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Dear Brother

it is with pleasure I now write  
you a few lines. ~~that~~ to let  
you know that <sup>we</sup> will at present  
and I hope these few lines will  
find you the same. I have I went  
up to your house a short time  
and go to see your folks but I  
miss you very much when I  
walked out in the Orchard  
I could not ~~help~~ help but shed  
tears I felt so lonesome for I miss  
you so much. Dear Brother you  
said in your last <sup>letter</sup> to Eliza you thought  
we had all forgotten you but it is  
far from it I <sup>think</sup> if you every day but  
I pray and hope you will soon return  
home well and safe. I have I have  
got ready a several times to write  
to you but somebody would come  
in and then I could not write

some times I would get news  
the news that you all <sup>would</sup> come home  
in a few days but I see you  
have not come yet that is the  
reason why I did not write  
you must excuse me for not  
writing to you some times I get  
so confused with the children  
that I can't think of nathing to  
write Dear Uncle we would all be  
very glad to see you here once more  
Aunt Syntha just took your Blankets  
Blankets home yesterday we have  
heard so much about you some  
coming home Byron Foster has got  
home he come last thursday night  
Miss Foster was so glad that she  
cried Uncle I have been up to  
your house 3 times since we moved  
down here once the hall banley  
at us went up there and it did  
rain real hard for a little while  
but it is very dry here now  
Barbara Biley

our crops look Well I  
hope you will get your  
discharge soon and come home  
for we will be very glad  
to see you

from your  
Affectionate sister

Mary Jane Biley

Eliza  
Eliza

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