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Dear Brother & Sisters I now embrace the opportunity of writing a few lines to you to inform you of my health and the health of our family which is tolerable good at present and hope these few lines will find you and your family enjoying the same blessing I would inform you that we have received your letter directed to Brother Shepard and was glad to here from you Mothers health is as good as could be expected for a person as far advanced in life as she is she sends her love to you all and would be very glad to see you all but does not expect ever to see you again unless you should some of you come and see her as you wrote that Andrew had some faint idea of going to the west we should be very glad to see him out here this season with his wife and Lydia she would come if she was a mind to for women go alone from here to New York and Massachusetts gets but you must do as you think proper we have a son that will be five weeks old next wednesday a stout smart rugged boy that weighed ten pounds and six ounces at his birth and he appears to be a well healthy child Mother has named him Samuel as none of the grand children were named for father and it would bear up my name to Matilda health is not very good at present but is improving we think if you will come and see the boy you can see a curly head