

Joshua in this letter

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Dear Sister Martha

I sit down to answer your letter after I came home from St. George I comenced drawing my Lumber from over the Mountains I worked at it over 3 months steady I drew some 25,000 feet of Lumber, all a bone Helen has been sick ever since she left St. George she is some better now she and Mary Ann went to the City the first of Sept Doct Anderson has been Doctring her ever since they stoped at Springville as they came back Richard and John Deal said they ware going to St. George about the first of Novem<sup>ber</sup> I thought I would try to come with them if I could they did not come I intend to go to St. George once more if I can but they tell me Hay is so high \$2 per hundred provisions, I could take a long



I do not think I could <sup>get</sup> Money to go  
If I can get Money I would like to  
come down some time in June next  
I have no means of making money  
My health is not very good, I have  
had a very severe pain over my left  
eye or I should have written to you  
before Old Sister Saline said you  
wanted I should come down and  
bring plenty of provisions and a  
big donation for the temple Bro  
Andrews and wife staid here going  
and coming they said you had got  
about throug with the names you had  
and wanted more about this time  
Loren and Martha Carter came here  
and said you had gone to Rippahs  
I supposed you was there until I  
got your letter, we are all stayd  
on the Temple at Sampete I have  
made out to pay my assessment  
thus far but it is dreadfull hard  
for the people here to pay their Tax  
on the temple If I had the means  
I would be as pleas'd to make a big donation



as you would to have me as to  
the work you are doing it belongs  
to you and I, in the first place  
as we are the only ones living of our  
Fathers Family who will officiate for our  
Dead it is your duty to officiate for  
our female Relatives and me for our  
male Relatives Next our Children  
and our brothers Children who belong  
to the Church and Sister Margarets  
Children next Our Grand Children  
of that number is this Joshua you  
speak of I have know objections if you  
think best yet I have not the least  
doubt but after we are gone, the work  
for the Redemption of our Dead will  
still continue I want you to keep  
a record of all you do you have  
nothing to do but attend to these  
ordinances but it is not so with  
me I have a large family to see to  
of my own and Grand Children  
I had a wen on the side of my face  
I took it off and had it cut  
out it is healed up but is somewhat  
yet it is 5 weeks ago since it was cut  
out Mary Anns Sister Mabel that lived  
in Fairland is Dead we just got a  
letter from Electa Damon we had  
a paper the Dundee Reporter which  
gave an account of ~~the~~ a family  
gathering of Brother Cyrus family  
on the fiftieth year of the anniversary  
of their Wedding Day they had 9 children



12 Grand Children they Children presented  
their father with a pair of Gold Spectacles  
and their mother with a gold breast Pin  
Our Children and grand Children  
and one Great grand Child was at our  
house ~~at~~ New Years Eve

38. Grand Children lining and ten Dead  
we all together numbered 55

we had one Organ and one Violin  
we had Splended Musick and first  
rate Singing all together a very

agreeable time. Lardias family was very  
sick last fall Reuben come very near dying  
so did Harrets Josephine

Reuben was taken with the Heart  
Disease a few days ago we thought  
twice he was gone but he finally  
lived through it Give my

Respects to Bizpah Write

when you get and let us know  
how you get along, when I come  
down I shall bring enough to live  
on

I will send you \$2.00 which  
will pay for all the Oil you  
have used and more too

Reuben McBride

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the same as I have you sometimes

opened by mistake you will forgive