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

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Bridge Post, C.T. Feb 5th 1834

My dear sir,

I am writing to express my deep concern about the future of our children. I have not had a chance to write before, but now I must do so. I wish to express my love and concern for them.

I hope this letter finds you well. I understand that the boys are eager to return home, but I am afraid that it may not be possible. The boys need your help and guidance to ensure their safe return.

I must also mention that I have not heard from the boys in some time. My heart aches to know that they are safe and well. Please let me know if there is any news from them.

I hope this letter finds you well and that you will take care of our children. Please let me know if there is anything else you need.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

P.S. I am sending this letter by Mr. Jones. Please ensure that it reaches you safely.
I want you to write to me the particulars about their first visit all about the kind folks and very kindly. As I want you to write all about my old home, I want to know every little improvement they have made. I want to know where the clock stands cupboard and so on. I should not tell you anything about the winter I will leave that for the Smiths. I think they are better than I do here. I give the turn for week to Sunday a few weeks ago they were not at home, nor we went to Mr. Miller's. They were all well and Miss. Kellogg said I must send her respects to give. She likes Crazy a very much. Sarah sent Postcard to them they are coming to committee hard she does not live there near home. If Miss. Kellogg went to tell you what I have been doing at this dinner I have not and made the Boys coat I had torn up. Wrought a cotton coat and cut wool but my only has to be sent here. There were I have made in making pants give them five threads and all wool and the others are rolls of pillow slips and table clothes 10 great deal of sewing to the get. I send to the store the other day and bought some yards of calico a pair of stockings for hanging the papers. Three with your design, says the children have taken deeper more they are fifty. Banks of green butter a peck of a hard green and some butter a space. I must know the Christmas you are about that you can't write the week before I see you I will send your own good till May ginning I want to see them as bad as I ever will. Think how to write a letter and kiss little Helen a long loving kiss. Love from all of my neighbors especially. Betty Jones and Emily and Almon. I write a real good today I must come into a close estate not out of time so good by. John Eliza and Matilda.

Margaret B. Smith

Bridge Port, Feb. 27th, 1860.

Dear Doctor Mathewes,

I would like to see you and all the rest very much, as you are sorry. I have no more. I must go to Aunt Jake's to write school news. We have a little boy and six little girls. I bought them thank, and one of them had a knot and it broke to my wish. I was there I would give you a good writing for not writing. I want you to write every few weeks and tell us of all the news I want you to write about Tom and Fugger. We have a little dog its name is Tripp. Seeing I want you to write all about my old schoolmates how much they have learnt. I want to know what Emerson and Freelville and little Isaac implies them sisters a bout. Since we come away I often wish I was there to play with them but we are along ways over hills and mountains from you. Pek is making slaves to make the orchard. He has made two beds and painted them with older backs. I made a good gate the other day out of a bar. I real wish you could see little Mary, she is the sweetest girl in Oregon and I think the smartest girl by Rufus McSmith.

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Bridgeport O T. Feb 8th 1854

Dear brother and sister

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Margaret B. Smith

*Addition to Letter*

Wright sends his love to the children he sais he wants to see them all as he cannot he will send Erastus a present poor little Berryman talks about Ills all the time and wants to go back to Uncle Johns. Flora has grun a great deal I wish I had time to write a dozen letters as you cannot write enny I would give you some to read the Boys has to start to the office so I must quit

Margaret B. Smith

[Addition to Margaret Smith's Letter]

Bridge Port, Feb. 8th 1854

Dear Aunt Matilda

I would like to see you all the rest very much we are very lonesome hear hear we do not get to go to Uncle Johns or to school now we have a little calf and six little pigs Pap bought two sheep and one of them had a lamb and it froze to I wish I was there I would give you a good scolding for not writing I want you to write evry few weeks and tell us all of the news I want you to write about Tom and Towser. we have a little dog its name is trip. Lavina I want you to write all about my old school mates how much they have learnt I want to know what Erastus and Brandville and little Isaac imploys themselves about since we come away I often wish I was there to play with them but we are along long ways over hills and Mountains from you Pap is amaking stakes to stake the orchard he has made two bedsteds and painted them with alder bark. I made a yard gate the other day out of a fur rail I wish you could see little Mary she is the sweetes little girl in Oregon and I think the smartest good by

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