***[Letter from WBW to his son W Clarendon W, married, living at Windsor]***

***Bendigo, Victoria, 20 July 1854***

***“Dear William***

***Altho’ I have nothing of importance to communicate, yet I know you will be glad to hear from us, our postage rates here are extravagantly high which will act as a restriction upon our correspondence; but the sequel will show you the reason of my now addressing you.***

***Since I have been at Bendigo I have enjoyed as good health as ever I experienced and been entirely free from asthma.  The only inconvenience I feel is a failure of my muscular powers, the result and consequence of age, the infirmities of which I begin to feel very severely, I must state to you that within the last 2 or 3 weeks I have been attacked by a malaise which I did not at first understand, but which I now find is the rheumatism”***