Mrs Mary E Stubblefield Grand Chain, Ill

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My dear grand daughter

As it has been some time since we heard from you and not remembering whether you or I wrote last though that matters not. I wish to hear from you all and to know how you all are we have a serious epidemic in our country the influenza which in many cases proves fatal. I am verry anxious to know if you have escaped if or if you are all well in Philad this week there was over seven hundred deaths in one day. They have trouble in getting caskets and help to burie the dead New York Boston and large citys are worse than smaller places. Trenton NJ with something over one hundred thousand inhabitants two hundred and forty one deaths were recorded last week. There is a scarcety of doctors and nurses in all our city. At present all our family is well Elmer and wife James and wife have all had it but are now all well the rest have escaped this for I sincerely hope you have not had or if you have you are over with it and are all well. When you write let me know how little Howard is getting on if he is well and growing nicely he should be beginning to be interesting by this time. Now Mary you will greatly please me by answering this soon as we are all anxious to know how you all are.

All send our love and best wishes to all Affect yours Grand parents James Ewart Hightstown NJ PO Box 325