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Neighbours but still your own are near-
er than Strangers I only hope if Walter
comes he will like and I think he
will. I was sorry to hear Anne was so sick
but hope she is better before this I was very
much pleased with the pictures you sent
Lena you look like yourself & little Allen
is a Beautiful Child he resembles
both you & Alex and looks very much
like little Minnie Cameron what
would I not give to see the little
Fellow don't forget to send Anne the
Children are going to save their pinning
to get an album tell Joe that I have
a quilt that belongs to him that
Mother pieced for him and I would
like to send it if he would let me
know how to do it and I have one
Mother pieced and quilted that I want
like to make you a present of as I never
have given you any thing for all kindness
and I would like you to have some little
remembrance of me it is Basket work and
very pretty I will send it with Joe if you
will give me directions how to send

Springvale August 26th 1866

My Dear Brother

you will be thinking
long before this that I am never
going to answer your letter I have
been trying to get round to write
but it seemed as though I never
would my health has been very
poor the last 2 months and it all
I can do to get round & I have had
a great deal to do it has been such
a hurrying time all the time through
harvest I have had 10 of a family
to work for and it is more than I ought
to do but it has to be done and I have
to do it as it is impossible to get a
girl as Farmers girls won't work
and we have had an awful harvest
it has rained every second day the
wheat is nothing but a mess of green
& rot there will scarcely be a bit of
ground Milling Wheat in the County

I made a mistake in turning my back
tell Brother Alex when you see him that I will write to him before long tell him
there was only 10 of my Cabbage seed came up and they aint going to be anything say
to him I would like some of his Straw if it dont rain over Oter are not out
bearing plants first rate but it would be most to much trouble for him to send
them if Walter had been near him I would had him bring here some of them
I could get the Wilson here as a great many have them I picked this Season over
quarts of wild berries and they were nice there was a great many this year
I have no garden as I did not feel able to make one and Jim has all he
can attend to without gardening but I mean to have one next year as Walter
will be able to make garden another year if he lives he has drove reaper
for his papa all through Harvest he will commence the Plowing in about 1
weeks I must close give kind love to all my Brothers & Sisters and accept
to your self I remain your ever loving Sister

Jim has lost one his over a 100
Dollars he had 12 acres of Cude that is
entirely spoiled we have not quite
finished Stacking but will tomorrow
if it dont rain over Oter are not out
yet but will be in few days and I will
be glad when we get through the mow
has taxed from 2 to 3 Dollars per day all
through Haying & Harvesting Jim pays
one of his men 3 & board per day that
seems big wayes for Farmers to pay
but they have got to do it corn &
Oats look fair but potatoes & Cabbage
and all kinds of Vines are nothing
it has been uncommon cold for the last
few weeks we have had 3 frosts but not
hard enough to hurt the Corn
Walter says he is coming out next month
to stay I do hope he will as I would like
to have one of my Brothers I could
go and see sometimes as I really feel
lonely quite aftern every one round has
relatives but me we are among good