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for the last two ⁽⁴⁾ weeks, and
not a drop of rain - and seldom
any dew all that time -

With us harvest will
commence on the fifth of July,
as we have a field of barley
nearly ready now -

and now I must
conclude by telling you that
our faithful favorite, Nan -
that has been with us in
all our journeys for so many
years - is dead and buried
two weeks ago - I don't
know whether her place
can ever be filled -

Joanna joins me in love
to you - from your affectionate
Mother

June 29th 1870

Dad & Gave

I received your
your very welcome letter of the 2nd
and am happy to know your
health is good - although you
are working hard, and studying
hard - Well Dad, I trust
you will not always be
climbing the hill difficultly
but will soon be able to attain
to that position of usefulness
to which you aspire -
trials are often for the good of our
never dying souls - and we meet
with in every position of life
so let us look beyond the things
of time and space to an
interceding saviour, for solid
comfort - and we will not
be disappointed -

another year has passed away
and we are spurred to see another
of your birth-days - may that
blessing of the Lord that maketh
rich and addeth no sorrow to
your portion - and may you
serve him all your days -

There has been several deaths
about here lately - a few
weeks ago Mr. Mahaffy and
Mr. McKeith met - and had
one of their long talks - when
Mr. Mahaffy took suddenly ill
and died the same week -
and Mr. McKeith took the
same disease on Monday last
week and was buried on
Saturday - and Mr. Reeves
was buried last Sunday -
these are three of the old
settlers that came about
the time we did - this
seems like a loud call
for us to be ready -

we have been expecting Anna
home for a few days just - but
she has not arrived yet -
I am glad to have Joanna at
home - but she is rather
lonesome - she has received your
letter - she received a letter
from John yesterday - he is
quite well - and still
resides in the beautiful valley
how pleased I am to think
that the sun of happiness shines
upon him for the present -
I hope it will continue -
I have just been told that
Mary expects to be home in
a few weeks - we will be
glad to see her - she has
been absent about a year -
Margie and Sarah and David
Mr. With all their families are
all well at present -
The weather here is
intensely hot - and has been