

is  
uncle  
Joseph  
Stamm  
living with  
Grandfather  
Laura Melton  
do you ever  
see her  
she would  
write

5th

I come up here about  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> of Sept & had a  
good place to stay. This  
Summer and would of  
stayed but Uncle Leander  
wanted me to stay all  
winter with him and  
I could not stayed at  
the other place longer  
than Xmas I find it  
is the best to stay  
at one place all  
the time if a fellow  
expects to make any  
thing and I do want  
to keep enough ahead



To carry me if I should  
die. And we dont know  
when that will be it  
may not be long for  
any of us do you ever  
think of it I wonder  
only a few years ago  
we was only boys but  
~~now~~ time is passing away  
with us & am I's and  
past it want take  
that long to double.  
do you ever think how  
short the time is.  
I hope it wont be  
long when we all will  
be christians does Papa  
Seem to see any letter

I would be pleased to  
hear of him doing better  
Is Thomas staying at  
home now I dont see why  
him and papa cant get  
along. where has he been  
staying this summer.  
you told me that  
James Thomason had  
come back home where  
does he live now. has  
Brake Stoneman. come  
back yet does James  
like the pen I'll him  
if he will only try that  
he can live any where  
there is no need of a  
man stealing to live  
if he will only ~~work~~ work



how is the lecture go-  
ing in or is there any  
talk about the lecture

I dont hear any thing  
else much but some-  
thing about the lecty  
I dont dont any thing  
about and dont care  
about it. I may not get  
this of before the lect-  
ion, but nevertheless you  
might say what you  
are. How large  
is your boy now big  
enough to show nearly  
is he what did you  
say was his name  
besides Lester;

You do  
hear from  
John

When you  
write give me  
all the news  
and all the  
papers  
so I can  
write and  
not forget  
you  
I am the  
same because  
that's what  
I want

well Lander I hate  
to write so much but  
have patience you  
can read of with  
days when you can't  
work how is Alex  
and Lina Bella and  
Ricky and Viola and Henry  
how are they all getting  
along oh I would  
be so glad to see  
you all once more  
but it is impossible  
at present. It makes  
me feel so sad that  
all we all was



sitting around that  
old fire side with  
Mother and Father  
but no more can  
we. she where is  
she to night I hope  
that she is in Heaven.  
Heaven of I thought  
she were not how  
it would grieve  
me. but such a good  
mother was she I  
did not realize it  
until I left home.  
You may find good  
women and girls and  
may treat you as  
good as they can  
but still not as

a mother has Papa  
put up any monument  
or Tombstone at  
her Grave yet, if  
he has not. Tell  
him about her ~~to~~  
howing care and doing  
the work of a man  
all the time she was  
with him and ask  
him if he dont  
think she ~~is~~ deserve  
a nice Tombstone for  
her goodness as a wife  
and a mother, if he  
want buy one (but I think  
he will). I will help to  
buy one I will send  
\$500 or 1000 Dollars



according to my  
part and us Children  
will buy one & feel  
it our duty think of -  
this and tell the rest of  
them. you have not  
sent me that money  
that James Greyham

you can. Tell Thomas  
and the other Children  
to write and learn to  
write good is the Children  
going to school see that  
they get and have books  
suitable. Hoping those  
few lines will you all as it  
leaves my well. Good by  
at  
at Bathurst's w. Lambury  
mine