

Stoeyo Ind Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 1847

Dear Brother and Sister 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 very good at present  
and hope these few lines will find you and yours  
enjoying the same blessing I would inform you  
that Mothers health is as good as could be  
expected for a person so advanced in life as  
she is she sends her love to you and  
your children and would be very glad to  
see you all she has enjoyed her health  
since she has been here better than I or  
Shepard or Lyman has I have had the  
Fever and Ague two seasons since I have  
been here and Shepard and Lyman have both  
had it but not so severe as I did and  
I have had the intermitting fever this  
summer but my health is as good as usual  
at the present time I received your last  
letter the fore part of the summer and  
should have answered it before this time  
if circumstances would have permitted but  
do not deem it necessary to make any  
excuses for they are of no great use  
I received a letter last spring from Brother  
Zebias folks and they were all well then  
but I suppose that you have heard  
from them since that we have we have  
had so much sickness since that we  
have been here that we have not  
got as much done on our land as we  
should have done but do not think  
it is best to complain of our lot as  
it is a great deal better than I  
am Deserving of I wish you to answer <sup>as</sup>