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Mrs Sarah L. Rippe

Lexington
Kentucky

M^r Notary

Thomas John Hardin
My Very Dear Sister
1st July 1847

I am in a few hours
out of my landing, after a tedious
fatiguing, and dangerous journey
from California via Santa Fe or
New Mexico, and of course I expect
to visit you on my way to Washington
city about one week after this
letter reaches you -

Oh my God, how I was shocked
to learn on my route from Santa Fe
the death of my dear excellent brother
who occupied so almost his entire family
all the domestic relations: - His wife
destroys at least one half of the pleasures
of my return -

I strangely met with your nephew
Lewis H. Hardin, son your brother Joseph
in a place of danger with his parents