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Mrs Samuels boarding House  
Corner Broadway and 28<sup>th</sup> Street

My Dear Mother

Pa's letter of July 28<sup>th</sup> forwarded to us at this place, was received yesterday when we have been two weeks, the sudden and solemn news of Uncle Stephen's death was as unexpected as it is sad and mournful. It seems to me almost more than I can believe, and I do declare my heart aches to look back at you all at home so lonely and desolate now, poor dear old Grand Pa, truly has his heaviest afflictions fallen upon him in the evening of his days yet I know that he is resigned to the almighty's will, and I trust you all are so. Mrs Morgan most deeply sympathizes with the family in this sudden bereavement. You must write immediately and let us