

Sturben Sa Jan 2 / 1880

Dear Brother & Sister I now embrace
the opportunity of writing a few lines
to you to inform you of our health
which is tolerable good at present and
hope these few lines will find you enjoy-
ing the same blessing we received
your letter and was glad to hear from
you we have had a great deal of
sickness since we have lived here
and my wife health is not very good
now she has had the lung complaint
this fall and it has left her rather
feeble but our family is small this
winter for her two oldest boys
are away one at school and the other
at Alabama, so we have but two
children with us I have but one
child he is a boy and he will be
eleven years old in may he is a
good large stout boy of his age
and he attends school this winter
Brother Shepard and family were
well the last that we heard from
them Brother Shepard has pained
very fast since he was at the east
he is very lame in his hip Vernon
has one child a girl they call her