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Letter to John Butler, Matilda Smith and Lavina Butler from Ira F.M. Butler, Paradine Butler and Rachel Butler

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Monmouth, Aug 23rd 1855

Dear Sam, 

I have not heard from you for several months and was surprised to learn that you were not in California. I hope you are well and that your journey was uneventful. I am writing to you to convey some news about my family.

My grand-nephew, Little John, was born last month and is doing well. He is a healthy child and I expect he will grow to be a strong and capable young man. I hope you will also hear from him soon.

Monmouth, Oct. Aug 27th 1855

Dear brother,

I have just received your letter from 20th June in which you give the particulars of the death of our dear friend. We had known him since our childhood and he was a valued member of our family. He will be missed by all who knew him.

I am afraid I have been feeling a bit low lately, but I hope to recover soon. The weather here is quite pleasant and I am spending most of my time reading and gardening. I hope you are also enjoying yourself.

The connection to California is not as I hoped, but we have another daughter who was born on the 15th of this month. She is a fine little girl and I hope she will grow up to be a good daughter. I hope you will also have the opportunity to meet her and her brothers.

The Oregon Trail is some distance north of Oregon Hill, California, and I have heard that it has gone up all the mountainous terrain. Oregon has kept cool weather, so we have had to work hard. I hope to return to Oregon as soon as I have some time free. The price of everything in Oregon is very high.

Please write and let me know how things are going there. I hope to hear from you soon.

Your loving sister,

[Signature]

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good in Oregon and no hands to
brake. Summer apples are ripe and are
worth in the market $3 to $5 per box. Winter
apples will be worth about $2 per box and
many apples taken to Macomahah O. to
market at this time than there was taken to
Macomahah 300 to market when I left that
country. I have lent to her for market yet
but if I have luck with my fruits I expect
to sell Superfluous hundred dollars worth not
less. I must give you the size of Macomahah.
Of it was 21 families, 3 dry good stores one
racing store one dry store and small
through shop 2 blacksmith shops 2 wagon
maker shops, one barn one cooper shop
Isaac M. Butler has gone in boy with a
Mr. Doan in the school building. Isaac
is our assessor. This year hill expects to
build and move to Macomahah. This fall
as soon as he is done building
in return to the land in that country I
am at a loss to know what to say to you
though I am of opinion that if there is any
chance to sell, the next paper would be
for a decree to divide or to let off,
to Eliza his their past. Eliza made a
will and smiled that his part of the land
there should be sold and the money put
at interest for the rise of his children but
I fear the bill is too large that it cannot
be done, he made his will while I was at
Valien last winter and if I had been there
when it was written I think it would
have been some particular in relation to
the land. I must send you a copy of the will
and you can judge better about it.
I wish the land sold as soon as possible
and I believe all the town hand and
your Cyrus to have it sold that is as soon as
it can be done without too much expense.
As to the will you can and Judge B.
I am afraid you can tell Miller when to sell
that I can. Judge Williams of our Supreme
court says he thinks that Eliza will if
properly proven there would stand as to
the sale of the land if his part can be
sold. I would be glad as it was his wish

Very Respectfully,

Isa M. Butler
Monmouth O T Aug 21st 1858

Dear brother

I have just received yours of the 2 June last, in which you give the particulars of the death of your wife, we had learned before of her death but was in doubt whether it was her or John C. Butler wife, we were sorry to hear of so much sickness in your family Our family are all well as usual and all the connection so far as I know

we have another daughter, she was born on the sixth day of the present month it is a fine large healthy child, but we have not named it yet, Mary Ann says she will send you some of her babys hair

I have no doubt that you have learned of the Frazier River gold minds long before this Frazier River is some 500 miles north of Oregon still California has got up all the excitement Oregon has kept cool waiting to see how it will turn out it has raised the price of every thing in Oregon times are good in Oregon and no banks to brake summer apples are ripe and are worth in the market 4 to 5$ pr bu winter apples will be worth about $10 there are more apples taken to Monmouth O T to market at this time than there was taken to Monmouth Ilfs to market when I left that country I have but few for market yet but if I have luck with my trees I expect to sell six or seven hundred dollars worth next season I must give you the size of Monmouth O T it has 21 families 3 dry good stores one grocery store one drug store one sadler & harness shop 2 blacksmith shops 2 wagon maker shops, one tavern one cooper shop Isaac M. Butler has gone in Co with a Mr Boon in the goods business, Isaac is our assissor this year but expects to build and make to Monmouth this fall as soon as he is done sessing

In relation to the land in that country I am at a loss to hear what to say to you though I am of opinion that if there is any chance to sell, the best way would be to get a decree to divide or to set off to Elijah heirs their part Elijah made a will and willed that his part of the land there should
be sold and the money put at interest for the use of his children but I fear the will is so lame that it cannot be done, he made his will whil I was at Salem last winter, if I had been there when it was writen, I think it would have been more particular in relation to the land I will send you a copy of the will soon and you can judge better about it I wish the land sold as soon as possible and I believe all the heirs here are ancious to have it sold that is as soon as it can be done without to much sacrifice do the best you can and I will be satisfied you can tell better when to sell than I can Judge William of our Supreme court says he thinks that Elijah will if properly proven there would stand as to the sale of the land if his part can be sold I would be glad as it was his wish

Verry Respectfully
Ira F M Butler

Monmouth August 23

Dear Son

I am well at present and enjoying good health for an old person I was 70 last April I have just come from Isaac Smiths thay wer all well as common but the children but they wer complaining with the chicken pox I have herd of your affliction and I know how to simpathise with you I started a letter to you the first of last february I have never heard whether you received it or not when you write again I want you to write how old aunt Nancy Butler gets along I would like to know whether you intend to stay there or not if you ever broke up and move I would like for you to come out her tell lavinsky that I have bin peicing a nice quilt for imploymet it is the rose in the wilderness I want you to write to me as often as you can when you write write about old mrs fall give my respects to Matilda and tell her to write to me as often as she can

Rachel Butler

Dear Cousin

as Father and grand mother has bin writing some and have not quite finished the sheet I will write a few lines thare is so much noise I cannot write to do much good I am not going to school at present the school will comence the first of next month I do not expect to go to school this winter I will stay at home and quilt this winter I have got seven quilts ready to quilt the basket of flowers the flower pot the prickly pare the lily in the basket and the running rose an some others that is not quite finished give my love to Uncle williams girls and tell them I would be so glad to get a letter form them you must write to me as soon as yo can

Paradine Butler