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[Letter from John Lashbrook to Henrietta Bruce Green, 1879]

Washington June 10/79 [June 10, 1879]

Dear Retta [Henrietta]

I know that you feel that I have t [haven't] notice [noticed] you with nighet [?] but I have not done so ni street aulala [?]

I have been completely broken down ~~hath~~ and frusteded [frustrated] both in mind and body for a long time and have not had energy enough evn [even] to write to him.

I have not changed in my feelings toward you

You have always been very knice [nice] to me and I have always loved you as if you were my own niece, I love little May and hope I may be straind [strained] to see you both again, and Poor Dick There is no one being that I love so much as I did him he was all ways [always] kind

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and polite and affectionate to me, I shall [illegible] cease to [illegible] his memory he had more good traits than any one I have ever knowed [known] and but our fault or rather misfortune.

I shall not forget you and May

I ~~write this~~ I write this note to tell you that my heath [health] has been better for the last time or four weeks [illegible] it has been for two years and if I continue to improve I will come right out to see you and May.

Please answer this and tell me something about Richard I can scarcely matrat [?] yet that he is dead I will not ask you to write me a long letter because I know it will be harmful to you to do so

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I am afraid you will [illegible] to mad but it is the best I can do I would write Mon [Monday?] but I am breaking down on a must quit [?]

Give my move to little May and my [illegible] respects to family

Yours truly & sincerity

John Lashbrooke