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Coupsteps April 24th 1834

Dear Son,

I send this letter to let you know that we are all well at present thank God for it. I saw a letter of yours in October 1833 and was happy to hear that you was well and that you have got married and I wish you both happy. I sent a letter 2 years ago with a man coming to Montreal and I never received an answer but I hope this will come to you. I am still in the Blairhill garden but Mr Haig is dead and I do not know well how I may be. We have had very little snow this winter but a great deal of cold rain.

Wages about as when you left this country, prices are low, meal 13sh 6d per boll, Potatoes 5sh, pork 5sh per stone, beef 6 sh, eggs 6d per dozen. John is with William Cousin yet and his family is all well and he has got a son 2 years ago. Agnes has a son and 2 daughters and they are all well. Helen is at Hallbeath with Mr. Russel. William is at home and would be very happy to see you. William Curror's brother is not thinking to come this spring. Archbald Dempster and James is thinking of coming to New York. Your old neighbours is all well, but John Drummond is dead of a sore Fever. I would be glad to send you a confession of faith but I cannot get it to you, O mind to read your bible and meditate on it, although in a strange land you are under the eye of God. Mind the things which belongs to your eternal peace before it be hid from your eyes. Send me an account of the state of religion here and how the Sabbath is kept. I hear no word of cholera in this country now things are just much about as when you left this place write to me soon as possible and let me know how you and your wife is and all your friends here is and how trade is with you. Your aunt Helen has lost her daughter Janet about this time last year.

No more at present

But remains your

loving father

John Reid.

Note: boll: an old Scots measure probably about a hundredweight sack

sh: shilling

d: pence

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