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A Lillard Family Papers, 1801-1925.
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February 2 1855 Sibley
Dear Bro Christopher
you a few lines

I hasten to drop

by the request of John Horne to let you
know his situation on last Saturday night
being one of the coldest night we have had
this winter he came to Sibley in the day
the morning was pleasant an in the evening
the wind blew the snow up like a fog
that no person could see any distance an
John do cold like to coming John started
home late in the evening there was a consider-
ble hill to go down an the snow had settled
a nuff to make the road slippery like ice
he got off an the horse left him an the
snow blowing so he must his way an got lost
an had to stay out all night he said he was walking
all the time he never got home till day light
he is frost bitten every part his feet an ankles was
as black as one burnt to the rest this being the 2 day
the swelling is going out an the skin is beginning to heal
Ante sent for two Dr deblors as soon as she could
he was chilled so that the blood never reacted until
yesterday an he had a big fever an no appetite to eat
his toe nails are black yet we are a fan that the
flush will all come off but we cant tell what
will be the results

Mr Hamilton has been there ever day since
his wife is in a helpless situation in 2 more
months to be confined her youngest is afflicted
with Swolen on it next an yone thinks his situation
worse than any body I cant describe his situ^{tion}
as such we will write again soon

our family are all about all the same are
well as far as I now I wrote to sister a short
time ago the river is froze over. C Hamilton

Cristifer John has always been a able hand Bay to me and
has minded me in every thing but this and this is the cause of this
misfortune I have done every thing for him that I could do
I have bought him a small place that is as good land as was made
in the six days when it was all making and paid for it and helped
him to put up a very good house on it the land is all Pice and will
do with out fencing but I have plenty of timber that John has
free access to that will furnish all the children that I have but
know he is in a helpless situation and god knows when he will be better
I am doing every thing that I can for him he was working like
a man making rails to fence his farm as there was know fence in as it
and labour is so high here that a man cant afford to hire and if
you hire a man you must watch him all day or he will do nothing
if you could spare one man of your farm one year to make rails
for John then he could live and make money and would soon
be able to by one for him self this head and shew it to Maria
and know when Pearsen you shall hear from me as soon as time change
I hope soon the Peter Excuse this and think for your self in situation
this from yours
C Gillard
Mrs Hamilton

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If my self would help him on the land that i bought
is in the same situation the rules we have to hall from unless
Pay one dollar per hundred year splitting But when we get them there
we have nothing to do but show and knot one root near some to contest
i have plenty of term six year of well brook catel and a brace
Pins that turns twenty too inches and that is anuf for us all
all we want here is to get our land in closed and brook and then
we can assure you we can make one third more corn than any
things that we put in the ground than you can this know by afore
well the river is frozen over times is hard many seeds corn
high 83 dollars per barrel wheat 125 bushal oats 145 hundred bundle
catel and hoverses fell twenty percent repairs high number
men from eleven to fourteen hundred slaves women from 8 to one thousand



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Wm. Wilson
Fairview
Madison County
Ky

February #15 1855
Dear brother
Christopher

I will now write again
as I promised to do what has hapen in the course
of three weeks as I wrote to you about John the
being frosted he only lived until the ninth
day on Friday morning just as the sun rose
the breath left the body for eternity the third
day the fever and chill took him and then newmory
or winter fever and the Doctors sed it was im-
possible to save him he had been complaining
before he got frosted he sed he walked all night
and he expected he holded a thousand times and
excited his lungs and so cold and he took so
much cold in that way he could not be saved
then was some of the nebons negro heard him
holding an wood not go to him for two days and
nights he was out of his head and was not
sencerble of his misery jus about dark the
last night he come to him self and was sens-
ible to the last I ast him if he thought he
would get well and he sed he thought it done
full of God to do you now that you are a dying
he sed no I sed John you must pray he sed
I have been praying all the time he look arou-
nd as if he wanted to see the children we crossed
them to him and he kissed them and then as his
wife was kneeling over him he kiss her and
his eyes flood with tears

