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Springfield, O. Mar. 30 1888
Good Friday.

Brother Newton, -

You have heard
of the death of our brother Simon
and his body buried by
mothers in the centre of Baint
bridge.

It occurs to me that the
youngest should say a
few words of the eldest
of our old family - now
broken and scattered.

Simon was born in
the wilderness; schooled
in log school houses with

*This is page one of a six page hand written letter
from Edward Henry to his brother John Newton Henry
dated March 30, 1888 and sent from Springfield, Ohio*

wooden benches, and hickory
 and beech whips; a
 carpenter, a builder of
 barns and houses, a
 teacher, a musician,
 a follower of Lowell M.
 and Wm. B. Bradbury, the
 great promoters of songs
 of praise, a man of temperance
 habits of cleanliness ~~that~~
 are helpers to godliness;
 I never heard him utter
 an oath; his influence was
 always for good. His
 marches on Sunday were
 towards the church, or like
 Thoreau to the old hemlock
 swamp near the big pond
 or around the quiet Chagrin
 River hills.

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He reared a large family
and educated them at
Hillsdale Mich.

He was a deputy marshal
under brother Charley at
Washington - In youth,
with you, I believe, -
the hanging of McKissick
at Ravenna was witnessed.
During the war, he visited
me in the Kanawha Valley
and saw a bad murderer
hung at Wheeling; the last
time I saw Simon - he gave
me a graphic account

of the hanging of Litten
as he and Charley were
near the gallows.

Simon delighted to skip
for bass on the pond, or
to give forth uncontrolled
laughter at the quaint
sayings of old Mr. Giles
in his remarkable exegesis
of the gospels.

He was well informed
on our political history
and although a free-soiler
he ~~was~~ harmonized with
the broad Jeffersonian creed
of Dr. Shepherd.

He liked to hear such
preachers as Rev. Edmund
B. Fairfield, President of Willsdel
College once or - the rhetoric.

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a Fairman
 He never liked ~~of~~ Windham
 or Bangor for music but
 the smooth music ^{written by} Broadburg
 like the tune, "Gard," "There
 is a stream etc;
 old "Boyleston", by Mason,
 or "St Thomas"; of a lively
 tempo and time.
 If he had been a ~~man~~ ^{man}
 might feel bad at his
 death but he has left
 a good record; when boys
 Charley & I thought someday
 we would have a silk plug

hat like Simons, and
shiny rubber shoes to
wear to church.

At the end he has as much
or more wealth than
a ~~millionaire~~ ^{millionaire}.

He rests in the church
yard beside mother.

Let him sleep in peace
and wake in joy - to the
songs of praise ^{& praise} he lived
and loved to sing.

My wife sends love to you
all - we have ~~tried~~ ^{tried}

and talked of ~~visiting~~ ^{visiting} you
when out there two years
ago. Gives a long letter

Where to direct I know not
but Sister Ann in Cleveland
gave me Mr. Richardson's card.
some time ago - so I'll send to his
care. Truly - Edward E. Henry.

This is the last page of the letter dated Mar 30,
1888 from Edward Henry to brother John
Newton Henry.

This is the condition the letter has been in for
some time. I have them stored in special
plastic covers.