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Dear Brothers and Sisters I now embrace
the opportunity of writing a few lines to
you to inform you of my health and the
health of my family which is tolerable
good at present and hope these few lines
will find you and your families enjoying
the same blessing we have had. a good deal
of sickness in our family the past year
I was sick last fall better than three months
that I did not do a days work Matilda
+ was had the lung complaint this winter
and Mother's health is poor and there has
been a good many times within the past
year that we did not expect she would
live from one day to another she sends her
love to you all and would be very glad
to see you all but it is probable that
she will not unless you should come and
see her for we have had so much sickn
ess since we have lived in Indiana that it
is rather more than we can do bring the
year around even without having any
thing to spend in visiting we have had
to have winter this winter although the
sleighing has been gone for this two or
three weeks and there has been conside
rable sugar made in February here