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Letter to John Butler and Matilda Smith from Isaac Smith, Margaret Smith and Berryman Smith

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Dear Brother, Sister and children,

I feel truly sorry to hear of your great loss and distress to Daddy you and think of you is all I can do. I have thought for the last fourteen years I should have left with you from some cause I am yet startled to watch on them my health is some better.

Mother was back two weeks ago she said two weeks with us she was well. She enjoys life better than I thought she ever would be. She was a Plugging a guilt the rose in wellness she had all done by one block. Dear she had all done but one block. Hence I want you to get the pattern of Mother & send me a pattern. Bring quilt and send. Heartiest clamsoms Brung quilt and send.

Dear Brother:

I received your letter a short time since receiving the sad news of your Sister & Co. From远方, much love & respect.

I have been in Oregon by reason you all once more. How easy it is for us to be in love with each other, and yet is nothing compared to the children. Never do I forget it is in the Scope of our power to be kind, to make good & useful. Never do I forget it is in the Scope of our power to be kind, to make good & useful.

This year all in well health, and weather and friends as well as I know. The health of the family is very good at present. There has been considerable sickness last winter & spring in some neighborhoods but says has been generally all the time.

I saw a letter from a short time since. This Mother & Father thinks that Oregon is a pension country. Not where she lives I think that I am used for all such sickness, the persuasion generally in the family are that there are improvements in the country since when they hear of considerable sickness they.
take the other extreme, my opinion is that it is
some that maybe have home in the States. But the
difference in the character of sickness and death
are not very great, I think it is a fallacy to believe
that Maine area country somewhere we are led to
think that there is no sickness sometimes reason may be
suffering by changing climate. I think that I have
been educated by coming to Oregon. We have had very little
been in this country this year. We had the last can of as
I never lived here, my subject was good but some
Soory were a few acres of land that was best sold. Times are good
and prices low, land worth from $2.00 to $3.00 per
acre. Back at my farm I paid a round barn $20.00 to
get it. Those American horses from 2 to 3 hundred
dollars, Shap to $100 each.
I am now living at this same place getting
to build a new barn, and also a house
in the summer. I leave and shall not put it
over here this season. Summer is enjoying
considerable there, about 15 buildings up
now and some of them good ones. That
the way the good school house and it is
put. The work is sure to vary from thir
an like. We have a school close by
This year the children had hunting
party. Tuesday last I had to keep
law at home some to help me and with
able help it is certainly hard to work
proving you would like to know how
and getting along. I have not got a critical
The most severe ice is during the last winter.
I have plenty that I will have to sell. A good
and 53 head of cattle 41 head that is 25
boys are as general thing are not profitable and
It will probably make a thousand. The few
tools of the trade are at your place it
may very well I have nothing to write
that would interest you so you must close with
your affectionate brother, Isaac Smith

Sept 9th the 1858

Leer and John Butler
If not my self to write tell a few lines
to let you know that I am well and all
the rest as far as I know. My mother is to
ude Iowa now I am going to school
at this time. Studying geography and reading
and writing and spelling. They is a first 25
seaters Mrs. John is a very big fellow
and he can talk as plain as any dog
and as pretty as any lady. We have got
our friendship and every one is at the
had a very pleasant summer. Let all
of them to the warmest esteem.
Very affectionately
I. Smith
Bridgeport OT September the 5th 1858

Dear Brother & Sister

I received your letters a short time since bringing the sad news of our sister & companians death. Such occurences are melancholy in thare effect but beyond the controle of human power. I had entertaind a lingering hope ever since I have bin in Oregon of seeing you all once more but how easy it is for mortals to be disapointed. Our losfs is nothing compared to here children, but never the lefs it is in the scope of thare power by your help to make good & useful men and women, I sincerely hope thay will be so inclined.

This leaves us all in usal health and connecion and friends as far as I know the health of the country is very good at presant there was considerable sickness last winter & Spring in some neighborhoods but ours has bin healthy all the time. I saw a letter from Joseph a short time since to his Mother he thinks that Oregon is a sicklyer country than whare he lives. I think that I can acount for all such mistakes. the impresion generly in the states are that thare are no sickness in this country hence when thay heare of cosideable sickness thay take the other extreme, my opinion is that it is some healtheyer heare than in the states but the difference in the cararcte of sickness and extent are not very gret. I think it is a false notion that thare are a country somewhaes ahead that thare is no sickness. Sometimes a person may be benifited by changeing climate. I think that I have bin benifited by coming to Oregon. we have had a very plentiful crop in this country this year I had the best piece of oats I every had in my life. my wheat was good but some some ?smuty. I had forer five acres to timothy that was first rate. times are good and prices fair. Beef is worth from 7 to 8 cents on foot Pork 10 cts per pound Bacon 25 & 30 cts wheat $1.25 Oats 50, cows is worth $40 American horses from 2 to 3 hundred dollars Sheep 5 to 6 per hed.

I am very buisey this summer I am trying to build me a barn, and also a house in Monmouth I feare I shall not get either done this season. Monmouth imprving considerable thare about 25
buildings up now and some of them good ones they put up a very good school house 30 by 60 feet the work so fare is very workman like. we have a school close by this Summer the children has bin going perty stedy except Rufus. I had to keep him at home some to helpe me and considerable help it is, he is quite handy with tools, probily you would like to know how i am getting along raisig stock I have not got a gret eal lik most persons in oregon but neverlefs i have plenty 15 hed of horses very good ones 53 head of cattle 67 hed of sheep hogs as general thing are not profitable. I shall please have a thousand or two pounds of pork for sale at presant prices it pay very well I have nothing to write that wold interest you so I must close write oten as you can

Your affectionate brother -

Isaac Smith

Post Script #1

September the 6th 1858

Dear Uncle John Butler

I seat my self to write you a few lines. to let you know that I am well and all the rest as far as I know grandmother is to Uncle Iraes now. I am a going to school at this time I study Geography and riting and reding and spelling they is about 25 scolers comes. little John is a grate big felow and he can talk as plain as any body and as prety as anybody We halve got our barn up and our graine in it We had a very pleasent summer tell all of them to write asoon as they can goodbye

Beryman M Smith

Post Script #2

Dear Brother Sister and children

I feel truly sorry to hear of your great loss and distress to pitty you and think of you is all I can do I have thought for the last fourteen years I should leave my little ones from some cause I am yet spaired to watch over them my health is some better. Mother was here two weeks ago she staid two weeks with us she was well she enjoys life better than I thought she ever would she was a pieceing a quilt the rose in wilderness she had all done but one block. Matilda I want you to get the pattern of Harriet Claycombs Brag quilt and send it to me if you can I want you to give Mary a good scolding the next time you see her for not writing if you will all come over and pay us a visit I will treat you to some the best apples you ever eat we have last year and this both on hands. I have no news to write except I have the smartest children of their age in Oregon Rufus and Wright can do mens work little John Butler is the very image of his pap I tell you he cant be beat give my respects to all inquiring friends good by

Margaret B. Smith