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Dickinson Family Distinctions



Amherst College opens with **Samuel Fowler Dickinson, Emily Dickinson's paternal grandfather**, as a principal founder.

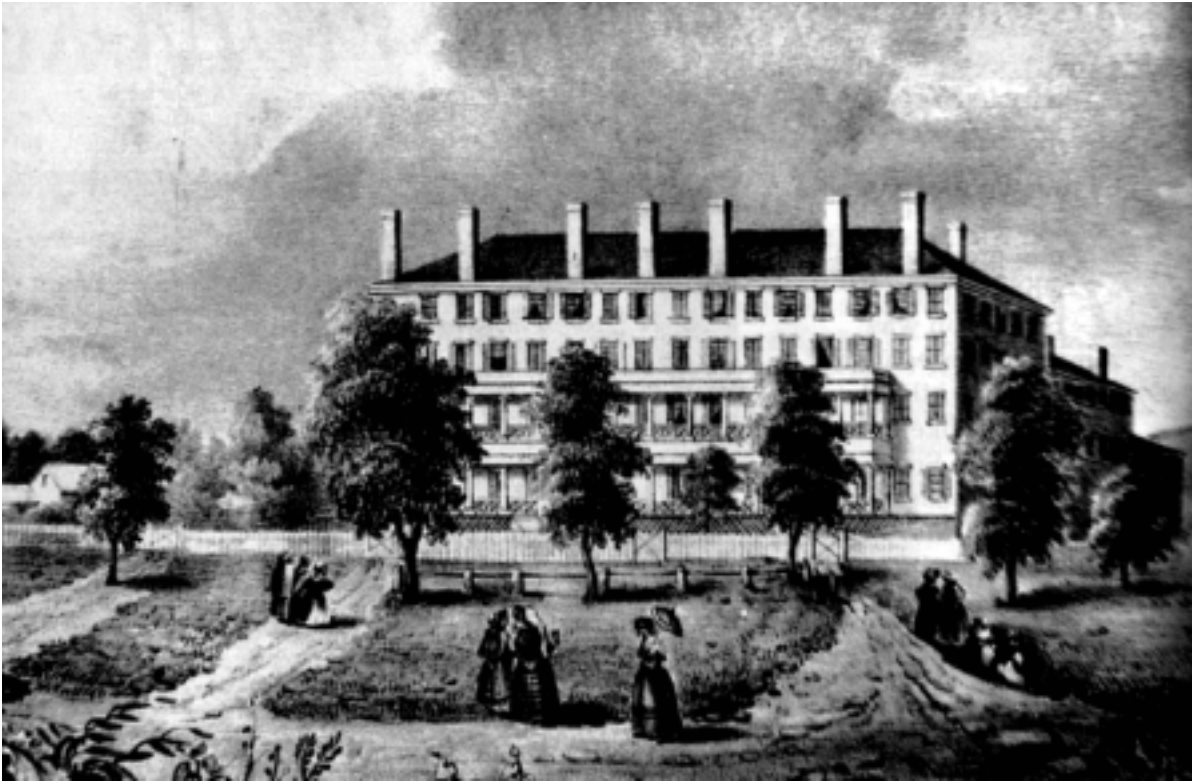
1830 - 1847

Birth and Childhood of Emily Dickinson



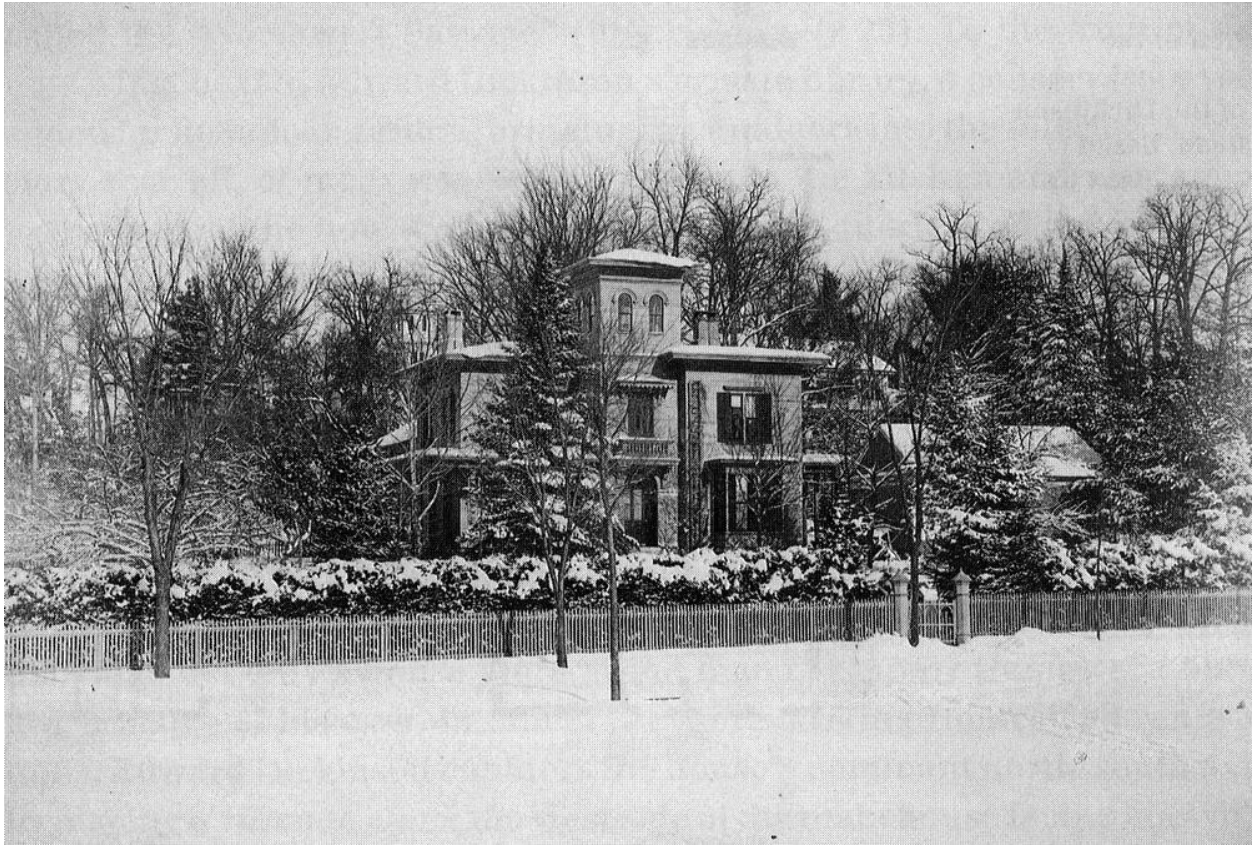
Emily Elizabeth Dickinson is born on December 10 at the Homestead to Edward and Emily Norcross Dickinson. Close to her older brother Austin and younger sister Lavinia, she was busy with domestic duties like baking and gardening, along with school, church activities, books, music, writing letters, and taking walks.

1847



Dickinson's formal schooling was exceptional for girls in the early nineteenth century. After a short time at an Amherst district school, she attended Amherst Academy for about seven years before entering Mount Holyoke Female Seminary (now Mount Holyoke College) in 1847. She stayed at the Seminary for one year, the longest time she spent away from home.

