

Orego May 20th 1852

Dear Aunt your letter dated
January 19 was gratefully received and
joyfully read I assure you a few days ago
by your writing you thought I had forgot
you but in that you are greatly mistaken
but I will tell you my reasons for not writing
one in I have written several times to you and
you have not answered to be sure I would hear
from you every time that my uncle had a letter
but then it was no answer to mine another in my
writing is so poor that I am almost ashamed of it
for schooling has been almost out of the question with
me since I left Vermont for it has always
been my lot to stay at home and keep house
but you will overlook that and try to read it
I am sure will you not hear what you may
dear aunt have been called to part with your dear
children but that is not all what I tell or shall
I forbear Grand mother is gone she died the last of
march she had been sick most all winter by spells
but the week before she died & she had been quite unwell
Dymon went up there on saturday and found her
quite comfortable she was so pleased to see him
she sat up till nine o'clock but she was not so
well in the morning when he left I went Ruth
heaven were the tidings that of earnest on monday
that she was dead but so it is friend after friend have
gone to that place from whence no traveler returns for
here in Tuscumma lies the cold remains of my
poor Grand ma and memory still lingers over the
spot where lies the body of my mother though
so young and so many years have gone by it seems
in another spot Aunt Susan lies buried and others of my