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(Written vertically at top) I hope you will/get this letter but/I cant find your/letter now so I am/putting the address/by guess where you/write to your ? /you can say if/you should happen/to get it/best love/to all

Smitterfield
March 22.82

Dear Brother

I received your letter allright also the Photograph but I cant see one Feature of poor Sister they cant take them from glass it seems in that country at all I wish I could of had it here I could of got some good ones from it but I am very much Obliged to you for your truble and expence of getting one for us and I know it is as good as you could get in that country

(Written vertically near bottom) potatos are very cheap about/16 a ? bread 6 pence more/for 4 pound loaf

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Dear Brother I expect you have been thinking maney a time as I was never going to write to you I have been thinking about it every day nearly but never got started I took the letter to your Sister Ann and she took it over to your Mothers when she went and when I had it back I sent it to my Sister Ann and she was some time before she sent it back and then when I thought of writing something or other happened Agnes she come home and as been at home for a long time and I have had to help her to do a lot of sewing and now she is got started again gone to live at Warwick she as lived at Leamington? this last four? years and I often feell so very low and middling with liver complaint and Heart disease I am not fit for much now and I know I cant ever be better

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I bought a Foreign post card to send to you at the time I received your letter just to send to you till I could write and then I thought you would not get it if it had to lay at a post office so I did not send it Sister Ann received your letter allright and the Photo she sent me the letter to read the letter was at Wednesbury? a week or more before the people sent it to her for they thought she would be going over she had left there amd was gone to live at Wolverhampton? and she is there now in service but she as not been very well for a long time so she may not of written to you yet I told her a month ago as I was going to write to you and I would say that she received your letter she will write to you if she as not but she seems to have such bad luck all her lifetime and bad health

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I was very pleased to hear in your letter that you and your wife and family where all well and going back to your farm. I believe your Mother and Father and all the family are well Carrie? seen your Mother and your Sister Ann last Saturday they was in the carriers cart going to Warwick she said your Mother dont look much older I thought last? summer I must just say we have had a very mild winter up till now we

had a bit of snow on the first of November just a shower and a very little frost one night or two some time after then and we have not had any more winter till last night it come a snow storm but its all gone now I think nearly and the wind is very rough and cold to day I hope it wont last for we had very nice weather last week so warm and the people went? up to the wood? getting primroses they have been in bloom for a long time we have seen? very little ice this winter I think there was a little last night

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Dear Brother I expect you have very long winters the same as usual we had three very bad winters before this I think it must of been as sharp as you have it in America I hope we shant have another like them for we shall never stand it else? so much frost and snow but this is the mildest we ever had in my remembrance up till now but we may have a few weeks now its not to late but the plum trees and lot of trees are just in full bloom and the gooseberrys are on the trees so that if it comes frost? now there would be much fruit Thomas is buisy gardening now so he cant? awhile? to pick any in this letter I did not tell him as I was going to write this Afternoon for I never know for when I think I will write some one comes in

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I have not got a card of the girls but what have been taken so louy (lousy) so I shant send one they will have some more taken and then I shall send yeh one if I am alive and if I never send I hope they will I never had mine taken but one it is many years ago but they was not good ones I have thought of having it taken again but I cant say for certain if I ever shall or not now I am got so old I think it is Thomas's birth day to marrow I think he is 66 I am 7 years younger I must give his best love to you and ? the same from me I remain your affectionate Sister H? Hutchins

You must please excuse Thomas for not writing for he never gets home till bed time see we have a newes room here so he goes to look at the papers he never writes to any one I have to do it all 5 letters most weeks as there is about 10 to write to and I

(Written vertically on right hand side) cant see very now with glasses on