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Blossom adhered to April 2nd, 1909 letter



April 2nd 1909.

My dear Lou

Ever since dinner I have been trying to get to writing but first one, & then another thing comes up to be attended to & now it is getting late on this evening but I am bound to finish my letter for this evening's mail.

Your letter came day before yesterday & I enjoyed it very much, as I always do. I was sorry to hear Louis had whooping cough but as the worst is over I think it is best for him to get through with it while young, & spring isn't a bad time to leave it. I must think Ben does it by this time, but hope he will get off lightly. I can hardly imagine how you could keep the children apart unless you had a nurse for one, Annie would have been lovely left to herself.

Henry thanks for the poultry book, but it has not
yet arrived. Next morn'g we, you asked about the
shipment of turkeys. R.uben sends, he did not make
a cent on them, the men they were shipped to must
have been very dishonest for he made the turkeys
lose so much on weight (& one died on the way)
that R. had nothing after paying expenses, (coop &
freight.) He was so dis-^{appointed} that he did not
try to get up another lot to ship. He has 4 hens & a
gobbler at Smith's too, one hen is sitting on 18 eggs but
he says he is expecting some "was count" to break her
up, tho' he moved her into the yard. He bought
4 more hens last trip he made to Lanesville, he
went up Sunday evening & returned Tuesday evening
stopped at the gate a little while, he said, "what
do you reckon How would any of be could see one
now?" He had 3 bushels of cottonseed packed in

the body of his buggy, his feet were high up on
them at one side, & on the other he had the bag
of hens, he had also some tomato plants, long green
beans & large rubber coat & tarp robe. I wanted to
give him some clean clothes & some biscuit but he
said there was not room for any thing, but did
take a working shirt I had just finished for
him. Old George was here this morn'g said Charley
was helping Ruben plant some corn, the lot by
the carriage house & some other place near there, he
told me he would have Charley plant it, he does
all the work, furnishes the team of course & gives
R. - a 4th, Schorn will plant some on the same
teams, so that is the way he will get corn for his
hens. After paying for plowing & sowing oats last
year he could not get ^{enough} ~~any thing~~ for them to picket
with him & wagons to haul them to town, & he

could not get them thrashed out because he had no
team to send for the machine, so he did not sow
oats last fall. But to return to your letter - These
book clubs must be a good way to see the new books
if one had time to read a book each week. I am
glad you will not have to move again. I thought the
house was a larger one than you cared to pay out
on, I suppose it is in proportion to size & location
too. As Lizzie appreciates the article, I wish she had
some fresh ones.

I have not told you of the visits we made yesterday.
started out at 10 o'clock, went to see Mrs Stewart, she
has a very nice little 5 room cottage, side, & front
gallery, kitchen close up to the back porch & on a
level with it so there are no steps to go up & down.
Her painting has been done & only one fire place they
can see, as the weather has been quite cool that is

April 2, 1909

inconvenient but they are sinking the best of it & while they can't clean up & move furniture in the house, they are working with the garden, flower beds, & turkeys, say it is useless to move or say thing more than they are compelled to have, until inside painting is done. Then Mrs. Stewart we went to call on Mrs. Manspaw & Isabelle, at Mrs. Hatch's, found only Mrs. Manspaw at home, she looks so frail since that long spell of fever she had, returning to dinner and did not take the horse out but gave her some hay to eat while we took our dinner, then we started out in another direction, went to see Mrs. Bull, he was working with the bees but presently came in, bees were crawling all over him & I was so afraid some might come over to me, he sat there & picked them off & threw them on the wind or when

there was a broken pane, when I expressed surprise
at such treatment of the bees he said "oh, we
don't mind bees here", more than a 100 bees
are close up to the house. He told us he had
sold 2 tons of honey, & that the family consume
3 lbs a day, honey & eggs seem to take the place of
meat with them, they use a quantity of oat meal too,
& genuine buckwheat, with his supply he ordered
some of each for us, as nice rolled oats cost us
only 5th a pound bought in bulk. At the store a
1 lb bag costs 15th, or 2 bags for 25th as you see how
much we save. From Mr Wells we went to see
Mrs Remley & made such a long visit that the
snow was shining when we reached home.

