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## Letter to John Butler and Eliza (Smith) Butler from Joseph Butler and Jane Butler

Joseph Butler

Jane Butler

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Title: Letter to Brother and Sister (John M and Eliza Butler) from Joseph Butler and Jan Butler (Dutchcreek Iowa)

Date: January 6, 1856

Transcription:

Dutchcreek Iowa Jan 6th 1856

Dear Brother and Sister

I received a letter from you some two weeks since and would have answered it sooner but I have been waiting to get a Post office in Yalleyrand a little town one mile and a quarter south of my house, but have waited in vain. I was verry glad to hear from you but was sorry to hear that you had had so much sickness in your family and also to hear of poor Berryman Murphys death. We have had some sickness in our neighborhood and some few deaths R.J. Henderson had one child to die last summer with the head dropsey. we have had no sickness in our family this season of any note. the health of the country is verry good at present- I have not heard from Oregon for several months now nor from William I would like to know where he is and what he is doing. if you hear from him let me know the particulars as soon as posable for I am anxious to know something about him

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Your Brother

Joseph Butler Jane Butler

to: John M. Butler Eliza Butler

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Joseph Butler