

Grand Rapids Michigan
Nov 14/80

Dear Brother & Sister

I take this opportunity
of informing you of our
present health and like
wise the sad intelligence
of the death of our dear
Brother James He died
21st last month with
Typhoid fever he was
sick about six weeks
was confined to his bed
four weeks it seems
as it could not be so
I miss him very much
his store was only 2 rods
of mine he leaves a wife

two children both Girls
he left them very comfort^{ed}
off - we are all well at
present & had a letter
from Jesse folks they were
well he said William was
married last Spring
Mr Schep, Miller Pierce
Edward District Canada
I wrote to Phoebe but have
rec'd no answer as yet
I am still in the packing
Business my health
is much the same
it has been poor for
some years

Gilbert we ought correspond
often now tell us by
reply after I would like
to hear from you often
Gilbert I am going to leave
near my Saviour then
I am yet have done

we have had about ^{the} ~~the~~
of a crop this season
never was better in
this State wheat is doing
a good crop worth \$1.00
dollar per bushel and
they in proportion
we have just got our
our Election everything
went to my wishes we
elected Alex Lincoln
and we feel very well
about it

Gibbet Remembrance,
your family and if
we never meet on earth
may we all meet in Heaven
write when you find
this and then I will send
you a long letter Excuse
this scribbling from
your affectionate Brother
John Betnap