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83 High Street, Tillicoultry

July 22th, 1868

Dear Nephew, we received your letter conveying to us the sad and unexpected news of the death of your father, it has filled our hearts with sorrow. I do not think I would have felt it more keenly although he had been at home beside us. I am glad I received his picture he was looking so well in it. I scarcely expected ever to see his face in the flesh, yet I was in the hopes of communicating more with him by writing for the future then what I was formerly, but what can we say. I trust what is lost to us will be great gain to him. we all sympathize with you . I have no doubt but you will all feel a great want. I know we did when he left us he was so full of spirit and jocularly that he made himself happy and all around him and I remember very well that we got all very much alarmed about him as we heard that the vessel he was in was lost and we expected he would be drowned and I do think that he stood a narrow escape. After landing he wrote us, receiving a letter ? to from him, he informed us he was doing very well and that he was connected with a church and was one of the managers of it which gladdened my fathers heart and us all and I wrote last night night to my Sister out of the 5 only 2 remains alive the oldest and the youngest God only knows which of us may be taken away next. I hope we may be all faithful followers of those dear ones who through faith and patience are now inheriting the promises and as I am now deprived of writing to him I will be very happy to write to you and hear about you and the family as long as I live. We are all well at present. We had our cousin the Taylor from Dollar on us one night to hear about the letters we had received and I told him to call again as I expected to receive another letter soon....

Hoping not to long in hearing from you again.

I remain your affectionate

Uncle William Reid

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