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Title: Letter to Nieces Matilda Smith and Eliza Butler (Monmouth, Warren County, Illinois) from Mary Howard (Polksville, Warren County Kentucky)

Date: February 17, 1854

Transcription:

Warren County Ky February the 17th 1854

Dear Nieces

I take the present opportunity of righting to you to inform you that I am in common health at present hoping thse few lines will come safe in hand and find you well. I suppose you have heard of the death of your uncle Henry he died the 185h of August after suffering a greateal of affliction he was not well for eighteen months before he died the doctors sayed that his complaint was the consumption and the dropcy Eliza he he [rec? faded word(s)] the present that you sent hem and was mITY well pleased with it and I receveed the present that Matilda sent me and was glad that you thought a nuff of me to send me a present I am still keeping hous and Isaace and one of Sally Dickersons little buoys ar living with me the helth of this country has ben generly tolerable good this winter than has ben some cases of the New [??] and some few deaths we have had quite a dry and pleasant winter so far I would be glad to [?] but as the distance is so greate that we can not see each other I hope you will right to me on receieveing of this so I must come to a close by [?] myself

yours affectionately Mary Howard

to Matilda Smyth & Eliza Butler
direct your letters to Polkville Warren County, Ky