Last week we drove to Danvers, I indulged in
a black skirt, a pair of gloves, & had my 2 year
old hat fixed over, till Emma it looks very well.

if it has seen 2 years of service. You see I was
getting fixed for spending Easter in France (if
possible). Well this snow is almost sitting as I
must hurry my letter to a close but must
push some words for Emma's benefit. I hope the
cough does not worry the dear little girl much, a
great deal of love to you all.

Your devoted

Mother.

B.B. & Ellis are Chicago ill.

April 5th 1909

My Darling little dear

Your sweet, interesting
letter - was very welcome. I hope
Louise has not suffered with the
cough: & that you won't take it. For
Royce has the whooping cough.
You will need all your strength.
If you get a bottle of Scott's Emulsion
of Cod Liver Oil - & give it at once
to the children - & will as take a
careful yourself. May God bless
you and all soon get well. I gave
it to your father & Mother in England
with great benefit - & they liked it.

As it must. I need "Chuck" with work, & money for present enjoy-
ment also in Columbia at Mrs. Jacobs. Menh: Dear Aggie is well. Jackie
hates. I am happy to think that & herself settled at last evening.
him & yourself will enjoy "Grand" & she is going to a Commandery
opera in the near future, nothing since the night. I am glad you
give me as much pleasure as opera he to go out: & have a good time
Winter & I hope we can enjoy for Jack is out very much & the
at the last of the month. Matruison house is so dark & dull
but we don't have much to spend after 8 o'clock P.M. Jack has a
for day ones, as everything like hysterical patients. An old maid
salary is spent on Land Patients & who is really. whom he has to visit
and the 10 is in the feet, & shoes. very evening, but the paper will
must be told to pay expenses: & he has to hustle to get the money
times are three hard. Home in Papa to pay for his Automobile by
it very languid & everything is May 1st & of course dear Aggie.
working right, though slow, & you does not have a spring back
know a woman like expectations which very woman would really

My sister happily & is always
busy entertaining & serving.
Emma is expected home this week.
Charles Parsons must make a great
deal of money out of his salary
for Miss Atkinson he often requires
him at his office. Emma is a very
smart girl & understands how to
cook a delightful meal & make
two delightful puddings & cakes.
& she wants to do it all by herself.
Anner being from home. I want out
the best in Emma. Love & kisses
to her & the dear children. & to my
darling take great care of yourself.
& stay out of the damp chilly wind
of the lake. Papa joins me in a heart-
felt wish of love to you & yours. Ever devotedly
Mama

matrimon. The capsules sold by the
Druggist made up of cream of tartar
or sulphur are excellent for a kind of any kind.
medicine. I used it for the child
thus. in this way, a teaspoonful
of sulphur in a little molasses
on dyspepsia. Taken a Teaspoonful
three times a day after meals.
I hope Secret. you are feeling
better; & the dear little ones also.
I have had for ten days a pain
on my right shoulder & side, &
wish I had some one to handle
just before returning, but 'Papah'
cannot handle the load.
With a firm Grip & I use a lin-
iment made by myself. A cup of
Wongai. one of Turpentine & one

egg all beaten up together. This
is also fine for cough & pain.
The egg keep it
from blistering. You can hardly
make this up & keep it in
hand. apply it on flannel to
the affected part; I should also
be careful about eating acids &
kneels for some time. Confining
yourself to Poultice: Beef & Lamb.
Cereals. good milk & Buns.
& you will soon be strong again
& your eyes will also be strong.
When you are comfortable take every
morning a quarter of a teaspoonful
of Carlsbad salt - which I use
frequently. Dr. I forgot his name of
Mann. lived Mr. Selwyn of Rhine.

than by giving her epson salt's -
Lalieu, I'd sure Grant: her daughter
still living. she is one of the ladies
of Ithaca & would love to see you
at the next one of my choicest grounds.
You are so much Darling & must
be like your Mother: you are of
a sweet artistic nature: more like
your Father & loyal to the core &
very appreciative & affectionate & I
must bring with you one so much
Aggie is very exalted, & not at sym-
pathetic as she might be, but if she
had a husband kind & devoted, as
Ben is to you, she would be a very
different woman. for the best feelings
of her heart would be drawn out.
she was with us Friday afternoon
& said she was going to write to you
tomorrow she will be here to do some
writing for Papa: "Happier" & "Gelling"

