

August 5<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1857

Dear Brothers & Sisters  
I gladly embrace the  
present opportunity of writing you a few lines  
To let you know that we are all well  
Through the mercy of God in passing these  
few lines may find you all enjoying the  
same blessing of providence we received  
your letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> of June which gave  
us great satisfaction to hear that you  
were all well at that time and well  
satisfied and doing well I hope you may  
still remain to enjoy that peaceful  
satisfaction of mind which is the greatest  
blessing in this life I am living with Father  
on petty games and doing the best I can for  
my self if you have not heard it I will  
now let you know that I lost my husband  
on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of last May he was shot  
while he was at work about one half  
mile from the Mill getting logs in to the  
slough his Brother George was with him  
He was some distance from him when he  
was shot Daniel never spoke after he was  
shot he turned round and fell on his face  
and lay there till George went about  
a half mile to Henry Scaggs and back  
George saw the glances of some person  
run off but could not tell who it was

I cannot tell for certain who it was  
that done the murder but I believe  
it was one of the Harros boys under  
the influence of go. Fumblinson it is a  
great loss to me the greatest I could have  
met with in this world

Tho I am not left with out friends  
entirely yet father will do a good part  
By me I am going to live in a house  
of about one hundred and fifty yards from  
him that he had built for a man  
that made a crop with him this season  
I am living at this in the house with  
him his family is all well except  
James he has the chills & fever at this time  
But is not very bad he is able to go  
About a good part of his time & is now  
taking medicine to break it after Daniel  
was killed I got John Henderson to  
Administer on the estate and it was  
valued to \$6.30 and I took my share out  
and there was \$9.30 left to pay the debts  
The property that I selected was two  
yoke of oxen at sixty Dollars two  
Horses at 80 Dollars & cows and calves  
& one heifer at 35 Dollars & one hundred  
& twenty seven Dollars in money  
Which was my portion of the estate  
So you can see that I am not left  
entirely destitute of something to live

on with in my self I should be glad <sup>3</sup>  
to see you all once more and live  
By you but being left in the  
situation that I am I never expect to  
see you in this life unless Father  
should move to that Country I would  
be very willing to come if he would  
move to that country tho he talks  
but little about moving at this time  
I think if he could sell to his notions he would  
move to Texas

I will now inform you that go Tomlinson  
And his plan is not satisfied with taking  
Daniels life they are still seeking more  
blood and the ~~men~~ 9<sup>th</sup> day of July all the  
Men in the neighbourhood of Tomlinson  
Was called out to work the road in the  
Evening of that day go Tomlinson rode  
up in to the crowd with a gun on his  
Shoulder and with out any ceremony  
Shot King Bennet and he died in a  
few minutes after Tomlinson rode off  
to Waldron and gave himself up to  
the law and was tried before Jagers  
Featherston and Gaines and was acquit  
He is now the great monster of the  
West I suppose you have heard that I have  
Two more children they was born the  
28<sup>th</sup> of February 1851 a son & Daughter

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Daniel named the Boy Thomas Jefferson  
 And I named the girl Mary Elender  
 Victoria they are fine healthy children  
 and are growing off verry fast they  
 will soon be getting alone if they keep  
 there health ~~was~~ Sarah Jones & Francis  
 Marion is in good health Jackson  
 Hons eldest daughter died on the 26<sup>th</sup>  
 Day of July she had bin sick for several  
 Days and had got better and was thought to be  
 nearly well she was struck with the lead  
 palsy and only live about 36 or 40 hours  
 there has bin a good deal of sickness in this  
 country this summer but verry few deaths  
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 P. W. Russel & Mahala

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