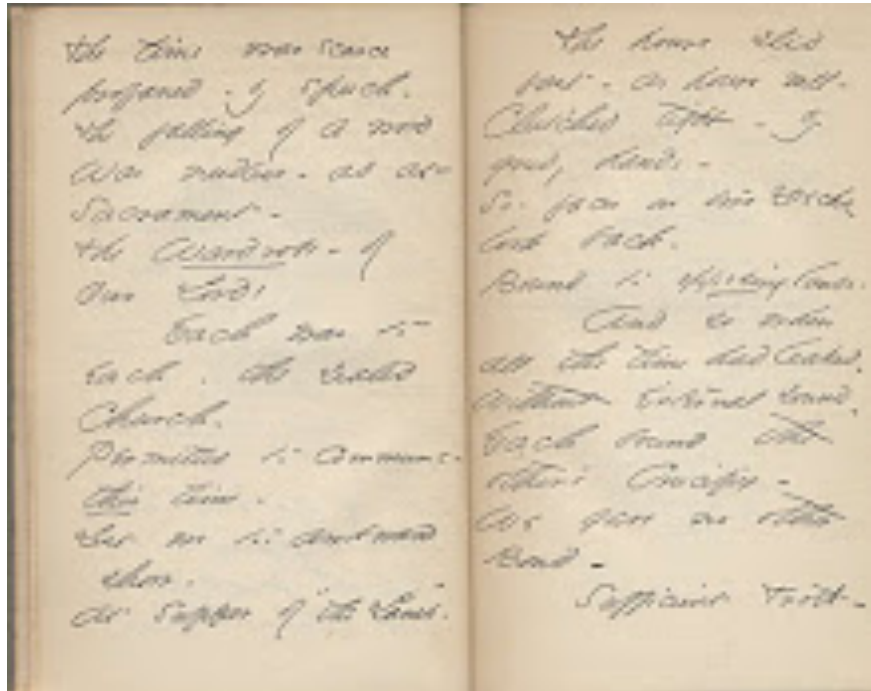
1855



The Edward Dickinson family moves back to the repurchased and remodeled Homestead.

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The Poet at Home



Emily Dickinson begins collecting her poems into small packets, today called “fascicles.” She writes the rest of three manuscript drafts now known as the “Master Letters” to an as-yet unidentified correspondent.

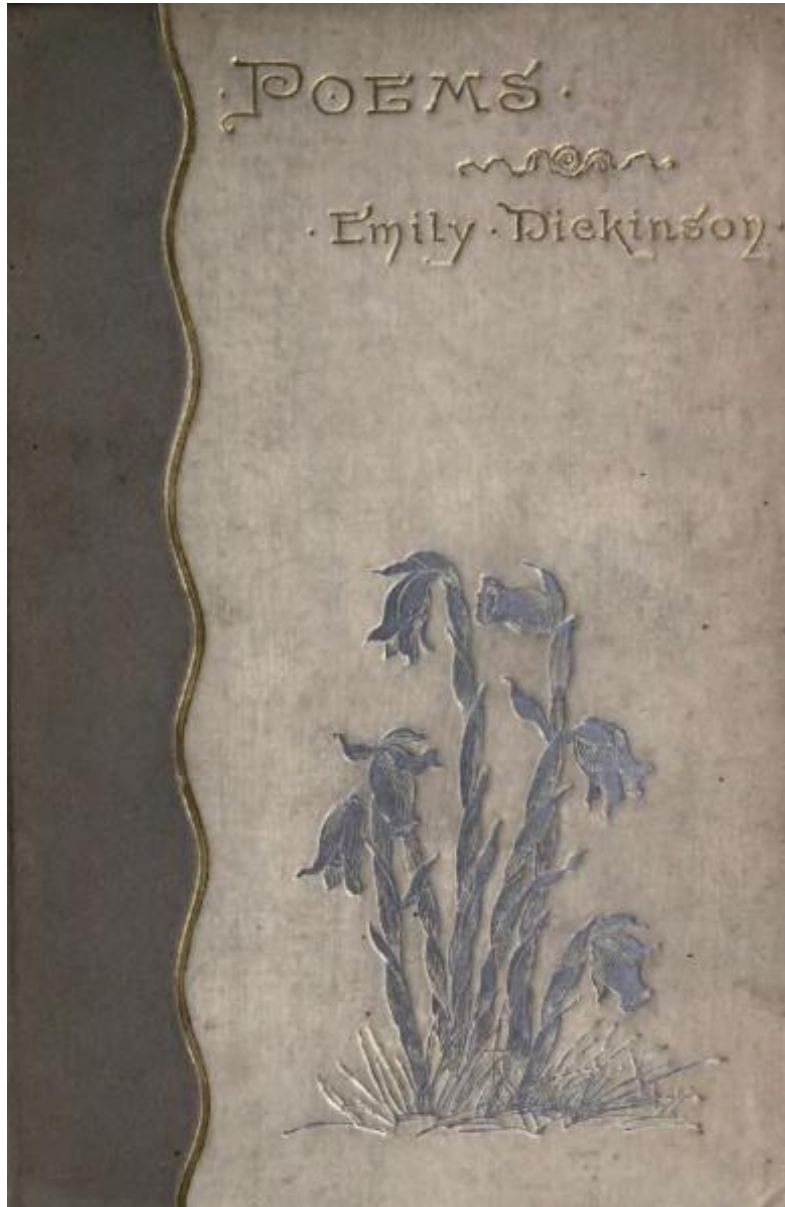
1886



Emily Dickinson dies on May 15.

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Posthumous Publication



Poems by **Emily Dickinson**, edited by Mabel Loomis Todd and T.W.Higginson, is published by Robert Brothers of Boston.