Long Branch, Mar. 11th 89

Dear auntie.

Your letter of the 7th was received to-day. I cannot help thinking that if I had time to thoroughly overhaul an old trunk in the garret at my old home I could add some-what to the items of interest in your book, but I fear this will not be possible for some months at least.

I was born at my Grandfather Shuter's old home "Sunny Hill" in the Wyoming Valley, Pa. June 19th 1849.

My husband's parents were John R. F. Stites and Hannah Maria Stites, both of Cape

May, N. J. - He graduated through the public schools of Philadelphia, was valedictorian graduated from the Central High School in 1864 - entered the Princeton College in 1865 - was graduated with honors in 1869 - studied law until 1870 - when he entered the Western Theological Seminary, Allegheny City, Pa - spent two years there - and the third year of his theological course at Princeton Seminary, graduating from that institution in April 1873.

As to Tom little daughter I suppose it ought to give a man the credit of naming his own children's names - but - I heard the name given to this little one at her christening, and am certain the name was "Melanie Gildersleeve" - but I will ask Tom about it next time I write - and he can inform you - Perhaps if you urge him a little, he might find time to look over the old trunk of which I spoke. I am sure there are many old letters there, from different members of the Henry family but of course it is only one chance in a hundred that they contain any thing of importance. Those items you speak of with reference to Mr. Y's religious notions are very interesting.

With kind remembrances to all the cousins,

I am affly yours -
Lydia C. Yates.

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