

Otsego June 25 1845

Dear Brother & Sister I now embrace
the opportunity of writing a few lines
to you to inform you of our health which
is verry good at present and hope these
few lines will find you and your family en-
joying the same blessing I received your
letter a short time since and was sorry to
hear that you had lost your youngest
child but sickness and death awaits us all
and we shall all be soon numbered with
the dead and if we are prepared we shall
meet them in a better world than this where
seperation sickness pain and death are felt
and feared no more although it is hard to
part with children and friends yet it is not
as hard to part with them when small as it
is when older for we have a sure hope
that they have gone to rest in the arms
of there Saviour and what is your life
is your child's gain strive to live in
such a manner as that you can meet
your little one in heaven. Mother sends
her love to you and says that she should
be verry glad to see you but she
says that she does not expect to ever
see you again unless that you should
come out here and see her her health
is as good as would be expected at her
advanced age her own has never got
well she hurt about three years ago
she wants that Lydia should come
out here and live with her if she
can - she says that she should be verry
glad likewise to have you come out