My dear Sister

It has become my painful duty to announce to you the melancholia tidings of the death of our beloved daughter Nancy. She was married and left here for Michigan on the morning of 5th Novr. She caught cold on her journey which brought on a violent inflammation of the lungs attended with high fever and towards the close partial delirium was caused by the inflammatory action extending to the brain, and on 19th of the present month her Spirit left its frail tenement of clay and winged its way, I trust to the mansions of peace and blessedness, her death was as calm and happy as an infants sleep, and we are left to mourn our irreparable loss. While we were daily witnessing the wasting away of my Dear and only son by consumption and thinking our affliction as great as we could bear think oh, my Sister what an overwhelming and heart rending scene of affliction this sudden and unexpected death of our beloved daughter must have been - but the Lord tempers the wind for the shorn lamb. He wounds and he can heal, he mingles comfort and consolation in all our troubles and blessed be his name forever. I want to hear from you in this our Season of Sorrow for I know your family will sympathize with us. give my love to them all, and that you may long enjoy health and happiness is the Sincere Prayer of your affectionate Sister

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