

Dear Sir,
I am with pleasure we received and read
your letter and finding you are in good health
we are all well ~~and~~ at present hoping
these lines may find you are enjoying the
same blessing. You state you had told us
letters he gave this but we received none but they
and thought you had forgotten us we did
not know where to write to you or we would
have written to you a get I want you to do the
best you can with them half note we had a
very hot winter but in general healthy with
the exception of a littleague and some distemper
since we were here we were good in this
country and we had our grain thrive that
we had all most eight hundred bushels
corn crops are good potatoes are not so good as
last year and demand a higher price the are
worth 60 cts per bushel wheat is worth 75 cts
and I think it will be a dollar before
long oats is worth 25 cts corn I think will be 30 cts
It has looked like it worth ten dollars at present
cattle are coming down but horses are still
high yet does ofered are hundred are twenty
five dollars per bill and anxiety for the late

Wm Benton Esq. Dec 20th 1834

Year old filling we have dug a mother well
close to the house and have plenty of
good water in it we had several big
sheddings here the united brethren and the
Methodist we have a little Methodist preacher
here that can knock the spots off of any
thing in the west he is an english man by
birth the name of hight and I think he is
James wife I we had him to help us harvest
and he is one of the most industrious men that
I can be found we would like to hear from all
the friends there is none of them writes to us we
have received no letter from Joseph Catterburgh the
last year the last account we had from him
the west saying we give our best wishes to
all engineering friends I do wish there few
times I still bring my letter to a close
write as soon as they come to hand and let us
know all about things

Nothing more at this

time. I will remain your

father and Mother until death

Mother Stephens

Mary Stephens