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## Letter to Matilda Smith and Eliza (Smith) Butler from Mary Howard

Mary Howard

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To Mrs Matilda Smith  
Monmouth Warren County

Near

Polkville Ky  
July 20

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Warren County Ky February the 19<sup>th</sup> 1854

Dear Nieces I take the present opportunity of writing  
to you to inform you that I am in common health  
at present hoping these few lines will come safe  
to hand and find you well. I suppose you have  
heard of the death of your uncle Henry he died on  
the 18<sup>th</sup> of August after suffering a great deal  
of affliction he was not well for eighteen months  
before he died the doctors sayd that his complaint  
was the consumption and the dropsy Eliza he  
has been ~~in~~ the present that you sent him  
and was much well pleased with it and I received  
the present that Matilda sent me and was glad  
that you thought enough of me to send me a  
present I am still keeping Isaac and one  
of Sally Dickersons little boys as living with me  
the health of this country has been generally tolerable  
good this winter there has ben some cases of the  
New momy and some few deaths we have had  
quite a dry and pleasant winter so far  
I would be glad to see you but as the distance is  
so great that we can not see each other I hope you  
will write to me on receiving of this so I must  
come to a close by subscribing my self yours  
affectionately Henry Howard  
to Matilda Smith & Eliza Butler  
Direct your letters to Polkville Warren County Ky

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

Date: February 17, 1854

Transcription:

Warren County Ky Febuary the 17th 1854

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yours affectionately Mary Howard

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