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My dear brother & mother

it is with pleasure that I sit down to write you a few lines this holy sabbath day & I thank the Lord that I am permitted to do so once more for four or five weeks ago I guess that I should have made rather bad work of it - well dear mother I am quite smart for one that has been as sick as I was I am so that I went to the falls a foot yesterday & so that I chop my own wood may is allra well & I hope these few lines will find you all enjoying the same blessing it is pretty cold here today I had a letter from Theadore the same day that I received yours they was all well & Theadore was keeping house alone his wife was up to workcott I am agoing to write to him today seth please to write to me as soon as you get this & let me

know what as there is going on
over there that a man can do for a
living there is no work here unless I go
in the woods I have got to go to work as
soon as my hands get so I can the hide
has come off of my hands from my wrists
to my finger ends & also my feet I must
have ben a very sick boy - well seth
perhaps I may be over there this week but
I want you to write as soon as you get this
for I may not come I cant tell now I
should like to see you all first rate I
dreamed last night that mother & fred
come to see me - mary sends her best
respects to you & says she would like see
you all I guess that I will now close
good by all from your brother

John Heil

I should like to know all about the
fight they had to mitchels who got whipped
& all about it was clint harriss there