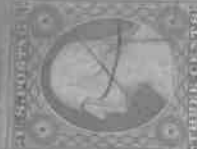
she ast him if he had any request to
make a bout his children he anser was no
not now his throught an tungs seem to bea
so dry an soer that he could not speak but
a word or two at a time he seem to bea in
gaze in pray an often call on the Lord he
he bore his affliction with grate fortitude
the first week of his sickness he talked
often a bout his farther an sisters that he
had a grate wish to see them he seem to
talk as if he seem well that he wood go to
see his father. we carred the remains
to Sibly on friday evening an saturday at
eleving clock his funal was Preach by Bro
Franklin in our house an he was buried
in Sibly an tex was in job the 14 chapt an 14 were
if a man die shall he live a gane.

January the 27 John got frostid an died february the 9
on the same night in Kansas there was ar man an wife
an four children frozed to deuth an in ganssboro
a woman an 2 children froze we fortunetia an
the youngest child are not well an i dont now when
she will for she take his death so hard o dont now
whit the consequences will bea our family are
all well but James he is still complaining
Antee an Mr Hammitly join me in love to you
an family.

Cliza Hammitton

Ⓒ This is a lock of John Henry. he avin keep it for his sake.

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Gen. G. Zillard

Lawrenceburg
Kentucky

State

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March 20 1855

Dear Ma

I cannot see how you can be
and rising name, for the sake of him who I have been forced
in spite of all my efforts to give up to give him up it was
only for a few short months, perhaps long, for I feel as though
I could not, during his being for I cannot imagine
the support your letters have given you will see that
I never had to give up anything, but only, not to
but the things I have told you have I want to tell
the way I am now. In giving up I have taken all that
I can get, but I am now, I am now, I am now, I am now
to one question in particular. I will give you the statement
of all from the morning before he was posted on till Saturday
after he was posted on, but I am now, I am now, I am now, I am now
the things I am now, I am now, I am now, I am now, I am now
from the morning before he was posted on till Saturday
as the things I am now, I am now, I am now, I am now, I am now
to know just now, but I am now, I am now, I am now, I am now
to know just now, but I am now, I am now, I am now, I am now
on that issue, but I am now, I am now, I am now, I am now
the fact, for some time, but I am now, I am now, I am now, I am now
either I should give up, but I am now, I am now, I am now, I am now
the day, of course, in the morning, but I am now, I am now, I am now, I am now
he is going with me, but I am now, I am now, I am now, I am now
he is going with me, but I am now, I am now, I am now, I am now
I am now, I am now, I am now, I am now, I am now, I am now, I am now, I am now

when he wishes to have to believe to me and together
against my own pleasure. He wishes to go to the
most unnecessary come for me. I do not know that
he had not been in three miles of whisky for some
time I made my way down to town the best I could
in an able gentle horse, I had to pick the road where the
River had been broken with the wagon passing to town
when I got fairly out on the prairie the rain began to come
and it began to spit snow, but I thought that it would blow
over in a short time, but it did not take for it grew worse
and worse to get to town half after two o'clock, Mr. Lillie
finished walking his horse and then went to the house with
his horse, with his two sons behind him, for I left them
both at home, expecting to return. When I returned
some evening, when I was never been caught in a mile
more of Pr and come to town for me,
by the time he got down to Pr it was just as cold
as it could well be, blowing & blowing at an awful
rate, Mr. Lillie by two o'clock, he was at his post
he never got down off his horse from the time he
mounted him his own horse until he reached Pr
at two o'clock, he did not stay more than an
hour or so half all hands began at him to stay all night
they very well knew we would both perish with cold
but Mr. Lillie has left what we both love & two weeks
behind back of me & the ones we at home just with two
magnificent could do not think of leaving them all night
and now I was frightened when I saw John they were
the wild heart. I have before of her for the reason he would

