



Letter Grand Father  
From



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County  
Ohio

Canal Dover

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Dear Children

I will try this after noon  
to answer your kind letter  
which we received some time  
ago and was glad to  
hear from you as it had  
been some time since we  
had heard from you we  
was glad to hear that  
you was well we would like  
very much to see your young  
daughter but we wish you  
good luck with it and hope  
it will not be long until  
you and family comes to  
see us your letter found us  
well but there is a great deal  
of sickness a round here

Safayette has been very sick  
with something like the bilious  
fever ~~and~~ he is getting better  
now ~~that~~ two of his children  
has been sick Ardy and Martha  
and the baby has had the ague  
but i guess that they have  
got it broke up now

I have not got my seeding  
done yet we are hauling ore  
at Millers bank we have not  
done any thing at my bank  
since harvest but I think  
that we will be gin on the 20<sup>th</sup>  
we have our meeting house  
finished and painted it was  
dedicated last Sunday and we  
had a basket meeting there  
was as near as i can tell  
3 three hundred took dinner  
there was a bout 40 eat at  
our table I wish that you



had of been here with  
us. There was a big fire  
in Philadelphia last week  
the planing mill and  
~~peep~~ the house and 20 other  
houses was burnt we dont  
want you to give up  
coming to see us this fall  
i want you to see how  
the old ~~nest~~ farm looks  
now I know that Christann  
wants to come and we all  
want to see her I will chose  
for this time hoping to  
hear from you soon i  
have wrote 3 or 4 letters that  
i have got know answers  
no more but write soon

M A & Cordrey

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