
TRANSCRIPTION OF

**Letter from Ellen
to her brother, August 2, 1861**

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My Dear Brother

I received a letter from Sarah this week dated White Mountains, containing a glowing account of their journey, sea-sickness and all, and not knowing when they expected to be back to Providence, and wishing to send word to whoever is at home – that I should stay a week longer, I send the word through you, though for ought I know, you may be off on some kind of a jaunt, We are having grand times, and if the company was only more agreeable to you, I should urge you to come down while I was here, It's the prettiest place for sailing I was ever at, the boys own a sloop, schooner, sail-boat & row-boat - (the latter not counting much – except to get us ashore where there are no wharves) – and at present they are not in use, in business – so they are at our service for pleasure, Today we are going to Newport, via; Beaver Trail and will go aboard the Constitution. Yesterday we went in the carriage almost to Greenwich, but the clouds looked threatening, so we did not go the whole way, and as it was we got caught in a driving shower – melting Mr Brown & Thomas to their skins.

I am enjoying myself hugely – and am quite free from headaches here. Tell our folks not to expect me till I come, I should like to hear Mr. Woodbury next Sunday. You must hear him for me. I wish you would write me Sunday, and tell me what you've all been about. Send to me any letters I may have - I will pay the postage – when I get ready. If you know Richmond's address – send that too. With love to all the folks I am

Your affectionate sister

-Ellen-