When he could not find his other horse up the ladder he gave
up and to let himself all night he changed the saddle put
the one on his riding horse & turned out the other one
to justify me for I knew her to be a dangerous one.
Oh me when he started for home just before three to four
o'clock I stood at the window watching for him get up in the
dark I felt so badly to think he had to go home without me but
it was by his own persuasion more than anything that led
me to feel as though I ought to stay at home. Some of the
ladies in town were at Mrs. they asked Mr. if he had any
horse to sleep by himself, but she thought it was very
on that fatal night as I was so tired because no more
interested when he left me. I am at this moment
on in the words of some of the other women here
with he rode down street to the street at a time the
we always walk in, I do my friends to neighbors
for a half an hour or more, I don't talk but one time,
and that by way of the old woman's name was
for however to be happy, we even had that quarter
they were never very far from the old man's feet
and they were all three with Mr. & Mrs. & I went from the
it they were in the city, and each other until mid
one mile of his house where the old man indicated
dearly one John Thomas's going home with him as the driver was in
to town, but she says Mr. told her she was obliged
to go home to his own little children, all three of the men
day he was there in the city, so when they would get
a long way, well so when he started on his way and he felt

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with finding them good evening they set off he does not
think they was winter so they believe felt that was
happen that he was just one mile from home could
be of the same nature when he was there very close and house
between where they departed but one still in low I hope
with the help of the snow was with it he was the same as
last year. The old yoke seen him pass he was as just as
usual she remarked to her daughter that Mr. Hill was would
have quite a time getting home, for this was nearly night
as you know the days are quite short but it was of the
length with just one half of a year from the winter but is
a winter being so much longer than the winter of the year
and in the winter days he knew his horse had not had any water
for one day for night as the horses were entirely covered with
the snow, he told me this for his own mouth repeatedly
during the winter every year he would say one would come to
see him would be in good luck it will before he was out and
it would be sick in the time he got home that she would
excuse his horse this spring and about the turning she was
very cold, he could not get his horse up so he got off the
time and he was in which it was all the time for the
part at turning, he was but half a mile at the time
from his house he started immediately thought his horse
be warmer walking than riding he chose he had to walk
you had time at the snow began to fall faster than wind
to blow harder he said he would be gone about the road
and then to take me leading from the main road to
occasional, he knew how deep the snow was the first
where there had been no passing. Both fatal mistake. On my father's

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that that he caught for a house he never found until
 too late. As he then said he for a time taken the way path
 to see how he lay in the hollows to see the just as he
 so he would be found, that he would be for the great many
 have him believe it hollow but it was so it is not offer
 any assistance, because I believe that was in the pursuit of
 that then he has, has a number in all night but not for any
 up and down in the night, he has in a number but he
 was in a different one he took over at the same way near
 giving up since he had seen the first thought that he
 was gone for good but then when he was in the moment the
 knew he must be up and walking so he would come
 to find walking with the light about seven or eight
 O'clock the trail he heard over any track but he was never
 frozen that to show his life he could not find what
 direction the snow was from, but he was seen to turn
 his face to the over so he called him there then a way
 about a great many years from the house the old man said he
 had lost the eye right, but just as he was in the
 but when he came up to him liked his to be and said
 up on him the eye seen but him to the house, he could
 not see the house until with a search of it, he told
 me if he had not of found the house just when he had
 that he never would find he was so sure he would
 not have walked one hundred yards from the old man.
 woman immediately made him a hot right to see before the
 line of gave him a cup of hot coffee and carrying to the

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he remembered of getting one pint of old whiskey for
 me, to put in my sampler, but when it was untraced
 he then drank a half tumbler full, thinking
 it would help him, made the quilt wet then threw away
 the first tumbler and then it was until after his death.
 I started home on that day about 10 o'clock, I went
 the way I was coming after a few days what was my feeling
 when I went into the house, found him lying there at
 Seneca in a perfect stupor, with his ^{left} hand ^{held} ^{fast}
 just as soon as I could do that my own fingers were taken
 all very black I bent over him and tried to rouse him
 his two little children were standing by his side wondering
 what could have happened to Pa's hands Oh how the little
 boys were crying the mother said he had been there the time, says
 she he tried to open and close to open his eyes
 when he saw that it was me Oh he said how you can
 have you come, he began to rouse up from his
 stupor and he had never thought of taking off his
 socks, I saw them off when every toe on each foot
 was a blue color as large as possible, then turned around
 quickly, I saw immediately for the doctor, he came
 quick as possible, the very same Doctor Black who
 came from there with him he applied some ointment
 all over his feet and hand his left hand was only
 frozen he lost one of his mittens in getting out of
 a snow drift some five feet deep, by the time
 daylight he could get up and I pulled out the
 bed he went to bed or rather layed down to rest till
 to the doctor for a while then fell a sleeper

