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This is a copy of parts of a letter written by Harrison Whitlock of a Strawberry Point Iowa to his brother. Orson Whitlock of Richland, Mich telling of sickness death and burial of their father SAMUEL WHITLOCK

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Strawberry Point, Iowa Jan the 17, 1869

The sad news I am now about to relate that is the death of Father, he is no more he died last Thursday morning the 14th at eight oclock, with inflamation on the lungs the first that I discovered that he was coming down again was on the morning of the 6th he was taken a coughing and raising a great deal of flem and vomiting he had such spells for three or four days to a time new and then and I did not think it was anything more than common till last Sunday the 10 and I told him I was a going after the doctor for him and he said he did not want I should go yet he said the balsom of wild cherry always had helped him and it would again and he wanted to try it a little longer so at his request I did not go and on Monday evening I told him and the neighbors told him that he had better have the doctor and on tuesday morning I went and got the Doctor and he tried to give Father encouragements but he did not give me any I set up with him 3 nights all night long and all alone and the night before he died one of the neighbors came in and set up with him and in the morning the man laid down to get a little rest before breakfast and I watched father very closely and saw that he was failing very fast and had been for the last two days and the last thing I dun be- fore I sat down to eat my breakfast was to go in and see to him and as soon as I got done eating. I went directly in again and he was dying and another neighbor happened in at the same time father had a nice suit of clothes that he bought last summer that was not soiled and the neighbor thought best to lay him out in them. There had one young man died in this neighborhood this winter and his friends went to the store and bought a suit of black clothes to lay him out in and I helped lay him out and I heard Father say that he did not want to be dressed up in that way he said that when Crist died he was srowded and when he died he wanted to be layed out in a shrowd I dont suppose when he was a talking about it that he thought he would need one so soon as he was well as usual at that time so insted of having his clothes put on him I had s shrowd got for him and got a nice coffin for him and his funeral was next day at one oclock at the babtis church at Strawberry Point. and was preached by Peeter Deyo a cousin of Ira Deyo and he is also cousin of bi Wisner Mr. Deyoes Father and Mother lives here at the Point. and his mother is a sister to old Mr. Wisner and hiram Deyo. Peeters brother dug Fathers grave. Father was well laid out and had a nice Coffin and a good turn out to his funeral and I shall get him a set of grave stones as soon as I can the next time I write I will send you a lock of his hair and a piece of his shrowd.

This from Harrison Whitlock.

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(James Whitlock of Richland, Mich. wrote this letter as it was written originally.)

Leri W. Whitlock
and Chloe Mason Whitlock
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Samuel Seabury
Whitlock

James b -1876 vt 1802 - 1869
Sarah "Sally" b
Samuel Seabury b 1802-1869
Chloe Mary b