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Nehemiah Richard

March 21st 1851

This contains an
account of my Mother's
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Tuesday March 25th she was very easy, looked more like her self than since she was taken sick, but being so well there was no chance for life - her legs, feet and thighs were craked open in quite a number of places - her body a sight to behold - she had fever, dropsy, disorders on the brain, mortification broke out in large spots, but she was calm all the day, spoke of those scenes she had, she said she had had three of them, night come on, pain set in, the night was dreadful, - next morning 26th, we were convinced that death had made his final grasp - she appeared like one wanting to sleep but could, night came on, see she was going fast,

- talked with her about dying, said she knew it, said she could breath her life out sweetly there, meaning, on Jesus bosom, and soon she was gone - Burial, Monday one o'clock at Youngtowns School house - house could not hold all present - between 1, and 2 hundred followed to the grave,

your letter of the 21st is received, & I suppose it reaches the office wednesday evening, but death prevented our sending for it - till Saturday, did wish for it one week sooner, but says he shall write after you answer this, which I hope you will do without fail have you received a paper within a year? I must write again soon, I am your afflicted Father
To A. S. & J. E. Richards
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