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Dear sister

you have undoubtedly heard of the death of our Father, he died the last day of Jan a little before five in the morning, he was very helpless for a long time. For more than 5 weeks before he died he could not walk a step nor turn himself in bed. He appeared to be a dying all the evening before he died, but he appeared to go quite easy at the last.

His written will he requested to be read after his funeral in the presence of his friends, He entrusted it with Esqr. Hitchcock several years ago and requested him to read it. you are to have one hundred dollars and the rest of his property is to be mine except his books which are to be equally divided between the children and grand children. Bailey's dictionary cannot be found and if you know where it is I wish you would inform me. The enclosed citation I wish you to sign and date what is written on the back of it and send it back to me in a letter as soon as you can. I wish you to be particular to date it at the time you sign it.

Mary's health is about as usual. she has had several sick turns within a year or two. I have grown old pretty fast of late and have felt

almost worn out this winter. The rest of the family
are usually well. I hope this letter will find you
enjoying good health and happiness. We should
all be happy to have you come down and see
us as soon as you can. We feel lonesome since
fathers death. Father and brother have gone before
us. Abram + Simeon Bond are dead. You have
probably heard before. Sister Betsy + her family are
well. Patty is quite unwell + has been for some
time. The rest of the friends + neighbors are well
for all that I know; Mary and the girls send their
love with mine and wish to see you again when
you can visit us. Write to us all as soon
as convenient. Adieu.

Your Brother Joseph M See
Seneca Madison Co N.Y.

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