

◇ Sandy Creek Township.

November 25th 73.

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Dear Friend.

I arrived home safe and sound.
I was delayed on the cars
a short time. But got to
Peter Marchant's - the second
day after leaving you. - Found
every body well - Silas Marchant
^{with} ~~pleas~~ in May. All the rest were
well. - I staid there about a
week. had a very pleasant time.
From there I went to Am. Smith's
found all of his folks well. Am's
health is better than has been
at any time since - his sickness
since then. I have been visiting

several - old friends. At present
I am at Philip Bakers. And
I think shall stay here most of
the winter. Times are quite
hard all through this country.
The crops were small. Potatoes
were no crop at all. But we
have plenty to eat. More than
many of the people of the
United States. Have - We hear
of such hard times in all
of the cities. So many men
thrown out of employment.
I have heard that there were
many men thrown out of
employment in your city.
When you write let me know
and how they manage to live.
I pity the poor. - We are having
winter here. Not enough snow
for sleighing but enough to
make the roads bad.

My health remains the
same as while at your place.
I have no news to write you
of any consequence. But
would like to have you write
to me and give me all the
news. Give my best regards
to all - Direct your letter to
me - at Franklin -

Box 1400, Franklin Pa

Care the Smith

Yours Resp -
John Nauman -