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Near Jackson Miss. 7th mo 1862

Honored ^{my} Father Mother
Brothers & Sisters.

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Your well wishing son John Mills