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Before the Doctor left he told me to send for
 Dr. soon the next morning. Also the best Doctor I
 knew, he lauded me very much on my way on saying
 I sent to town for came immediately the Doctor ^{Dr. Brown} the
 next day did not come until night he got there a
 short time. Black John Henry recovered much better if
 there were the first Doctor. Black put on Sunday night
 eased his feet and by Monday morning they were
 brown white as a specimen of them were so I
 cut the blisters his feet looked just exactly as though
 they had been scalded. When Dr. saw he brought
 a bottle of linseed oil and ~~was~~ pressed them with
 Eased Cotton. At the oil, ~~was~~ to directions from
 both Dr. Tuesday morning John Henry walked all
 about the room. Dr. Brown told him he would be
 well in 3 weeks at present but little did he know
 what would result, he went home on that morning
 but returned on the evening with Mr. Well then
 Company ~~to~~ to revive his spirits very much
 I thought he would do well as well as ever
 next morning they left for home thinking that he was doing as well
 as could be expected, but they had not been long before
 he call me to his bed I sit down by his side and put my hand
 on his forehead, he looked up and said, Pray are you very lonesome
 I quickly told him I was never lonesome when with him he
 said he felt lonesome and led them on Thursday night some
 of his neighbors two gentlemen came in to sit awhile, he
 told them get up walked across the room and took a drink of water
 both of the men laughed at him, for he had just told them

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That he thought he should loose some of his fingers it does
they thought it impossible for him to do so and at the same time
be walking a foot his room but before they started for they sat
until about ten o'clock he became very sleepy I noticed he would
answer their questions rather at random, sometimes giving them
a correct answer than he would do off as though he was almost dead
to sleep, I then got them out to talk by word to him, they never
dreamt of him having fever nor I at this time, On next morning
it being Friday nearly a week, I thought he seemed rather dull he
would ask for Aunt Liza as he all ways called me every few minutes
I then asked him if he wanted me he said yes to write further to
come out and stay two or three days, he thought she could
do him more good than all of the Pa I then wrote Ma & Pa
a note requesting them to come through Pa never missed but one day
from the time he was prostrated until his death, So soon as me
got my note she to Pa got up on their horses and come in full speed
they brought him some nice birds the boys had caught but John would
not touch them, we had chicken birds of several kind but he would
not eat he could not, when he would complain of being so chilly
we would try every way to get him warm, they by that time
the fever would raise, his blood never reacted I am
confident for a strange as it may seem his toes & fingers
were very much swollen at first but after bathing them in liniment
frequently etc & sucking & suaged, they then began to heal and seemed
rather to swell up he then complained very little more with
them, Oh when he began to go worse he suffered ten deaths
he would call you time and again as if he expected you could
come to him he was then delirious for two days & nights
I then sent for the third Doctor Smith he come soon all he could

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I will close my love to you and all. Please write soon to your daughter
(what must I do love and kiss the rod that has smitten me. A Lillian

