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Dear Aunt and

friends I received your kind messag last saturday and was glad to hear
 from dear friends it gasse me much joy to hear from you once more
 and to think we can chat together altho we cannot se each other yours
 found us all well and I hope these lines will find you the same it
 is a general time of health here we hav had a verry open winter
 not snow enough to go out of town we hav had a great deal of rain
 and mud I suppose you hav had good sleighing this long time by
 accounts we hav from that state I never have seen such hard winters
 since we left that state as we yousto have there I shold like to visit that
 Cuntry once more but I never expect to as we hav got so old you wanted
 to no my age I shal be 64 if I shold live ^{to see the fifth day of June} Josiah will be 66 next October
 my Children have all gon from me are all mared but one he is in
 Iowa on his farm of ninty five acres he is a living near his Uncles on
 his fathers side Orvill lives in Wisconsin James lives two miles
 from us has a good farm Julia lives in Cattaraugus O P New ^{or}
 Mariak lives in Wisconsin she mared a man by the name of
 Henry Harvery tha live in Mialusing Greant ^{near the} ~~near the~~
 missippa Orville lives in Leon Monroe O Jane lives in Wellington
 Marry lives in Indiana Amarella is at home now I expect tha will
 leave soon she mared a man by the name of Lewis Norton she has
 one child about five years old he is a smart one I heard from
 Dickersons last week tha was all well she has but one child at home
 I heard from Wellington a weak ago tha was quite smart Brother
 Roswell had a verry sever spell of the Rheumatiz last fall it
 came verry near yousing him up but I hear that he can get
 around with a cane James Spelman was smart I visited with him
 last spring he was verry smart I did not see Aunt Lovisa moved out
 thare that winter ~~thare~~ ^{of her} Roswell was at your hous she is quite
 smart gets som thornsieck tha are a making these hav bin to meting
 to day heard a first rate sermon the meting hoes is about twenty
 rods from our hous we have meting about evry sunday it is rather
 dull times here as to religion I believe that I hav rit all that will be
 interesting to you I want you shold pres it on your childrens minds
 if it is so that you cannot writ to have them write to me so that

Mrs Sarah Stephens
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can hear from you often and I will try and answer yours
for it is verry cherrising to hear from friends afar of give our
best respects to Aunt Sible and all other friends Mr Stephens
Josiah has about as much as he can do in his offis he has ben
justis of the peas for about nine years he has obtained ~~100~~¹⁸⁰
acres of goverment land in over old age if we bold had had
it years ago it wold had don us som good but we are to old to
think of going onto a new farm we hav got a good little place
we had over 60 bushel of apples last year not but a few this
year no more this time write soon from your Niece
Josiah sends his best respects

Shebe Arnold

Salla Stephens

