My dear Brother

It becomes my painful task to inform you of the death of our Father, who departed this life Sept 4 after a short illness of a fortnight; taken with recovered

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entirely I was with ^ on Wednesday, he did not know me Mr Gardner watched with him, but the physican thought him no worse than the evening before, as Mothers was very much wearied with constant care, & watching I procured a nurse on thursday, went to Augusta with her quite early, say between eight & nine & Father died about ten, as easy as a babe, no one supposed him dying only the nurse, being familiar in such scenes said to us he is going, as there was no struggle and no gasping I could scarcely believe it until he was gone, he did not speak after I went in, & had not con -versed since monday, when he set up in bed had & had family prayers, & the Doct told him he might be

^ dressed & go below & Wednesday ride out , if pleasant he did not incline to leave his bed for the day, had a bad night & grew gradually worse until he died he refused nourishment, of which he took but little or nothing during his sickness, Mr Tappan had some conversation with

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Description: Letter concerning death of Henry Sewall.

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Love to all & write soon & I will endeavor to answer it.

Yours truely SS Gardner



Mrs. S.S. Gardner September 8. 1845

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