

Downington Sep. 4th 1859.

Dear Friend & Schoolmate:

With feelings of pleasure
I now write you a few
lines.

I have enjoyed good
health since I last wrote
to you - I do not expect to
return to the Academy this
Winter yet I would like
to hear of all my old friends
being there - Mr. Griffin is
putting up a fine 3 story
brick building next to the
School, I saw one of the
Catalogues of the School
it is got up in fine
style.

There was a colored Camp
Meeting in the woods $\frac{1}{2}$ mile
north of this place on
last Sunday (Aug 28th)

I was there & I had a
fine time for there were
several of my old friends
there, Miss Mercer, Miss
Williams, George Beale
John Mercer & several
more of my school friends
were there we enjoyed
ourselves very much
& we had a fine time.

I was not at that
Picnic near this place
a few weeks ago, It was
on Saturday and I could
not get away from
the store.

I was up a Coatesville on
last Wednesday, things
are as brisk as ever, I see
several of my old friends
there, — . . .

Miss Maggie Gordon is
teaching school where
Mr Griffiths was last
winter. (Prosperity to her.)
Drs. Morrison, Ramsay
Scott &c are prospering.

As I have not much to
say I will have to close,
hoping to hear from
you soon again —

Ever believe me as your
true friend
John D. Ford
To my true
friend Watson. Drowningtown
Pa.