

New York City August 23. 1853

My Dear Mother

Pa's letter conveying ^{the} the
bad news of Uncle Stephen's death was
received immediately and I am daily
hoping to hear from you all again
The recent affliction which has fallen
upon the family has cast a melancholy
gloom and sadness over all hearts
but I trust you are well and with the
help of God enabled to say "not my
will but thine be done" poor old Grand
Pa how is he? and is he not almost heart-
broken? I think of him always as some-
thing too pure and holy for this earth

I received a letter from
Lester dated 20 of July they were all
well in Texas they had received no
letters from Cornelius but ~~James~~ ^{Christy} Harris
got a letter from his brother Louis, saying

paid

Cot Jacob Coy

Frankfort

Kentucky