

Duplain, January 23 1847

My very Dear Children
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three weeks

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 dred bushells of corn and between three and
 four hundred bushell of potatoes and was
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 but had to give every seventh which ma-
 de quite a hole in our crop. We have
 me thing lik betwene thirty bushell of
 wheat. We have kiled six good hogs and one
 ox so you see that we have a plenty for the
 present. We intended to have put in six acer
 of wheat but was prevented by a violent
 cold after I come
 ned this letter so that I been and
 house for several days and most a sheking
 cough. We heard a letter from Henry yester-
 day which informed us of his ill health for which
 we were very sorry to hear. He says that
 you asked him why I do not
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 and stack up which takes up time. We all want
 to write. I hope you will [??]
 from your well wishing
 Father and Mother. J. & S. Cobb.

Joshua W. Cobb & wife Sarah Jones

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