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My Mother
Brother Van Buren
Sister Ruth

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Dear Children

We received your letter of Lure last and was glad to
hear that you were all well and that you had some
thoughts of coming here this fall or winter
I hope I shall see you all soon - your Pa's health
is verry poor - and so is mine - Saraham and
family were all well the last we herd from them
Richard and Mary is well they have a young
daughter born the 4th of this month - Nancy does not
enjoy verry good health - But dear Lois is gone
no more to returne - But we shall see her again in
the resurrection morn - Joel and Phoebe and
little Lon were all well when we saw them
they went to hope some weeks since to hold meetings
and have not yet returned - Vanburen Ruth
Darius Huldah and Frances are all well
Joel rec'd your letter a few weeks since by which
we learn that you Swances have lost a near
and dear brother, I expect it is a great affliction
to you and all the family - but the dearest friends in
this world must part - write as soon as you get ^{this}
I must soon close - by wishing you a merry
Christmas and a happy new year - Kiss dear
little Mary and Caroline for me - I remaine
your affectionate mother - Nancy Richards

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Dear Brother I remember still,
Our pleasant walks on yonder hill;
But since you've been so long away,
There's sadness in my very play.

you can not tell how much we miss you,
How longing to embrace and kiss you;
Come back to us to Father & Mother;
And Sister to come Home dear Brother.

Friendships wish.

May earth's richest blessings be thine ever ^{more}
Through many sweet scenes here to dwell;
The happiness which is granted thy store,
On earth or thy head may it swell.

From

your Sister

Ruth R. Richards

Lincolnton, Dec. 28. 1850.

My Dear Brother

Having a few leisure moments,
I write you this line to ~~inform~~ let you
know; Altho, a long time since I have seen you,
that I have not forgotten you. And be aware I
shall not, tho separated so far from
each other.

I have been to work out
this summer, was taken sick and had to
quit; I was sick and unable to work, about
six weeks. but am now enjoying good health,
and hope this will find you & sister
Frances, Mary and Caroline enjoying the
same blessing.

I want to see you more, I think,

than I can write with pen and ink,

but when I shall, I cannot tell.

So for the present, I wish you well.

Please write as soon as you can write
all the news you can.

please Accept this as a token of love and
Remembrance from your affectionate
Brother, Wm Buren Richards