April 5, 1907

on muley, & the Directors are going
to see some stock (Treasury) to pay
for some patented land & the Core
Duck; "Papa" believes in holding
on to our stock that is not in ex-
cess until everything is in the
best shape, & if any one should
put it into the Stock Broker's hands
they would sell it for little or nothing
& ruin the market for it; I don't
wonder in your next what style
of collar do you prefer the round
or that high in the neck? Chunks
both day is near at hand. I have
not heard from him for some time.
What a fearful time they are having
at "Magasin Falls" but from the "Lad's"
accounts the water seems to be receding.
I am pleased that you like your trip

Ben: I am from Miss Leason at the
Larkins' Cant, tell their Cotton & adven-
tage & put me off: but I am not
unhappy, "Thank God" as you say.
My & new garments only make
jealousy & not-quiets I say: She
I am very fond of wearing fully-
clothes for it makes me feel
younger, & "Papa" likes to see me
dressed nicely; & soon he hopes to
be paid his salary, quite overdue, &
then we will be more comfortable &
he will get a silk hat, which I think
he ought to wear but he says he pre-
fers a soft felt-hat. He is looking
well again & I massage his back
daily & it is getting thicker close to Ben
& the little Darling. Tell Ben he is
a darling & I expect to know he takes the
best care of you & the dear children. Love Maria

Blossoms Answered to April 7th, 1909 letter



April 7th 1909

My dear Son

I was very glad to have your letter this morning, especially as I wished to hear how Louis was getting on with the whooping cough. I felt quite sure Ben would have it, but the idea of Marie having it is too bad is not? What a whooping there will be! Have you had a Dr's prescription for them? If they were with me I would give them mutton sweet tea, an old home remedy but certainly soothing. I think it is fortunate they are having whooping cough in the spring, the cough will not hang on so long as if they had taken it in the fall & had the winter to go through with.

I am glad you will have a week to get ahead

with work. That must have been a very pleasant
entertainment you gave your senior class, less trouble
& than having them at home. George New is waiting
to mount a table to look at pictures, no harm if
he could do mount without hurting himself, he must
be an independant little fellow. I wonder why he is
so slow learning to talk.

This is a lovely afternoon, every thing so green & fresh
after the very acceptable rain last night, the birds
are trying themselves singing, & the rose bushes
bending under the weight of flowers. I wish you
all could have some fresh from the bushes.
Well as it was I spent a great part of the
morning in my little garden, first I had to
take up some bulbs for Mrs. Hatch, then I spent
out a few chrysanthemums & afterwards could
not help digging about after Johnson & Beaumais

grass, trying to keep my roses free from them, but
when warm weather comes they will get ahead
of me, I can't stand the red bugs. Some of the
red you Father planted had come up, but I
think they will grow, we had such a long dry
spell, still there were many cloudy days that
foiled us completely. Lucy Harris sent me about a
doz tomato plants, I put them out, shaded &
watered, & I think they will live.

Yesterday Mrs. Hatch & Isabelle returned my
call, the latter looks quite natural but has
improved wonderfully, she is a superior woman.
If Mrs. Mansfield is well enough Isabelle will
exit for Scotland in June, to visit Dr. Gordon's
relatives. Mrs. Mansfield is with Mrs. Hatch for the
change, she is in a very nervous condition & at
her age I don't think there is much chance for

improvement. Yes, I am quite well now &
contemplating a trip, what do you think of that?
I may go with your Father as far as Tuscaloosa,
on his way to the Medical Association in Birmingham.
Stay with Bolling & perhaps Elvira while
he is in B. — We had a nice letter from Bolling
this morning asking me to go up, & your Father
to stop over a day or so, he wants him to see some
repairs he has had made on our house, as well
as have a visit from him. The whole family seem
to think a great deal of him, & are always so sweet
& kind to me. I did expect to spend this time
with sister Sally. She has been so unwell lately,
writes me she had a slight chill & fever every day
last week but had not gone to bed. She cannot
take quinine, it causes the most terrible itching
all over. I am afraid she will not be able to

be at church Easter Sunday. I want to try &
go down if I have to go over on the 4 o'clock
Saturday evening & spend the night with one of
my aunts. Oley & his wife are expected Friday,
Benney & Lucy will entertain them at Vernon's
Bourne. You know Benney's work is near Dayton,
& he & Lucy board there, but of course it will
be more pleasant for Oley in Fairdale where
he can see all the kids. Saw my cousin to see
her -

