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George W. Bailey [former slave of John P. Anthony] to Harriet Lucretia Anthony
[daughter of John P. Anthony]

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Family I have seen since 1863
 no one could have me to believe
 that my young mistress would
 have taken the pains to write
 such a nice letter. I have
 read it to all of my Brothers
 and Sisters that I have seen
 and to my Dear mother and to
 my wife and Children and I have
 shown it to a great many of
 my White Friends and they all
 say it is the nicest for the
 occasion they ever read and they
 that knew my Father. Say that
 every word is true and several
 have asked me to let it go
 in the paper But. I thought I
 would take care of the letter for if
 I would put it in the paper it would
 soon be forgotten

Dear well Remembered Friend

Please Remember me and all of

us to your Dear mother and
 your Brothers I would be glad
 to hear from any of them it
 makes me think of times that
 are Past and Gone I do not
 Remember the names of any of
 your Brothers Except Mark &
 Richard they were very small
 But I suppose they are fine
 young men now tell them
 if they will have the kindness to
 write me a few words I will
 be sure to answer them sooner
 then I have yours. I would be glad
 to have a chance to come down and see
 all of you Now when you write
 a line tell me about your Grand
 mother and your Aunt Mary I have
 not heard any thing of them since 1863
 Now I must close please let me hear
 from you and all the family soon
 I hope to meet you all in heaven when
 our work on Earth is done

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