

Rebecca Gratz to Benjamin Gratz

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My Dear Ben

If I had been furnished with agreeable intelligence you should have heard from me long ago _ but to repeat the same dull tale, could afford you little satisfaction and therefore I have been silent. our dear Sally continues nearly as you left her _ or at least as she was when Jack was at camp _ she was bled yesterday _ and is a little more languid to day. but not essentially better. Hyman left us Yesterday morning for Kentucky, so that our family party is reduced to four persons. we were greatly shocked on Friday last by the sudden death of Old Mrs. Cohen. who expired without the notice of an hours illness. She was an excellent woman. and perhaps as much prepared to meet death unwarned, as any human being could be _ yet to her survivors it was an awful visitation. and thus left an impression more deep than that afflicting event would have done under any other circumstances.

The Hayses left Boston this day for Richmond _ they will make a few days stay here. and Adeline means to accompany them home. Mr. H. is going immediately to Europe he accompanies his Sisters & cousin this far. and returns to embark at New York. all our dear Sisters & Brothers are well, and send love to You. you will recieve the clothes you sent for by this conveyance, and I wish you would furnish a list of those you send home also. Mr. Rush carried a piece of beaf for you on Saturday which hope was acceptable _ we expect Jo tomorrow. God Bless you My dear Ben, with health & every good prays your affectionate Sister RG.

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