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## Letter to Brother and Sister from Joseph Butler

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The health of this country is very  
good at present and has been for  
the last year or two. There has  
been but one ~~illness~~ in all  
the country around since last  
summer and that was a small  
child. The weather very dry and  
warm, but threatens rain every day.  
I met with a misfortune this spring  
I had a horse to get lame and came  
very near dying so my team has been  
broken up for the last three months  
and a half. I rented my farm and  
have burned one lime kiln and  
expect to burn another or two this  
season, and then follow plastering  
the balance of the time, and if  
we can make our arrangements to suit  
we intend to make a visit to Illinois  
this season some time. ~~Write~~ soon and I  
will answer. Fare you for a while  
Yours  
Joseph Butler

Dutch Creek Iowa June 27/58

Dear Brother & Sister

I now take the  
pleasure of writing a few lines  
to you. I hope you know that we  
are all in reasonable health and  
prosperity. The children are all  
well and are going to school. we  
have a school in one mile of us this  
summer, we have not sold out  
yet but I expect to this summer  
there is a man in the neighborhood  
now from Ohio that has been  
looking at my farm and likes  
it well and says he will start  
back home tomorrow morning  
and will sell his farm in Ohio  
in one hour after he gets back  
he is so well pleased with this  
country I think he will buy my  
farm ~~for~~ \$26.00 per acre. 185 acrs.

I dont know where I will go  
to yet but I think I will  
try and get a little farther  
south. I will know know  
if I do sell I think it a pretty  
certain sale. the friends and neighbors  
dont want me to sell and leave this  
part of the county they work  
against it some.

Our Rail Road is a certain  
thing now they are at work  
on the Air line road within  
20 miles of us now and think  
they will have the cars running  
within 2 years from the mississippi  
river to Oskaloosa. I suppose  
land will raise very much when  
they get the Rail road in operation  
but I am willing to rest that  
and let mine go now for I think  
I can do better by going south,

John of the friends of  
John Henderson East week from Oregon  
he said the Indians will take Oregon yet  
John I want you to write and  
tell W<sup>m</sup> and James to write  
for I am anxious to hear from  
you as often direct to Dutch  
Creek for our Tolleyrand office  
failed. on account of them trying  
to get a abolitionist appointed for  
P. D. I have had a very bad  
Spring but our crops look well  
wheat is very fine corn tolerable  
I received a letter from Father the  
same day I got your letter there  
was nothing new in it but I thought  
The Johnson had gone out to fight  
the Indians a first lieutenant  
If you get any more word from  
him write to me immediately for  
I am anxious to hear from them  
of the Minerva is going to write  
to Paris in a week or two she  
will tell all about their school &c

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Date: June 8, 1956

Transcription:

Dutch Creek Iowa, June 8th/56

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I now take the pleasure of writing a few lines to you to let you know that we are all in reasonable health and prosperity the children are all well [missing word] are going to school. we have a school in one mile of us this summer. we have not sold out yet but I expect to this summer there is a man in the neighborhood now from [Otis?] that has been looking at my farm and likes it well and says he will start back home tomorrow morning and will sell his farm in Ohio in one hour after he gets back he is so well pleased with this country I think he will buy my farm [missing word] \$20.00 per acre. 185 acres

I dont know where I will go to yet but I think I will try and get a little farther south. I will let you know if I do sell I [missing word] it a pretty certain sale. the friends and neighbors dont want me to sell and leave this part of the country [missing word] they work against it some Our RailRoad is a certain thing now they are at work on the [Air?] line road within 20 miles of us now and think they will have the cars running within 2 years from the mississippi River to Oskaloosa. I suppose lands will raise verry much when they get the Railroad in operation but I am willing to resk that and let mine to now for I think I can do better by [missing word] south. Some of the friends go a letter from John Henderson last week from Oregon he said the Indians will take Oregon yet.

John I want you to write and tell Wm and James to write for i am anxious to hear from you [missing word] oftin. direct to DutchCreek for our [Tolleyrand??] office failed on account of them trying to get a [word missing] abolitionist appointed for [P?] [missing word] have had a verry backward spring but our crops look well wheat is verry fine corn tolerable I received a letter from Father the same day I got your letter there was nothing new in it but Thomas Hutchison had gone out to fight the Indians a first lieutenant If you get any more word from him

write to me immediately for am anxious to hear from them often Minerva is going to write to Lavina in a week or two she will tell [missing word] all about their [scools??]

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