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after he never went home until they followed his corpse to their
own house, I was fearful he would remain delirious 8 days
but at times he would become quite rational, until about two
weeks, which the day before he died he seemed quite calm and
perfectly at his self, altho he reved out of his head with fever
but he all ways knew everyone that come, he call for his sister
Martha often while delirious, when I discovered he was calm
& rational I quickly made use of the time, for Oh how I fear
couldn't then see to death looking as I gazed on him, I went
to knelt down by his side he looked at me so weakly & said
Oh Mary Oh Mary, then she approached and bent over him and
he looked her in the face, she then asked him if he felt as
if he should ever recover, he raised his eye to heaven & said
very soul full; she then asked him to rely on the mercies of
a crucified savior and he resign to his will, he spoke
then told us he had put his trust in god that he had been
praying for his ill, his eye then filled with tears
so she thought she would say nothing more at that time
but I was not there, as close as his little child
it came near to look after them so weakly she brought them
to him he then kissed them both repeatedly, and closed
those calm blue eye, for they were filled again with
tears. When he again opened them I layed my head near his
to see if he would say any thing he would call on the
to have mercy, after, I asked him if he had any request
to make about his dear little babes he said not now
and it seemed to affect him so much I never asked it more

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I sat and watched him thru that night for all that was
 his last in the morning about two o'clock I was giving
 him some water to wet his mouth he faintly said Ah ah ah,
 Oh how very eager he caught every sound that I could. how
 I longed to hear him call my name, and Ah me that was the
 last sound of his for I bent over him and kissed & kissed
 him I thought he was too near gone to be conscious of my
 presents but thank God he knew I was there. I whispered
 in his year just a few hours before he died I told him
 Oh just kiss me once more he turned his mouth up and
 gave me one long and fervent kiss Oh God that
 was the last. Can I dwell here no not
 so it is too painful.) Friday morning just as the
 Sun was peeping up his soul took it flight to God
 who gave it. I have no ~~more~~ doubt on my mind but
 what he is now at this time singling his songs of
 praise around the redemptors throne;

I or rather I had his remains put away as decent
 as could be, had a fine covered coffin covered with
 velvet. My orders were to have it covered with brown
 cloth, but the workman could not get up to suit
 so well as the velvet, lined with fine steel flannel
 then the lid was trimmed with fine double of twisted
 black silk lace on the inside was a false lining
 made of white crape crimped and trimmed
 with white silk lace that covered him all over
 instead of a winding sheet. Pa had him dressed
 just as he was when we were married, had a nice
 outside coffin made to put the covered one in.

The coffin come just time a nuff to take him to town that night they had his funeral on the next day Saturday at eleven o'clock. Old Brother Franklin Pastor of our baptist church preached it, he has preached from the 14 chapter & 24 verse of Job (If enemies does he live again) he also stated in his remarks that he knew more of the Illness & death than any one present was aware of. That he & my dear brother had had many conversations on the subject of religion & at the same time John had spoken his mind freely to him (acknowledging to have backslid from what he knew to be true entry to god) but she older people further said that John Henry asked him to pray for him that day. But she withdrew in to a back speaker just a lone & there they prayed together no eye to see no ear to hear, but I do not know they were employing but few words. The old pastor said he ever saw in all of his life a man who seemed to be more penitent than John Henry did he said the Lord Streamed down to the place Sunday John Henry had two good words he feels the indulgence in the form hope that if he would that he will yet meet his old friends in heaven. This he repeated in the course of his discourse; Oh if you could of been here you would not doubt entertain only a single doubt no more of one shadow of a doubt but what he is now happy happy souls. There was largely over one thousand persons at his burial. The house and yard was full at his funeral when we started at half past twelve o'clock the fellow his son remain to them last resting place. I could scarcely find our way thru the crowd to the carriage, although the burying ground was not very far I could not have walked to the grave. The free masons wished to bury him in the honors of masonry, but I objected, I could not bear the thought of hearing a brass band of music dragging him ^{away} ~~away~~ ^{never no} from me.

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I never could believe in any such things particularly at an houring
 Pa objected also not knowing whether I would be agreeable to
 your feelings or not. This remains as evidence in a most
 beautifull part of the grave yard one of our Citizens was seen
 putting a nice plank fence all around the money grave
 up by Subswellon, I think the Lillands subscribed ^{himself} without
 time before he died, little dreaming he would put his bones there.
 There is over two thousand graves in the grave yard but we side put
 my dear Lathams near any others graves, from his grave I can see
 fifteen miles down the river, I expect to be laid close beside
 him with my children two, on his left is the place, on the right
 I expect the rest of Pa's family will be laid there if they die
 in this part. Oh he be nothing more for you to walk where
 is to a stranger but a north pier, but be assured I'll soon as I can
 make money enough I will have some stone put to his head to put
 and a nice little fence around his grave, with a tubiss case to
 bloom over being a noble witness of his piety & such)

