

**Letter from Elizabeth U. Teackle to daughter Elizabeth Anne
Upshur Teackle while she was away at school in Philadelphia,
April 14, 1817**

My beloved child,

Two letters from you today—One was very [a] very pretty letter indeed & convinces me that you have a talent that way—I thank you for the hair which I have...I did not think it could have raised such lively feelings as I experienced when I saw it—It is a part of your person you know—It is a delightful thought that even in absence we can touch the material past of those we love...There can be no doubt that the viewing a part of a person we love raised more emotion than the exchange of thoughts when at a distance, even the most glowing & tenderly expression. We are in fact, the slaves of matter while we are material— notwithstanding all our metaphysical pride—At all events, without farther argument, the fact speaks for itself—I felt more sensation on seeing your hair then when I read your letter.”