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My dear children &amp; dear Granddaughter Ruth!

I am sorrow I been unable to write you before, but such was my misfortune, that I had to be laid up, & I could not get either of the Boys to write for me, I am still quite weak but able again to be read.

Well at last the long looked for Edward, arrived but turned out to be a daughter, and we are just as well satisfied & hope you are also, I was very sorrow to hear from your letter you had such a long siege of it, but thanks to God all pain & trouble are over, & that you are doing well; again allow me to congratulate you & trust the next one will be a Boy, now dear little take good care of your dear & stay of your feet for at least three weeks, you will be better of at the end; who does my dear Granddaughter look like? I tried hard for nearly a hour to call you on the last Sunday eve on phone, but could not do it; Would like very much to come down to see you but in as much as we are coming down the end of Sept. must be contented to write, I wrote dear Bert after Louis Monday night & expected to hear from them before this. The weather has been real cold, somewhat fier in the morning & evenings, but seems to warm up, & we will drive up to Sagertown this afternoon, may be I gain more strength to get

out doors, I have called every day since I started to  
write this & was its dinner time, so must close.

please excuse, will do better next time

with my love & best wishes to you all & a kiss to my Granddaughter

I remain yours ever loving Father

Melvin.