

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Alexander Melville Bell, Eliza Symonds Bell, Carrie Bell, October 2, 1873, with transcript

3rd copy Copy of a letter written by Alexander Graham Bell to his parents. 292 Essex Street, Salem, P. O. Box 153, October 2, 1873. Dear P. M. C. C.,

We arrived here safely last night about six o'clock and were made heartily welcome by Mrs. Sanders.

We found Mr. and Mrs. Howe, with Mrs. Thomas Sanders (George's mamma) waiting for us at the Boston Station. George walked up to them at the station with a look of disappointment on his face, dropped his bag, and spelt out "Where is papa?"

Mrs. Sanders (Mrs. George T.) (George's grandma) has a fine large old-fashioned house. It has a most cosy and refined look, standing back from the road with a little piece of garden in front.

The premises are very extensive behind. A fine large garden filled with flowers and pear trees. A stable with stalls for several horses — none of which I have seen yet. I saw several carriages in the barn.

I shall bring my furniture, etc. here and store it in Mrs. Sanders' born. We had a very comfortable journey here from Buffalo. As I was delayed so long in Buffalo by these unfortunate tickets we did not go to Northampton as at first proposed — but came directly here. I have not yet seen any Boston people and shall not go to town till tomorrow (Saturday).

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Mr. and Mrs. Howe are to come here to-day expressly for the purpose of seeing me. They have remained in town for two or 2 three days that they might have an opportunity of seeing George with me and talking about him. They leave for California either tomorrow or on Monday.

I trust you received the registered letter safely.

With much love, Aleck. Prof. A Melville Bell, Brantford Ontario.