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Jackson Co  
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Dear Cousin

I received your kind letter  
telling of Aunt's Death  
Oh how sad it is our  
dear parents has to leave  
us none as dear as a mother  
she was so kind to me always.  
she said I must not wish her  
back for she suffered so  
much it was her daly pray  
for severil days to be taking  
away and rest in peace.  
her sufferings wer tribble towards  
the last her last moments

she grew easier. it is very  
lonley hear now it dont  
seam as tho could give her  
up, Howley and me are  
living alone now Pura is  
working from home four  
miles she gets home nearley  
every saturday. I have neglected  
writing to you when your letter  
came I was in Harrison Co  
Iowa. visiting my oldest Daughter  
she wrote to me she that it would  
do me good to come a make them  
a visit my health is better  
since I came home. I stayed  
four weeks with them. Howley  
was afflected with Inyly  
and mad him sick their  
was one week he had to have  
my nease and Husband to help  
do for him. we had a nice  
rain last nite it was needed  
so had. things look well for

all it had got so  
dry Howley's garden looks  
well and our Potatoes  
are looking fine. well I will  
close give my love to all  
and keep a good share yourself

Esther Ann Tompkins