

Philadelphia Dec the 7

Dear uncle and aunt and cousin

I received your letter the 3 of Decem  
with great pleasure we was glad to  
here from you all we was very sorro<sup>w</sup>  
to here that Tressa is sick I hope  
that she will recover again but  
the lord knows best we expeted  
to see her up here this winter  
father and mother is as well as  
can be expeted the rest of them  
is well my health is not very good  
at present sandfords family  
is well and harrys the last we  
herd from them tha left here the  
first of august we hadent got  
thru our haying then Clark  
Wilson and his family is well they  
have named their baby after  
its grammother Suerinda wilson  
harriet is well she is to the  
settlement yet

we made sixty hundred pounds  
of cheese and raised five hundred  
bushels of grain this year we was  
ofed nine cents a pound and would <sup>not</sup>  
take it and then the hard times  
com on and then there wasnt no  
buyers and had to send it it  
wicts no a little over seven cents  
a pound barley has ben worth  
one dollar a bushel it is now  
47 cents wheat is worth about  
one dollar a bushel oats to  
and six butter is worth 14 cents  
a pound i cant think of enny  
think of enny thing more we would  
be glad to have you write to us  
and tel us where ant Elsa is  
write as often as <sup>soon</sup> you can so  
that we can here from tressa  
give my love to all in your  
ny friend as good night it is  
now bed time J B Hewitt

the girls sends their love to  
you all take turns a round  
and write us often as you can  
we will answer all the letters  
we get excuse this bad writing  
and spelling