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well I will try a drop a few lines first a  
friendly greeting in Jesus name we are all  
well what is left from us I and Enos  
and Mary is all that are at home Loui. Morana  
and Grand ma. and Melind 2 boys & girls went  
to home 2 Tuesday a week ago expect them at  
home Monday then they are 2 week gone that  
is but long enough we got a little grand son  
up their they had to go see him his name  
is Enos we bin to Sam Bender in church  
Sunday Dec 4 and Sam told me that your wife  
died I thank Simphise with you but say  
God's ways are not our ways so we take it all  
for the best other wise you could be thank full  
that you could have her so long she done raised  
a big family I and my first wife lived 11 year  
we was 20 days to gether and I and this wife are  
Married now 12 years 3 Mo 24 days I often notes old  
people how long they live to gether my parents was  
together near 52 year a while Eli died few weeks ago  
he was near 78 year old his wife still is alive and is  
77 so we see it hard alike when my wife  
was taken away my oldest child was 10  $\frac{1}{2}$  the baby  
8 month and had 9 children so I couldnt under  
stand I thought she was needed so much get  
but God had provided a house before for me just  
as good as it was so we got our family bout raised

up got 1 daughter under 24 she is 19 to 20 in April  
so that in the way it goes well we had winter the  
week it was 2 nights close to a but to night it is  
up to us we need rain also we have a seedling  
I expect we got our cattle & horses on the wheat  
wheat pastures for 6 weeks that is nice if we get rain  
we ought to have pastures till May, I wish I could  
get you located in the west

Sam Penter & I aimed to start for Kan. Penn to  
Ford Co & Sumner Co Sam rather perceptible it  
till spring till it be warmer I told him we might  
turn the tongue East

well I better come to a close hoping God is  
with you in your sorrow rise that you may  
erise it with Patience and hope you can come  
out and give us a visit I ask a witness  
in your Prayer will do like mine

so much from your friend Moses W. Mast &  
family answer a gain when you can or feel  
like I am real glad to read your letters  
Love & truly

well this is Saturday Morning it is like spring it  
like it would rain it is as we want to seal over here  
to do with wallboard if we get a cold spell it soon checks  
your house so we ought to be repaired for Protection  
well so I will close this and would it to you