Now dear Pa I have you just as true a statement of all of the
 particulars from beginning to end as I could. if I have made any
 mistake in spelling look over all, for I know my hands tremble ^{but} I don't
 and my brain reels, what I don't know with sure, If you could just
 see John Stays little girls are five years old on Sunday last, the youngest just
 two years old the day is her birth day, if you could have her calling her
 from Pa it would melt your heart with you, all most every night she will rise
 up in the bed and call out Oh my Pa Oh Pa, I looked her where her Pa was
 the commences crying and said I go home, We are at Pa's, poor child
 thought her Pa was out at his own home, I can at times hardly realize
 that he is gone forever, but dear Pa please write to me as soon as you can, I will
 write the balance to Marion as this is as much as I can put in one envelope

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Dear Brother-in-Law,

As you are now, the only surviving male member, of your late Mother's family, I have resolved to address you in reference to the note I hold against Phil & Jennings. And I am greatly encouraged to do so, from what Lizzie told me while she was at Bayants Springs. I infer from her conversation upon the subject, & also from a remark you made Mr. Graham, that you are somehow concerned in the payment of this debt. Did you when purchasing Mr. Jennings interest in the firm of Phil & Jennings, also assume the payments of his debts? (Those of the firm I mean) — Previous to meeting with Lizzie at the Springs, I felt that I had been badly, very badly treated by my dear husband's family. I was therefore much gratified when informed by Lizzie, that I had labored under a misapprehension that the family did not entertain feelings of enmity towards me and so far from wishing to withhold from me, my rightful dues. You had expressed a determination that the above mentioned debt should be paid and that sister Mary was also very desirous it should be paid. Now I assure

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you this conversation removed from my mind an impression that had often saddened my soul, viz. that my dear husband's own family, were not only willing, that his little fatherless boy should be disinherited by his grandfather, but that I too, should lose the amount of money loaned to Mr. Phil & Jennings.

Your determination to have this debt liquidated, evidently manifests on your part a sense of honor & justice which affords me also, the pleasure of believing that you have not forgotten your good, kind brother Robert, and the little one who occasioned ^{him} so much anxious solicitude on his death-bed. Ah! you doubtless remember his dying requests, and the confidence with which he made them. And you are now I trust ready to extend towards his widow & child that treatment you would never had, him shown your family had you been called away in his stead.

You are all now, then to whom I should look for payment in a condition to take in the note I hold, though retrieved so, by peculiarly painful & melancholy circumstances. The death of your dear parents - I address myself particularly to you, for I think you can advise with your sisters & form some plan whereby I shall be satisfied. I appeal to you as Christians who desire to practice the golden rule. Will you consider what shall be done, and candidly inform me at your very earliest convenience. Allow me to present a question or two for your reflection. Do you think, if this debt is liquidated that either, or any of you will be the losers in the end, even in a pecuniary way? Cannot Jehovah bless,

open or withhold blessings as he chooses? Holds he not the
keys of government in his own hands? Well! if after
prayerful consideration you should make up your mind
not to pay me, let me know, for if that be the case I
shall had better know it now than later, as I wish not that
my expenses overreach my income. I expect to leave here
on Saturday morning, (nothing providentially hindering) for ^{Glasgow} Glasgow
where I shall remain 10 or 15 days. I shall hope for an
answer to this next week.

I have been here nearly 6 weeks under the water
bath treatment, and feel that my health is considerably improved.
I expected somewhat to meet with Lizzie here, hope however
she is rapidly improving under the use of cod-liver-oil.
So let me know particularly how she is, I felt much sym-
pathy for her, and also my dear widowed sisters-in-law
and their little orphan children of your father's - O! we
for have all been called to endure many severe trials! O! may
through the fiery ordeals through which we are passing consume
the dross of our natures, and make us meet for an eter-
nal home in the pearly everlasting rest. That the sorrows of
this life might be swallowed up by a redemptive love for
you Christ & that peace which passes all understanding.
Since my connection with your family I have often tried
to pray for you all, in my feeble way, and hope I shall
likewise be remembered by you all.

