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Dear brother

Under depressing circumstances
we write to you to inform you that
our dear mother departed this
life on the 27 of June she was sick
but half an hour we suppose it was
a stroke of the palsy she eat a
 hearty supper about half an hour before
that time she was seated on a chair
and commenced rattling in her throat
we put her to bed she expired
immediately the rest of the friends
are all well at present please let
Peter now and the rest of the friends
in your neighborhood i will write to
westy and Hoover and sell

Please write as soon as
possible and we will give you
the news of the country in our
next letter

Your father

Nicholas Stephens

You will find inclosed a few
Locks of her hair and a piece of
her shroud