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Dear Parents,

I will now tell you of the proceedings at Lexington on the tenth of July. The remains of Henry Clay landed there on Friday night and was carried home and the next day at 9 o'clock the procession was formed and went to Ashland for the remains of the statesman, there was a funeral oration delivered by the Episcopal minister in front of the house after which the remains was placed in a hurn which the main body was larger than a common cart covered with black cloth over which was draped a covering of black crepe that reached near the ground and was fringed with silver, it was drawn by eight white horses clothed in a drapery of black crepe which hung nearly to the ground fringed with silver. Each horse was attended by a black man dressed in white with a black sash over one shoulder and tied under the other arm black hat and a broad sash around it, on the top of the hurn was a square which the mahogany box with metallic case covered with black cloth and a large plate of silver on the front, and a glass over the face that was the coffin that was placed on the car I spoke of above and covered with white satten and black crepe outside with silver fringe and silver lace around the top served as a crown on top of this was a large silver urn and on the top of the urn was a broad spread eagle all spanned and the whole covered with crepe the whole being about four feet above the coffin there was a band of music in front and eight uniform companies and a cannon that was taken in a battle in Mexico by Colonel Williams and then the hurn and carriages in which rode general Carr and Huston and governor Jones and all the great men that was there behind there was uniform Companies from Louisville and other parts of the state and the odd fellows from Keene and the free Masons and another band of music and long string of carriages and buggys and when they passed down main street it was a mass of humane beings from one end town to the other supposed to be about 40 or 50 thousand people the front of every house was festooned with black the Court house and all my eyes never beheld such a sight before

All the companies was dressed in mourning the officers had a width of crepe around their hats and tied behind and hung down nearly a yard he was carried to the City Cemetery the free Masons held their ceremony over him and put him in a Vault he was a free Mason and an odd fellow I have not told you half nor I could not write all on two sheets like this the newspapers will tell you more than I can