

engaged rooms for her at his daughter's in Richmond. This I am so glad to know, as she is becoming quite too feeble to endure much exertion. Another was from Hannah Annette of Philadelphia - One from ^{where she has gone for health} ~~from~~ ^{from} "Rialto, San Bernardino County, California" & others - Eva was daughter of Charles & Susan Stroud, where we called when thou and Elias were in Waynesville. Receiving, and answering letters, has long been one of my greatest enjoyments. 'Tis sweet to be remembered,

Do excuse
mistakes -
I am so old
thou knows.

'Tis sad to be forgot -

'Tis hard to part from others,

And be by them forgot.

I just wanted no fuss to be made about my birth day. Am truly grateful to our merciful Father that he saw fit to lengthen my unprofitable ^{life} to the advanced age of four score, but being the last of my family, it seemed more a season for solemnity, than of mirth, and said "now, I beg you will bring me no presents - so all obeyed me, except Philip's daughter Mary, who brought me a package of her own

selection, with such hearty love, that I did not scold the dear, bright eyed child, but accepted the gift. How dear Cousin Margaret it is hard to realize that we are the old people now, who used to be the children in our happy homes at dear old South River. So we were together, the older members of the two families never appeared to have any uneasiness about us, and I feel surprised now, when I think of the long rambles we took, how we climbed Cherry trees, and sat amongst the branches, and enjoyed the delicious fruit. - But I never forgot how we played, and romped, in the attic, or large garret, at your house. There were so many wondrous for children to enjoy there. There were spinning wheels, cards &c. and we turned them about as we pleased too. There were two pair of old fashioned "stays" - as they were called, something like modern Corsets) all full of whale bone. I stretched O, how beautifully, with silk. And grand mother's mouse colored beaver hat, ^{as soft as velvet - none like it now.} if I only had it now - and the "stays" too - I would be glad. It is nearly dark - so I will stop - for this time