

May 17, 1820

Henry Tibbets to
his mother Ruth Tibbets

Dear Honored Mother I take
this opportunity to inform you
that myself and family are all in
good health at present and hope
that these lines may find you enjoy^{ing}
the same blessing I have to write
you the solemn news that my father
is no more he Departed this Life the
third Day of the present month after
a tedious and very Distressing sickness
of three months and one Day in the
whole of his sickness he was perfectly
Resigned to Death nay he was very
anxious for the time to Come for ~~the~~
him to Depart he manifested that
he was a pious good man he
talked much about Religion and
and an

the Day that he Died he Charged
us all to prepare for Death and not
to put it off he had Lived with
me five month when he Died he
was not able to Lie Down for a
number of Days Before he Died
one Day as I was Sitting Behind him
holding him up he told me that he
Should Die in my arms and four
Days after that I was Sitting with
him ~~he~~ and Sister Phebe Sitting
By the Bed Side and in three
minutes after we perceived any
alteration he was Dead his
Remains was Decently interred
on the fifth in Thomas Hoag's
Burying Ground Dear Mother
I would inform you that my
Brothers and Sisters and families

are all well as far as I know
Brother George was Down Last
winter he Calculates to move
Back Next fall I understand
I wish you to write to me as soon
as you receive this for I want to
hear from you very much I have
Giv' up the idea of ever seeing
you any more in this world but
hope we shall be so happy as to
meet in Heaven ~~time~~ to spend a long
eternity in praising God and the
Lamb I shall conclude this
from your affectionate Son
Eaton May 14 1720
Henry Gibbitts
Mrs. Ruth Gibbitts

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L. P. Moore
of
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Georgia