Present my love to your wife & children Lizzie told
me that Francis health was not good, I hope before this she
is restored. My love to all your sisters & their children

also Dr. Myers - Robert is very well, and even here in the
City is as wild as a deer - He was standing beside me a few
minutes while I was writing and inquired to whom I
was writing, when I told him an uncle he wished me
then to send his love to you.

May the Lord bless you all is my prayer

A. W. Lilland

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November the 11, 1853-

Dear Brother Mason

I should have written
ere this, but thought I would wait untill after
Court. consequently I went up on last Monday
it being County Court, to be appointed guardian
for my Children but I learned that was not the
right court. I will have to go back to morrow week
and attend the Probate Court. I will have no difficulty
what ever I can give the best of Security, & as much
as the law requires, I would have been so glad to
spent the winter with you all, and would have done so
but had I not attended Court. My trip would have been
in vain, that is so far as business is concerned, I had
just the same wish to visit you all before I heard any
thing in relation to the business, as I have now
Pa says he is sorry now that he was so hurried he
did not get to see you, he was anxious to get home. I
think he may yet visit you all some day. if life
last, Bro Mason I suppose I will not get in this winter
but it was my wish to have done so, You Can attend
to my Childrens interest, cant you, they say that
it is not absolute necessary that I should be there at the
division, I know you feel deeply interested in your
dear Brothers little helpless infants, consequently

Dear Brother do for them act for them in
the division, the same as for your own
poor little creatures Oh that their dear Pa was
get a living, but none of us have a leece of our
lives for one minute If I live untill spring say
the last of February or first of march, I think
I will be on by that time, I sold my corn
yesterday at 90 cents in the field, corn is low
here, I have some stock to dispose of them I
am ready for by, I new if I left my corn
and cattle unsold that the corn would be destroyed
to my few cattle would stray off, dear Brother
you know the lack of an widow, what is every
bodys business is no bodys business consequently
she must attend to her own, I hope with the
blessings of heaven, and by the advise of friends or
my Lawyer, to be enabled to care for my self & children
independent I hope we may never be considered
a drag to none who may have the trouble of us, I
try to make myself usefull as possible, that all I can
do)) death is get abroad in our land, on last Thursday
Old Mr Sabzel, Smith, of independence died of congestive
Chillo, he is thought to be the richest person in this
state, but he has left all, to his three children, two
by his first wife one babe by his present one he was about
75 or 80 years of age she was sixteen, quite a suitable mate
on yesterday near this place an old lady after eating a hearty
dinner droped dead, I must stop for the present to attend

to her funeral, she will be buried at one o'clock to
day, at her residence, half mile from here, but dear
Brother I wish my three little girls have paid our morning
visit to our dearly beloved as grave, there to listen at the
dead leaves a falling of the trees around him, but tho
his earthly frame is hushed for ever, & his ears stopped
to all off our meny cays & wonto, but oh I fell that
to indulge, that in the fond hope that he yet lives, in
heaven Oh for the happy hour when we will be reunited
What joy what peace of mind to know we will yet
meet - Dear Brother I have returned from the burial
while there I learned of an other death one of our
one near from town, she died with consumption

Dear Brother, I have no news of importance
Give my love to all of the sisters, Tell them to
write to me I have been looking for a letter
from sister Martha, Do write to me soon
I received yours about three weeks ago, Pa Ma
Joins in love to you all, I wrote to sister
Martha & sister Mary by Mr Davis. Tolines husband

Tell sister Mary & sister Frances, altho I did not
get the yarn you spoke of, that I thank them for have
ing it prepared for me, I am coming myself then
I will bestow of it My children are all well

Do all of you write often so for the present
excuse all haste to mistakes I happy adieu your sister
Answer this soon, I will write again After Lillard
after Court, the Monday week

You

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