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Letter to John Butler, Matilda Smith and Lavina Butler from Ira F.M. Butler, Paradine Butler and Rachel Butler

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Newmouth Aug 23 18

Dear Son I am well at present and enjoy
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I have just come from Isaac Smiths they were all well as common but
^{the children} but they were complaining with the chicken pox I have heard of your
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letter to you the 1st of last February I have never heard whether
you received it or not when you write again I want you to write
how old Aunt Nancy Butler gets along I would like to know
whether you intend to stay there or not if you ever broke up
and move I would like for you to come out here till January
that I have been peering a nice quilt for employment it is the
rose in the wilderness I want you to write to me as often as you can
when you write write about old Mrs Fall give my respects to
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Rebecca Butler

Dear Amin as Father and
grand mother has been writing some and have not
quite finished the sheet I will write a few lines there is so much
noise I cannot write to do much good I am not going to school
at present the school will commence the first of next month I
do not expect to go to school this winter I will stay at home
and quilt this winter I have got seven quilts ready to quilt
the basket of flowers the flower pot the prickly pear the lily in
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Rebecca Butler



Newmouth Oct Aug 21st 1858

Dear brother

I have just received
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give the particulars of the death of your
wife, we had heard before of her death
but was in doubt whether it was her or
John C. Butler's wife, we were sorry to
hear of so much distress in your family
Our family are all well as usual and all
the same to you as I know,
we have another daughter, she was born on
the fifth day of the present month it is a
fine large healthy child, but we have not
named it yet, Mary Ann says she will
send you some of her baby's hair
I have no doubt that you have heard of
the Frazer River gold mine long before
this Frazer River is some 500 miles north
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the excitement Oregon has kept cool waiting
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market at this time than there was taken to
Monmouth Ills to market when I left that
country. I have sent few for market yet
but if I have luck with my trees I expect
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there should be sold and the money put
at interest for the use of his children but
I fear the will is so large that it cannot
be done, he made his will while I was at
Salem last winter, if I had been there
when it was written, I think it would
have been more particular in relation to
the land. I will send you a copy of the will
soon and you can judge better about it
I wish the land sold as soon as possible
and I believe all the heirs here are
anxious to have it sold that is as soon as
it can be done without too much sacrifice
- do the best you can and I will be
satisfied. you can tell better when to sell
than I can. Judge Williams of our Supreme
Court says he thinks that Elijah's will if
properly proven there would stand as to
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wish

Very Respectfully

Ira M. Butler

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Verry Respectfully
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