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Mecklenburg Co., Pa. April 17th 1864.

Mr Robt Isbell Dear Sir

Your letter of the 9th inst was received night before last giving me the very distressing intelligence of my beloved Uncle's death my anguish is indescribable I regret so much that I could not see him my anxiety about ^{him} for the last three years has been great I have been trying all that time to find out where he was & to know how he was & when I received your first letter it relieved my mind in a great measure but still I was unhappy at the thought of that very bad cough you said he had & felt like he would not survive it long but flattered myself that I should see him once again How strange it was in me not to answer that letter immediately & ask you to write to me again & let me know if he was any more indisposed or continued to grow worse but I wrote to him hoping that he would agree to come down to see us & if he could not come I intended to go to see him but when I wrote that letter little did I think under what circumstances it would be received had I known or even thought of such a thing instead of writing I would have gone to him at once I would be glad to know if he was ever able to hear all of that letter read or if he could read it himself or if he said anything about it or if he expressed any wish to see me or any of his relations or did he speak of me in any way I feel like it would comfort me some to know that he uttered my name you will please send that letter back to me I do not want it because it is of any value or that I think it of any importance but merely because he has held it in his own dear precious hands that makes it very dear to me I would be glad to know if he was cheerful during his illness & if he talked much & if he suffered a great deal if he