

Stuben Ia July 16 1853

Dear Brother & Sister I now em-
brace the opportunity of writing a
few lines to you to inform you of
my health and the health of our fam-
ily which is tolerable good at present
and hope these few lines will find you
and yours enjoying the same bless-
ing I have not heard from you
for about two years I wrote to
you on Mothers Death but have
received no answer she died the
29 of March 1852 and buried June
the 7th after she left 2 children
both boys the youngest 5 weeks old
Berona is married she was married
last fall to a man by the name of
Gugereth and she and her husba-
nd live with her father they are
all well Lyman is at our house
he came here last night from
home Brother Shepard has got
to be quite fore handed he and
Lyman and his son in law have
160 Acres of Land in a body and
he has between 40 & 50 acres under
improvement they have 3 cows a yoke
of Oxen and 4 or 5 head of young cattle