Reuben dined with us Sunday, keeps busy at
Wentworth keeping cows from wandering off, working
in the garden & attending to the fowl, has been
unfortunate as usual, once thing sucking his
eggs, & has eating up the cabbage, outside &
in the garden. I thought it was raising a fine
puppy for him but it had come through the

^{quarter}
with his mouth & in spite of all I could do, wash
-or eat & drink, I fed him milk with a spoon as he
would not eat.

I had a letter from Margaret this morning, she
said Cook & house girl were both sick & that it
kept them busy cooking, washing dishes & clean-
ing up, that day Fanny was an Opelika, with
this dentist I suppose. Did not I write you that
Princes is in college? How quickly the years go by,
& the children grow up! soon I will have grown
grand children. The book came the day after my
letter went to you. I am very much obliged to you
for it, have been reading it diligently.

I have another letter to write as must close. Tell
Mamma she has very heart felt sympathy at is bad
enough to have whispering children without whispering herself.
Much love to you all.

Your devoted Mother.

cheap last summer. Reuben & I have not sold
near all our Paepalum seed, we filled a 5.00 order
some time ago & I am hoping for one from Wood &
Sons, Richmond. R. & I are alike, we can't make
any money. I did not see him Sunday (Saw in
Hamdale) but your Father says some dogs got
among his ~~sheep~~ goats & killed, he did not know
just how many.

Did you have a pleasant Easter? I went over
Saturday on the 4 o'clock train, spent the night
with Bulville Parrott, I went to church & enjoyed the
services very much, the decoration was simple, because
the roses were not fully out & they used mostly the
very early flowers, flags, a spruce &c. but it was very
pretty. The service was good, they had induced
several gentlemen who do not belong to the choir to
help them out. The voluntary was a quartette of

male voices. Mr Parrott, George Warner, Rob Drake
& a clerk from one of the stores. I dined with Harry
Jaschke, Berrie is staying there. After dinner I went
to the Hotel to see Olga's wife & Mother-in-law, who
came with them. I could not find the attention in
(the girl I assume)
her not pretty, not ardent, in fact it appeared
to me she is rather lacking in intellect, but I heard
it whispered they are rich, possibly that was
the attraction. They are Wisconsinans, live in St
Joseph. I did not think Harry & Lucy looked
"carried away" with them but will make the best
of it I know. They will return next Monday -
After my visit to them I went over to Marjorie
Berrie's, & then to Berrie's room (at Mrs Watkins)
where I slept. Berrie & Bulville take meals with
Mary, as their company I went there to tea & breakfast
Monday morning. Mary showed me her 2.00 little

incubator chickens, some just hatched, others about
3 weeks old. She is a great worker & that good
for nothing Susan does not help her one bit,
does not even do the canning. She has three young
sons besides, her Brothers, & Neighbors.

About two o'clock Bessie took me on the carriage
to Henry Wilkes', she was going to Laneville.

I sat with the family until train time & two of
the girls walked to the train with me. Lizzie &
Fanny, the married daughters were both there. My
relatives are all so kind to me I wish I could see more
of them. I saw the Communal windows for the first time,
they are simple, but pretty, very suitable for that church.
Sister Sally could not venture over the rough roads & I
was disappointed not seeing her. Some Father will go to
Wilmington Monday, by way of Seabrook, to the
Centennial Convention. I will go with him as far as Seabrook
& make Bolling's family, & Gloria a visit, returning
with him about Saturday I suppose. Bolling gave me a
most pressing invitation to visit them & Gloria has frequently
done so. I hope tonight or tomorrow to hear how Maude & the
children are getting on. Mrs Powell was over this evening

To L. H. Thos. Sweet Briar College. Sweet Briar.
April fourteenth nineteenth nine.

