

Loving Son & Daughter Letholm Aug. 5th 1827

We have waited these three weeks past with the greatest of pleasure, waiting upon an opportunity of a certain kind in writing you by Mr. Miss Dickson who upon his arrival in your country will be Mrs. Blackett - his intended husband has been 2 year in your place and has now a large farm - I am not able to give you his address

We received your kind letter bearing date Oct. 1st 1826 upon April 7th 1827 - and tho: it contained news of trouble in several of your family - it gave us good news of the recovery of some or all of them and upon the whole we bless God, who enabled you to give such a favourable acc^t

Loving friends We have to record an event, tho: painful in itself - yet common to Man kind your Loving Father Died June 11th 1826. after 28 weeks very severe illness - first an inflammation and then got into an ^{the} asthma complaint - all which he bore with Christian fortitude - in the time of his inflammatory disorder there were not less than 25 phlebotomies of blood taken from him - and like Job. he might well say we are some nights are appointed to me many were the nights he sat up in the bed cased up with pillows, without rest to his weary head -

Letter from John and Eliza,
advising of death of the
Robert Mather in Scotland
1826.

Dear friends we have one consolation - your Father was duly attended to in his trouble all necessary help was at hand - Doctors attending duly - and much praise is due to your Sister Elspeth for her unwearied attendance upon his Dr. Father. Tho: his and family were in this place and the doctor at Glasselaw Toll - she left his family and waited upon his Dear Father - but it pleased God to spare him till at Whitsunday 1826 - he and your Mother removed to a house in this village only 40 yards from our Door - when with more convenience for all parties we saw his latter end. I may here state your Dear Mother resides in the same house still and is now sitting at my hand in perfect health than God altho age and infirmity are unquestionably drawing nigh his - may you and I, and all consider this

We have this moment been reading copy of a letter from Robert Andrew Mather, and with which we are all much delighted. We have received a letter from Adam & Mary they have been both complaining but thank God they are both in a fair way of recovery - Elspeth and John are with family are all well when you were here last they had - Andrew, Agnes & John - and upon Aug: 3^o 1826 had 2 at a birth Boy & Girl Names Adam & Mary, they have

been a heavy handfull - but thank God they are both doing and their Mother has enjoyed good health ever since and has nursed them both - Brother Andrew had 2 Children when here at your Fathers funeral - he has left Shields and resides in Newcastle but we have not heard from him lately. Last acct from John Northgate he was waiting upon an Engine some where below Newcastle - Robert Andrew we are happy to find is well advanced in learning - and I have to inform you Andrew Arncliffe is no doubt older, but is far beyond his place in the book -

Andrew is a capital Scholar

We have had a very dry summer but of late some fine showers - the hay crop is good and all in harvest will commence here in 14 or 16 Days if weather continue fine crops in general look well. Markets are high but meal 3/6 lb. Stone butcher meat till last week has been 8. and 9 p. lb. Quarter loaf 9 - upon as you have opportunity do not neglect writing as we are ever anxious to hear from you & family with our warmest love to you Mrs & family we are ever your aff. friends

Your Loving Mother Agnes Mather

Brother White John & Elspeth Arncliffe