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I have a nice new cupboard
cost 22 dollars can you know
I must tell it all

August the 17 / 66

Cousins ever dear it has been some
time since i received your very
kind letter we were pleased to hear
from you & to hear that you had
such a nice little babe I would like
very much to see him & all his nice
clothes. I think he has a very pretty
name you know i could ^{not} ~~not~~ help but
like the name I thought so much of
coz when he was out here but oh how
sorry to hear of his poor health but
hope he will get better write & let me
know all about him the friends are
all tolerable well as far as i know
mother is staying with Mag now ~~she~~
has been most of the time since her
babe died I suppose you have heard
of the solemn fact it died on the 4
day of June about 12 o'clock had the lung
fever the doctor said

Oh cinda such a scene i never
witnessed before poor mag took its
death so hard she could not stay in
the room the little groans was more
than she could bear but would
come in & kiss him once or ~~twice~~
awhile she came in just as he was
gasping and kissed him & said oh you
dear little angel you will soon be at
rest in god it seems as though she
cant give it up yet it makes no differ^{ence}
where she is nor what is going on
her mind is on her babe on that
little mound away in yonders grave
yard not far from that dear father
of mine the tears blind my eyes
while i try to write but i for bear
he was almost 3 months old born the
10 of march we are looking for
Sheldons out this fall on a visit
& then mother will go back home
with them i hope they will come
i have not seen shell but once since you was
here

we have not seen cinda for
nearly 3 years now i must tell
you about the storm 3 weeks ago
last monday evening & all night
untill nine o'clock on tuesday
morning i never saw so much
lightning nor heard so much thunder
in the same length of time in my
life quite a great ^{deal} of damage done over
the coutry the barn was struck &
burnt to the ground on the old
home stead on the burnet farm be
fore they knew it it was burnt on
tuesday morning supposed to be
struck at 3 in the morning 3 horses
~~and~~ one wagon all the harness & saddle
8 hundred bushels of grain & all the
farming utensils & five or six ton
of hay no insurance on any of it
the barn belonged to two of georges
brothers the grain to his brother in
law the horses to the man lives on
the place

I wish you would come out & see us
we would have some place to go to
meeting besides an old log school house
the Luthereans are going to build
a church at the south west corner of
our field on the hill at the end of the
lane you know where that is. commence
this week I expect to board the hands
or try it)

I must now tell you
some thing about georges youngest brother
Wm Burnit he has gone to Metropolis
Citty to get his wife he went down there
last winter & went to school got acquainted
& fell in love with a Miss Elotia Davis
came home in March & farmed with
George this summer & has now gone back
to marry & bring her home expect them
next wednesday wish you could be
here then George has gone to meeting
to day to hear a Mr Snyder preach
he is a young preacher has been going to
the school at Westervill Ohio so no more
of this at present but remain your
affectionate cousin untill death write do
write

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Clarinee. Alferado to all & particularly
give it to parry

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