

Rebecca Gratz to Benjamin Gratz

August 15, [1858]

Sunday Aug. 15th.

I wrote to you last week
My Dear Ben, and I fear
communicated my great
anxiety about our Brother Jos'
condition. to you _ today I am
glad to tell you he is better _
he has gained some strength,
enjoys the pleasant change
in the weather _ and looks
more cheerful _ the air & water
of Saratoga always improves
his health _ and these are
all he partakes [of] _ not being
able to take exercise or
mix in Society _ he is rarely seen by
the company except at meal
hours. and passes all his
evenings in his own chamber
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my letters from home tell
me our Dear Sister is well.
as are all those you are
interested in there _
The only Kentuckians here
that I know, are a Mr. Natch
who says he was at Transyl
-vania with your sons, and
his pretty wife, also from your
neighborhood (at Richmond)
I have been very much relieved
by the arrival of Dr. Norris
who had been attending Jo
with Dr. Hays before we left
home _ and who knows better
how to treat him than the
strangers here _ we have been
Three weeks at Saratoga _ I ex
-pect will continue to the end
of the month _ if it still agrees
with our brother _

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give my Love to Dear Ann
and your precious children.
Becky Nathan with her
three youngest children spent a day
with us, on her way to Montreal
for the benefit of her little daug-
-hters health, she will spend
a month with her sister _
Sara Mordecai writes that
she is coming to spend to mor-
row here with her Uncle _
Jo, is deservedly dear to all
his nieces & nephews whose
comforts & interests he has
done so much to promote,
accept his love, My dear
Ben, with that of your
devotedly attached
Affectionate Sister
RG

[Endorsement:]
Becky Gratz
Aug 15. 1818
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[Editors' Note: The year noted in the endorsement is incorrect. Rebecca's handwriting is clearly from later in her life. The year 1858 is based on another letter from Saratoga Springs, dated Aug 2, 1858, that Rebecca wrote to Ben's wife mentioning Joseph Gratz's illness. See RGC0505.]