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We remain your affectionate brother and sister
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Mrs. E. Butler
J. H. Hutchinson
E. H. B. Hutchinson

Luckanute. Polk Co. O. T.
March 7th 1854

M^r. John. Butler,
Dear Brother

We received your letter of December last 2 weeks since. We were very sorry to learn that so many of our acquaintances had died, and that so many of them were lying sick. But we were happy to learn that you had escaped so well. We are all well at present. We both took the Ague soon after we came in. Elizabeth broke it soon and got well but it chilled me all winter, but I am about well now. My sickness on the Plains was the probable cause of the ague. The winter has been very hard yet I have not heard of any stock dying. The cold weather lasted better than 2 weeks. The snow was nearly a foot in depth. The grass is beginning to grow finely. During that cold weather Elizabeth had a very severe attack of the Rheumatism, part of the time she could neither walk by day or sleep at night. She is well now. All the friends are also well. Little James Butler Hutchinson has grown to be

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Mountains on the 3 of August, two days before
we reached the Valley. He is doing very well
and is growing very ^{yesterday} fast.

Your father told me, that he had written a
long letter to you and given a description of the
winter times and I C so I shall omit that
I wrote a few lines in your fathers letter
last fall giving the number of my lots in prom-
-outh - They are Lots two, three, and six (2. 3. 6.)
in Block forty eight (48) in the City of
Newmouth.

We wish you to sell that prairie by Amos
Williams, and the timber attached for the
best price you can. Isaac is of the same opinion
as he holds the undivided half of it. I think the
Prairie is worth 10 dollars per acre and the timber
25 or 30 dollars per acre. But I wish you to
do the best you can with it. The farm you
may sell if you can get the full value of it
I think it is worth from 15 to 20 dollars per
acre. But you may sell it for a fair price.

If you sell you may deposit the money with
Mr. John Hutchinson, take a receipt for it, and
tell him to send me a draft or certificate of
deposit, as speedily as possible. But if you cannot
sell the place to advantage rent it ~~on~~ and do the best
you can with it and we will be satisfied with it.

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If the place cannot be rented without a house
if there is any money in your hands, you can put a
cabin or small cheap house of some kind on it,
But we would rather have the money here
I wish you to pay particular attention to paying
the taxes on our property in Warren & Henderson
Counties, in Henderson County we have the southwest
quarter section of section thirty six in township eleven
north of range four west, and the north west
quarter of the same section. You had better see
brother Sam Samuel or John I think they will
attend to the land in Henderson, but I
dont want it neglected.

I wish to know if the wheat will pay anything
more than expenses: if it will you may deduct pay
for your extra trouble, and send me ~~the~~ words
how much is left. Did Bradley put in any of
my ground last year? and if so what did he
rent amount to? did he brake any prairie?
We want to know if you sold our Cows, and
if so what did each one bring, and who got them?
After you have paid our taxes and deducted
pay for your trouble, you may either send some
Cows or if you have not sold the Cows send them
and their calves, by some good person. or if the
the amount is so small that you think it will not
be worth while you may pay the amount to
Mr. E. J. Hutchinson, and take his receipt.

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