

Jan^{ry} the 4th 1869

My Dear Billy

I received your pretty letter and you dont know how pleased I was to find it was from my dear Grandson I think you are getting along finely I know you have a good Teacher to write so pretty and your Ma says Lonny can read you are both smart boys, Nick is at home I dont know when he will get of to school his Papa has sold his Gucke Nick is to provide to ride him now he rides his horse, has your Papa bargined with his hands the hands are very hard to sales yet hear some have not bargined yet has your Papa made a good crop I have no news to write you times are very

Dull about here I guess you
have heard that Snow was
brought a desolate looking place
Doc Patterson will leave for
Petersburg, your Grand Papa's
health is about the same.

The Family are as well as
usual my health is as good as
usual give my love to your
Papa & Mom and tell her she
must write often and let me
hear from you all my love
to Cousin Lenny and Miss
Tommy & Sus for me Fare well
may the Lord bless you all is
the Prayer of your Affectionate
Grand Mother

Maria A. Harvey

P.S. I have the Chinese salted
use the salt Peter or goudon on
your meat then have a strong

burn and cover them