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July 8th 1833

Dear Sir,

I have the honour of writing you these few lines to let you know that we are all very anxious to know how your not writing to any of us, but you will much oblige us if you would but send us word the first opportunity. Your father has wrote you but has not received any answer. But I have the happiness to inform you that we are all well having seen your fathers family about three weeks ago and your brothers at the same time, and they are all in good health. But your brothers wife is not stout, John is with William Cousins and has very ill getting his wages from him. Your father is still gardener at Blairhill and your sister Helen is with Mr Harley at the Pou (Pool of Muckhart) And I with John Russel, Hallhouse and your aunt and your uncle are both in Dunfermline,

Janet Wishart is dead of inflammation of the bowels this spring and your aunt has never been well since but she is rather better. My brother John is thinking of coming out next spring and he is at present with Alexander Young, cart and plough Wright, Hallbeath and if in health will be out next spring. Our master is going to leave the farm at Martinmas and we are not sure where we are to be, but send any letters to me, direct to George Wishart and we will get it. Agnes Reid your sister is very desirous of hearing from you. We were all very much astonished at your departure but would be happy to hear of you as soon as you can find it convenient and that it will not be long before I hear of you. I would be very happy if you would send a true picture of it is hear for it.....hard living here at present fair employment is very ill to be got, if you would be so good to send a statement in your letter what sort of wages is going at present, for here there is no employment without a mere trifle of wages. James I would be very happy if you but send how your situated and I hope to find when you receive this that you will send as soon as possible, you will much oblige your most obedient servant,

William Currer

Letters From Scotland to James Reid 1833 - 1868

#1 William Curror, brother-in-law, July 8, 1833
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