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Dear father

Since writing this letter I have received the painful news that Brother Sam^l's youngest baby is dead, died last night - aged six weeks - Ester's child also died at the planting last night - Manda's child died on last Thursday night. They were all young children and it is hard to tell what was the matter with them, many strange events has happened and many deaths in our family since you bid us all good bye -

We do wish that you would come home,

Your son,
L O O Stehler