

But the Raspberries - they bore a bout a tea  
 cup full of fruit - I hope they will do better  
 next spring - if it would not be putting  
 Pa to too much trouble I would like for  
 him to put me up a barrel of shrubbery this  
 fall - sticks in a few currant bushes - & two  
 or three little Cherry trees - and any other choice  
 fruit - but if they are not labeled we won't  
 know one from another - ~~at~~ pears grow  
 from the cutting? - I want you to send me some  
 of the white sweet briar or scotch rose - to  
 plant by Neely's grave - we have him buried  
 in the garden - Grand Pa sent each of the Chil-  
 dren by Mr Harris, a two and a half dollar  
 gold piece - & Len a five piece - we have con-  
 cluded to put it all together & if not enough  
 more with it - and get a tomb stone for  
 the little grave - do you wear black for Pa  
 Uncle L I have not put it on - Who man-  
 -ages Grand Pa's household affairs? What did  
 Grand Pa do with all of Len's becks & bedding? G. Pa  
 sent Lovell two table cloths by Mr H - left by  
 S. Ma for her - we have not had a letter <sup>from</sup> Cornelius  
 since the last of July - but have heard through  
 Mr Harris that he is now living in Sacramento  
 a Clerk for L. Harris - Mr H is expected home  
 this winter when we will hear all about Cornelius

The children wish they could be with you to help gather apples a cart-load of apples  
 appears wonderful to them - I have just bought a barrel for which I paid 4 dollars  
 a quarter - if you have any preserves to spare they would come just as well through  
 the commission houses directed to the care of G. Shackelford

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 I think I will have an opportunity  
 to write you at least once for the year  
 from your report looking up farming for Edward, for there is

My Dear Mother  
 With inexpressible delight,  
 I yesterday received your kind & affectionate  
 letter, most heartily do I thank you for it.  
 for three long months I have been trying  
 to write you but could not summon  
 resolution enough to accomplish it, when  
 I have sat down to write my sad bereavement  
 would appear so vividly to me - that I would  
 be obliged to throw down the pen, and  
 seek some other employment - but since  
 receiving your kind consoling letter, and see-  
 ing with what christian meekness and  
 resignation you and Grand Pa bear  
 afflictions much greater than mine - I feel  
 strengthened to perform my duty and to  
 try and imitate your humble submission  
 to the will of God - I know he does all  
 things wisely - & I would not have my babe  
 back if I could for the asking - but 't was  
 hard to give him up - he was the most  
 interesting child we ever had, and it  
 appeared to me we loved him more because  
 he was a boy - we heard of Uncle Stephen's  
 death the evening before he died - since