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Letter to John Butler, Eliza (Smith) Butler and Matilda Smith from Isaac Smith and Margaret Smith

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Dear Brother & Sister,

I attended your funeral

To inform you that you are still remembered

Though there are many miles between us I

make it a practice to think back frequently,

I hope I shall never become so unkind of

Dear friends as to forget them. Under any circum-

stances all though I mean it affectionate about writing

it is. For the want of affection preservation my

love is just in the write but it is generally

For the want of something that I think would

interest you. These lines leaves as well as

as one Margaret. She is in complaining for some

time with her old complaint, she has him

Taking affection from a certain Doctor. She

Thinking he has kept her some help and the

children is at Kayes Wright. I hope you do not

return to her Mother. Benjamin drove and

John caught the which & followed me for

Them. He is cutting death. at this time it

makes him some what cross. He

is a party fine looking boy if you will

believe what we have to say about it.

I am

Abbe & Margaret Smith

Bridgewater, Oregon 31st September 1857

Wanted them on the day of the election easy

if we don't do not they the free territory

for I should not like to live a moast-

very again but I do not apprehend any

danger. Huntington has just got back from

the range, he took his family last spring

and went out there to erect some survey-

ing that Armstrong done he calculated when

he started that he could do it in two

or three weeks but it took him about

three months as well as a confusing bus-

ness at home so Armstrong one IP I do not

know which. The children has been going

to school this summer. The school was in

last Friday they are all growing very fast

and learn well when they have the chance

Our last Dinner says Rufus is getting a very

exact knowledge of Grammar's Algebra he

has been through Dares Rhetoric several

times, write to often and let me know

how all the cousins friends get a long

no more at present but remains your broth-

ER & sisters until death.

Abbe & Margaret Smith
The reason that I did not go with them I had a severe tooth ache the first time I have had it since I have been in Oregon and hope it is the last there is as much comfort in it as there is in the most sensible & knowing you will probably come to the just conclusion that I was anxious to write, I feel some what relieved to day though my teeth trouble to make me get occasionally. The connection are all well as far as I know except Elijah. I understand the cows composting I do not know whether it is any thing serious or not. I received a letter from Matilda last mail I was glad to hear that you were all well and doing well but say to have your back yard spry and the prospect for crops. She thought the word make one feel bad in presence of Missouri's having plenty of Apples to eat, I feel as indecent as a hog on ice about Apples we have about 36 bushels in trees that I have set out since I came here, we have had ripe ones for the last five or six weeks we also have five or six peach trees full of peaches now beginning to get ripe we have had a few years and had a few cherries & plums we have an Almond tree full of Almonds but I must stop this paper till I think I am assisting we have had an unusual dry season since the first of May crops are give light though there are plenty and to spare I have made plenty and probable more, I have him possible engaged this summer in building roads to fence in a large pasture. The property going over street and them that wants grass will have to fence there land and a most every person that can is at it. The grass there is a great portion of the wealth of the country and without it we would be as bad off as the people of Ireland were in old times. The people here have decided to form a state constitution our delegates is in session more they get along very slowly but I have hope they will put right before they get. There is considerable excitement on the slavery question it is to be decided in yet by a direct vote of the people the country here as nearly alive with Missourians and they nearly all in favor of a slave state but we calculate to
Bridgeport Oregon Ty Septembe 6th 1857

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has not rained of any consequence since the first of May crops are quite light though there are plenty and to spare I have raised plenty and probably more. I have been principally engaged this summer in hauling rails to fence me in a large pasture the country is becoming over stocked and them that wants grafts will have to fence their land and most every person that can is at it. the grafts here is a great portion of the wealth of the country and without it we would be as bad off as the people of Ireland with out potatoes. the people here have decided to form a state constitution our delegates is in session now. they get along very slow, but I have hope they will do it up right before that git. there is considerable excitement on the slavery question it is to be decided in October by a direct vote of the people the country here are nearly alive with Missourians and they nearly all are in favor of a Slave State but we calculate to beat them on the day of the election easy if we do not I may hunt a free territory for I should not like to live amongst slavery again, but I do not apprehend any danger. Hutchenson has just got back from the Umpqa, he took his family last spring and went out there to correct some surveying that Armstrong done he calculated when he started that he could do it in two or three weeks but it took him about three months it will be a losing business to him or Armstrong one I do not know which. The children has bin going to school this summer the school was out last Friday they are all growing very fast and learn well when they have the chance our last teacher says Rufus is getting a very correct knowledge of Grammar & Algebra he has bin through Dave's Arithmetic several times. write to often and let me know how all the connection & friends get along.

No more at present but remains your Brother & Sister until death

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