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Letter to Lavina Butler from Elizabeth Hutchinson ("Lissie")

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I am very sorry to hear of your mother's illness and I hope she will be done

Will you please inform the Misses that this
letter as well as the other has also come by
respects to all
Bloomington Polk Co Oregon
your Aunt
July Aug 3^d 1854
Lillian

Dear Niece;

I have delayed writing to you for some time
owing to sickness, trouble and some other things which
are not profitable to mention I have written a long
letter to your Father in which I gave a full description
of the sickness and death of your good Grandfather
he is no more, his Spirit has gone to him who
gave it and his body layed in the damp cold ground
it seems as though he had been preparing for this
end some time previous to its coming he has lately
read the New Testament through twice and was reading
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to his death, he seemed to be much more patient
in the latter part of his life, than he was in his young
er days he said to us while lying sick that he had
probably done many wrongs to us in his life time
but he could not see it at the time he said he wanted
us all to forgive him as far as we could your Grand
Mother takes his death very hard and I am afraid
she will grieve herself to death she wants us to
get tombstones and put to his grave. tell your
Father if we dont get some at San Francisco we
will send back there for some and he must see
that the largest and very finest quality are procur^{ed}
we want to get a good deal of writing put on them
S. Lillian I want you to go to that little hickory grove
on the west of the old home and pick two of the nicest

cat leaves you can find and send them in your next
letter also two Hickory ones at different times along I wish
you would continue to send until you send every kind
of leaf that grows in the old granate State send me a
leaf off Grand Ma's favorite walnut also one off the
rose bush by the front door your letter of Mrs. J. J. Lillian
was the first I have ever received from you but I hope
you will not make it the last the children are all pretty
well though they have all been sick with colds there are
a great many children dying with the flux. the lung fever
is raging in Oregon at this time I received a very kind
and interesting letter from J. M. Murphy some days since
give my respects to all and believe me as ever your

Loving Aunt
Lissie.

Afternoon

Dear little Ernest you very pretty little

letter came safe to hand. it is indeed a neat little

I will save the card until the babe gets old enough to take
care of it himself he is truly a little treasure his face
is as sweet as the honey dew and his ^{eyes} fearly brightness
I want to have his miniature taken this summer and
send back to Illinois I dont know but I will have to
buy off from the name as his Pa asked for the name before he
started to the west we have concluded to call him Thomas
Otis we think the name you selected was a very pretty one
and would be pleased to the little judge by patronizing his
name. Jimmy sends his love to you Robert is out in the
orchard singing at the top of his voice or else he would send
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Lissie

Now Grandville you and Isaac are lost but not least
we would be just as glad to see your little faces as if you
were as large as I am be good boys and write us a
letter as soon as you can when they get the great Pacific
rail road from me - will go to see you

Good Bye

Will Aunt Nancy Butler if she dont
answer my letter she had not expect
another

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