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What is Mary Ellis husband doing? I never hear from them any more.

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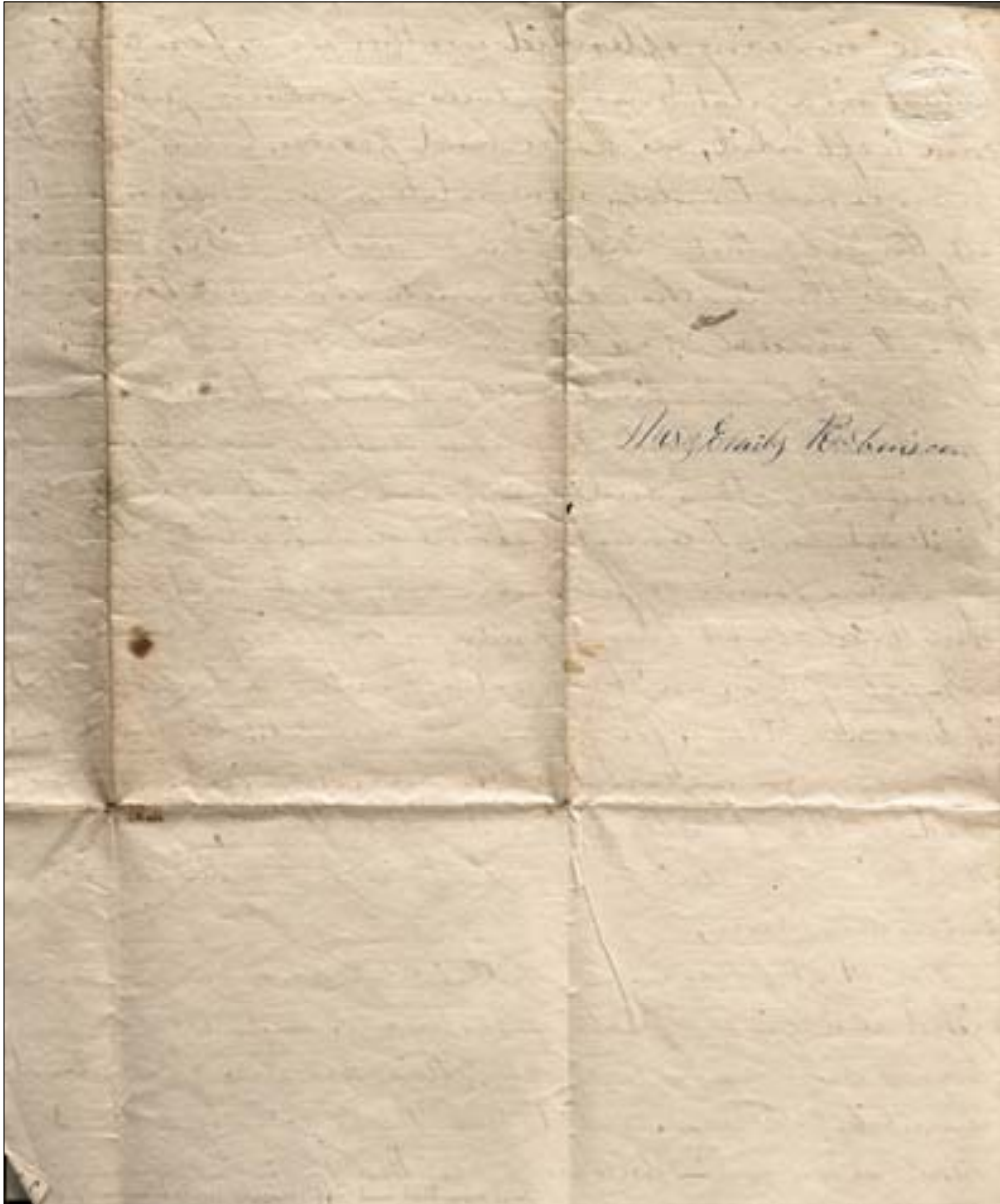
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