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[Written by Sarah Cobb Sickels. Letter from John Cobb (her brother) is interesting. He died of dysentery, probably the sickness of which he writes. He was burried probably near camp. His Uncle Aaron Sickles had the body exumed, brought to Elsie. It lies beside the graves of his parents, Joshua and Susanah Cobb. BLB]

The letter that Adelia wrote to John did not arrive at Bowling Green untill after John died. Aaron brought it here and Pa was the one to open it instead of John.

I wish that John might have lived to read it, it was a good letter. I think that he had a wrong idea with regard to some of his brothers and sisters. Adelia was not the only one that he had hard feelings toward. He wrote to Durfee that he had but about too brothers that was Lyman & Elijah. I know that there is not one of us but what would have done any thing for him that lay in our ...

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Well I have taken annother rest now. I will try and finish my letter. Ma has returned home. Kate and her boy are quite smart. Kate takes John's death very hard. Ma is well as usual. It was a hard blow to her to have John brought home in the way that he was. Indeed I hope that I may never never see one of my friends brought home in that way again. O what a sight, to see a wagon stop at our gate with a coffin containing brother John's lifeless body. You cannot imagine the feelings that it gave me altho we were expecting him. I could hardely belive that such could be the case. O how frail we mortals are.