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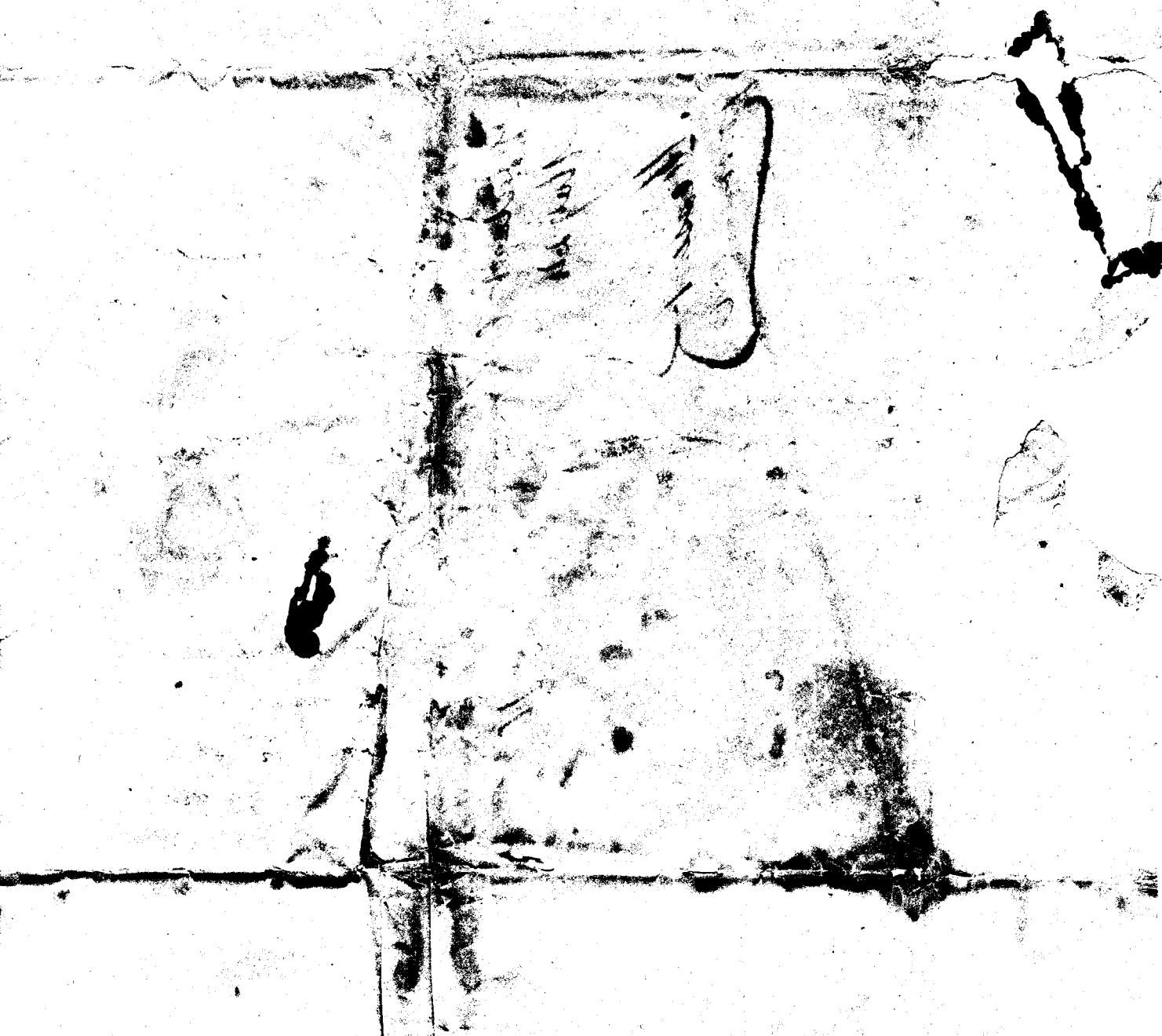
dear brother

I receive you letter yesterday eve I was at Richard when father brought it he had been to Mr Wrights after Rhoda. He will go back to school to morrow. I was at fathers to day Luino was there with her little children she has two very pretty little children. I think the little girl is the pretties. Peter is very smart little boy he can run all about the yard. Rhoda is very proud of her little brother and nice you dont know how big she can talk she thinks that she can do as she pleases she is very smart little girl. I think Lon and Peter have improve greatly deal. but Peter is so daany - well I have written about all the ch except mine children thank god I ^{have} none of the little devils to be bau and crying after me when I want to go any where I can go with all cause I have nothing to frost me except Loring when he starts of some times I always be a crying like some child I have seen a great deal of trouble since last Oct I think it is hard when any one just get married the commerce seeing to ~~the~~ trouble. I suppose you herd about ~~the~~ Lelia - scrape I think that was the ~~the~~ greatest thing that ever happen in the nation about a lady. well I stop writing about it. I will have company to night uncle Howell will be here to night. well I do not know what to write about Loring he is a sound a sleep if you was here you would have some fun with the old fellow. he gets pretty dull and lazy and I always rouses him up just with my foolish talk. 1 year to day since we was married I reckon you herd all about our weding before now it was a very exerious day with me altho the people was laughing and talking how unchanging this world is.

Since the last time I saw you I remember the day we all part
and where is poor William he is gone little did we
think that he would never return to his native home
again. I do feel sorry for this poor mother poor woman she
has lost her poor absent ~~husband~~ he was in strange
land it is hard to think that our connections have to go
to a far distant land to receive an education harder but
the will of god must be done Grandmother take it very
hard. I hope you and Leonidas is doing well you must be good
boys remember you are far from your homes try and do the
best you can. How glad I would be if could see you once more
life is very uncertain and my health is very bad we might
never see each other again in this world hope to meet in a
better world.

I hear that Addison Folsom and Jonathan Rail was
going to California to get there fortune I don't know whether
is true or not I think they better stay at home and attend to their
families good many people about the town have gone to California
Schrack and Cope and Tarrar and Brown and Chick a few
Brown I don't know whether you know him or not and
good many like about going. Sarah G and Anna G is single
yet Sarah lives with Susan she is ~~sick~~ as ever but
I think Sarah is a very good girl she alive here and
have been very sick. Belpold is in very good health.
I must stop writing you must excuse my short letter
and bad writing you must write often as you
can and tell us all the news about your country

nd
how you are all doing tell son to write to me soon send
my love to you all give my love to all we are all well
no more farewell from your sister Malvina F. Tolson.



I wish you would send me a lock of your hair in the letter
when you writes again you must have your likeness taken
and send it to me M.P.T.

Wheaton City

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