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Loudoun county Va A D 1837

Sept 15<sup>th</sup>  
Dear Mother it is with pleasure I take pen in hand to inform  
you of our present well fare we are all well at present  
and hope that those few lines may find you best in like manner  
it gave me pleasure to hear by a traveler from you who stopped at  
Mr John Nelsons in August and said that he had seen you about  
two months before that time and that you had desired him to make  
inquiry thro' Loudoun for Peter Eicher

And desired me to write to you and I have accordingly by undertaken  
to do so I have seven children four sons and three daughters

The eldest son is named John Peter the second William the third is a daughter  
Mary Elizabeth fourth Ruth Ann fifth Sophia Francis

Sixth James Caylor seventh Charles Louis who is now about  
ten months old the are all fine hearty children and the two old  
est sons is a great deal of help to their father and the eldest daughter  
is one of the best knitters in Loudoun for her age

Mr Eicher has quit the hatting business and is a farming he has a  
tolerably good crop of corn this year the crops of small grain is  
verry light in Loudoun ~~the year~~ and the adjoining counties  
we have five head of horses ten head of cattle thirteen head of sheep  
thirty head of hogs and claim of debt

grand father and grand mother Eicher one brother dead  
we still live on one of his farms about six miles south of Leesburg  
which is the county town

I wish you to write to me and let me hear from all of my brothers  
and sisters who the married and what there childrens names is  
and what their prospects is in life

I should like to hear from uncle McClern Woodson and  
family how there health is and what changes has taken  
place in his family since I seen them

I shall be very anxious to hear from you and hope that you  
will not neglect to write as soon as you get my letter  
Direct your letters to Lees-Lury, Loudon County, Va  
nothing more at present but remains your affectionate  
daughter till death Mr & Mrs Echer joins me in  
sending his love to you and all inquiring friends  
Your name as a mother dear will not be forgotten  
whilst my senses doth remain  
or even a whisper in the brain  
fare well

Mary Marley III

Matilda Echer to