,

O dear my Dear Girl may health and happiness
await you, is the impinged wish of
your friend Rachel Estlin

I am so unnoticed by my wife that I find she thinks it
not worth while to say I live. she has not
mentioned me to you, except from myself
a kiss accompanied with a great deal
of love. God bless you prays
Estlin

Rachel Estlin ✓
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Mr. Becky Gratz

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