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Dear Loved Ones , In-laws and All,

Your father of about sixty seven is still hanging onto this old earth, just about to the point where I am not very good for much of anything. I have decided to not do any kind of farm work and not very much of anything other kind of hard work. I am out to spend the rest of my time while here on this good old earth. Taking what care I can of one of the best mothers one could find anywhere on the earth. The balance of the time I would like to spend it in the temple. If the good Lord will forgive me of any wrong doings, and help us to have health and strength enough to do that work.

There is two things we will have to have to do that work, and I hope and pray that we can get that. Health and money to live on. My ears and eyes are not very good, but I believe I can get by some way. Franklin, Selda and _____ is doing so much for us now. Sometimes I think it is more than they should. It is sure good that we are so close to them. Franklin takes us in his car where ever we go. We have a very nice comfortable house to live in.

My face and Mother's leg are still in a very bad condition but I think they are improving.

We enjoyed our visit with Hyrum and Violet's children. That country keeps turn me around up there so I could not tell north from south east from west and the sun went down in the

same place it came up.

I still think the best thing for us to do is do first, attend to our church duties, keep all of the Lord's commandments and live such lives so we can have the spirit of the Lord with us all the time for it is in this life that we make ourselves what we will be in the next life. I think the time will come when we all will learn that we have not lived as we should to reach the highest blessings that is ours if we have if we live for them.(Sentence was difficult to read) If we are not true to ourselves we will not be true to others. I enjoyed hearing mother read your letters. There was one thing nearly all of you 'dun' was find fault with yourselves. We should live so that we will not have any faults.

My the Lord bless all of you is the wish of your father.

Sisson J. Hatch