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MC073: Folder 49: John Egerton Palmer IV to Thomas Sharp Palmer undated

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Thomas my dearly beloved Son

Your last Letter dated April 2 I duly recd and feel Entirely at a loss to Express my feelings while reading it and can only say 'Thank God' for his unspeakable Mercy in bringin you to see and to appreciate aright the matters you treat on –it reminds me of a passage in scripture where the adorable Saviour said to ne 'Thou art not far from the Kingdom of God'. May you my dear Son be Enabled to search the scriptures and I have no doubt you will be directed to the Lamb of God that is taketh away the Sin of the World'—Remember my dear Son' –there is no other name under heaven given to Men whereby they can or must be saved but the name of Christ Jesus to me is my 'Alpha and 'Omega' – read carefully his sayings they give us all the instruction we need, to guide our never dying Souls to Endles Bliss

You will perceive my incapacity to write as I once could – We all have our allotted time here and mine is about run out – but my failing Capacity wont keep you from writing as I can still appreciate strongly your kindness Lose and affection – I rejoice in the Belief that in the future Spiritual life we will be freed from many Evils which annoy and trouble us here – dont let my deficientcy & incapacity prevent you from keeping up your correspondence – Our Methodist Friends keep up their meetings around us & yesterday I am told some where put into the Cold water of the Black fork – I am glad to inform you that your youngest Brother Joseph has joined the Methodist friends – he is a very steady respectable & industrious young Man May the good Lord bring us all to confess him on Earth that we may be a United family in Heaven is my praer

We have had a remarkable time of dry and cold weather – I dont rember any Spring like unto it

My affectionate love to all your family we shall be looking for some of them during the great Centenial       Your affectionate

Father J.E. Palmer

Dear Thomas Continued ----- I have a few things I want you to answer me before I can satisfactorily finish my Earthly Career I want to be informed about Johns two children what was left by their Father & how their property has been disposed of I have not the shadow of a

doubt in regard to your part of the Business – I wish to know how John left the property to those two Girls and whether Ettie left a will and its form when Marcy married with Elizabeth I gave her ten Acres of Land after this Macy wish to get five Acres more & fix'd some old Buggy & let me have that for the five Acres he did not retain this tract long but sold the 15 Acres to James Springer – while Springer was in the Army he sent his Money to his Father who put a snug little Frame House, and this 15 Acres that Macy got from me was sold this last spring for 15 hundred Dollars you may see what I want to show that Elizabeth has had her full share & for you to explain how Ettas property has been disposed of – with kind affection to all I remain your affectionate Father

John Egerton Palmer