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Laurel

I receved youre letter last night I was glad to heare from you but sorry to hear that youre health was not poor and Noahs I had not heard of his getting hert you did not say any thing about the rest of the family so I suppose they are all well you have started to visit Noah and try to improve youre Health and we would like to have you come and visit us as soon as you can make it convenant you might receve some benifit by traveling we have been living in Laurel for several yeares but we are a going to move out in the Spring to stay through the Summer on acount of being handy to work we move to the foot of the hill just round the hill

south of ware Lafland yaused to
live I sold the south part
of the old farm but I have all
the north part with about 85 acres
East runing down to the foot of
the hill I have rented the
land. its a family that is going
to move out with us and I
am a going to quarry stone we
get out splendid stone of almost
any thickness we haul them to the
railroad at Stephen Jinkses below
the dam Oscar went to Texas in
the fall but he got tired of it
and we are a looking for him
home every day Ephraim is living
at New Salem in Rush Co he
is practicing medicine and is doing
very well Albert is living at
Napoleon Ohio Lizzy has just started
for Jacksonville Florida for her health
she expects to stay untill warme weather

the last time I saw Doct Berry he inquired about you he is auditor of Franklin & I suppose he would be glad to get a letter from you Hannah says she will write to Noah soon will let her finish Yours R James of Derbyshire

Deare Brothers

as James has left part of this sheet I will fill it up we were pleased as well as surprised at receiving Bs letter it has been so long since he has written to us hope the trip will do him good how delightful all the winters must be there how much I should enjoy spending one under there James spoke of Lizzies going South for her health She has had

in Colorado all Summer and only went home and visit and expected to come here and make us a visit before going South but was not able to come & believe if she could live in Colfax or somewhere the climate is even she might get well of her cough she has a very kind good Husband he is a Telegraph operator and gets good wages but she spends it all as fast as he gets it her health is so poore you did not say which of the girls were Married we see a letter from Carrie or Retas we use to call her she is well so are all the family except Cousin Alexander was not at all well dont know whether she will come home next Summer or not