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Dear Brother and Sister. I have come to the conclusion to write to you although I have not heard from Thomas I wrote to him soon after my return from the east but as yet have not received no answer I received a letter yesterday from Orenso and Roxanne xxx xxx that Hermes expects to come to Ohio in the spring. I should think that they had better come with Samuel Goodale as he expects to go east some time in April (I believe). Orenso and Roxanne write rather hard news I remarked in a letter which I wrote to Orenso that I could not look upon Father as Father that is as he used to be that I attribute his doings to his weakness and to the infirmities of Old age or to that effect but Roxanne says that we have had no Father for fourteen years ever since Anselm married Penelope she says that Penelope was then Fathers God and it seems to her that Father thinks as much of her as he does of his God it appears that Roxanne has a great struggle in her mind between nature and grace it is hard for her knowing all that she does to feel that affection for father which we ought to feel. She says that she overheard Anselm say one day when there at their house that they make a great fuss about it (Meaning the Brothers and Sisters).

But said he I don't care anything about it. Well said Father to Anselm if you don't care I care not for any of the rest of them and said that the property was his own that he had a right to do with it as he saw fit and referred to Scripture to prove his position Matthew Chapter 20 V 13 it looks like the thirteenth verse I suppose it is among some of those verses which in particular I do not know, and I do not know it makes much difference. You can see what our family have come to. I expect by what Roxanne says that Sylvia has written a letter that talks loud and plain and that tells the truth but that does not move Anselm as he has got all he wanted that is all the dimes [?] and Father does not seem to have the least feeling of sympathy for any of the rest. Brother I tell you that if you were there you would be amazed to see the change. I ask myself has it come to this Brother I used to think that whoever of Father's children were permitted to outlive him would have great cause to rise up and call him blessed but Alas how different is the prospect. Orenso says that Anselm put into his hand Father's last will which he read and in that he gave it all to Anselm except \$40 to each of the Boys and now since he has Deeded it he only give us \$20.

So Orenso says to me you can see that if you had obtained the will when here it would availed nothing. Now I do not know how long ago that will was made but this I do say it is all perfectly unaccountable to me because it is altogether different from what Father told me that he should ??? and ??? confidence that Father never would do as he had done. Brother you cannot tell how disappointed I feel when I think of the visit I had last fall although I had a good one with Orenso and Roxana Jerusha and D?? and the visit I had with you and Mr. Barrett family it was so good

that I have not got over it yet. I had a good visit also with Hermes and wife and I do hope that we shall try to see each other as often we can as we have no Father's home to go to. I hope that we shall not forget each other but love and pray for each other while life shall last and O may we all after death meet again where disappointments and troubles of this world shall be forever at an end. Brother and Sister I expect we have trials you do not we received a letter today from Clark he is in Burgess Crawford County Ohio he wishes to know what I think about his going to California and Henry he is anxious to go which has caused his wife to shed many tears already. Eli Goodale is going we visited with Samuel and Roxana on Monday last they were well Roxana seems to have everything for her comfort on the whole. Samuel has a liberal Soul. Bless Write
E Burt