Dear Dr. Digger, I've been in
such a bustle of stuffing—please
excuse my inexcusable negligence
and thank you for the letter
with enclosed check, and
lease. The latter I will return
presently. Every minute of my
time here is spent in
find gold, and I am disinclined
to a thought away from Sweet
Briar and Lelara. We sent
a card up to "Vincenzo Chelillo"—
I wonder if he will recognize
his distinguished name—in his
Americanized and fuller state.

My children have
just sent me a
very pretty box.
I have a very
pretty box of
sent to me
I long to hear from
you. You may be sick.
I have the love of your two little
daughters with the whooping cough.
We spent a happy & pleasant time
& were remembered by many friends.
My daughter sent me a very pretty
note colored. & a white mandarin
Memoria, also the card which I sent
to Louise to place among her collection.
The Rabbit is so natural. "Papa" gave
me a beautiful Fothergilly. which
reminds my Boy Minnie & the
color is so delicate & much; I

Received Cards from eight of my friends & relatives. but none from my boys or their wives. Alice all ways remembers us. Aggie received a beautiful jotted "Lily" from Mrs. Campbell & several pretty cards. As this darling little Louise, I thank her for her sweet souvenir, I send you darling a cake I made for you this morning to place among your favors. I wish I could send you a lovely present; but we are all "poor patients" by mailing" & are not by any means so well. "Papa" is busy writing, but how you much love & much kisses. Aggie was with us last afternoon. Lizzie also. & we had Chamberlains, sponge cake & coffee together. Mother looked very pretty. Sunday afternoon with a new coat of black silk which Aggie made for her. Also a pretty white dotted muslin dress. & new straw hat. Minnie with flannel, all of which Aggie made, & fixed up. "Dad" is a smart child but is so stout. She is "mauling" loads; the girls & boys play publicly, "Jack" is building his garage of steel for his automobile in the kitchen room yard; & also is busy with his patients. Aggie has nothing to do. All the money goes for the purchase of the automobile. Butley has a new spring brocade. & cap & goes out every day with Jack in his buggy. Billy & the children are going to stay with her mother for two months. While

Mr. Brown is getting a home for
them all within week. Where he has
a good kitchen, Kelly-hat. Two
Worship children & a babe of two
months. Charles McAllister & his
wife are still fighting sub debts
deposals. Charlie wrote me that he
regretted so much he could not visit
you but he had no time to do so.
Love to Ben & if you are sick, please
ask him to write me.
We don't go out much. But are happy
& comfortable. Read & play cards
every evening & so the days go
by. I go out to get something good
from the stores in the neighborhood
& get a newspaper. also a little
fruit and sub. it is still cold &
dark. We are so near the Lake.
I hope some day to have a home

Blossoms Adhered to April 28th 1908 or 1909? letter



1909?

ELV

Painesville April 29th

Dearest Maria

My hand is very chafy from
 stirring around so much but in spite of that
 I must answer your interesting letter which
 I found awaiting me when we returned home
 yesterday. We stayed longer than we expected
 consequently our letters were not all forwarded.
 We intended leaving Saturday evening but
 Bolling insisted (Ben knows how insisting
 he is) we should stay over for church Sunday,
 said he & Lucie would go with us if we
 would stay. Bolling is the only person Dr D-
 cant refuse so against my judgement we
 stayed. That ~~day~~ night & nearly all next
 day, there ~~was~~ was a harder rain, it held
 up a little about dinner time & I thought
 we would leave but Bolling said travelling
 would be dangerous & he would not order a

back so there was room for another night but it is a very pleasant household & we enjoyed our visit very much. Ludies is very entertaining & Louise also, then there were 2 teachers, & a maids lady, boarders. Louise is a very bright girl, stands well in the High school & so does Henry, the little one, Robert, is not old enough to go to school, would be a nice play mate for Louise.

I am so glad whooping cough went so lightly with you & Louise, & that you could go out to hear that beautiful singer, what a pleasure it must have been. How wretched little Ben was before, & had recovered his appetite & spirits. I hope he will continue well, and sure he will if you have the same mild weather that we are enjoying. Every thing is so green & fresh, the trees in full leaf, & the ~~are~~ very pretty the much beaten by the wind. I never saw any thing grow as my Washington vines & tomatoes did while we were gone, some tomatoes a foot or more high; with one to train it the vine

was lying on the porch floor, had grown up to the balcony & comes through. I was so busy this morning trying to put things in corn order, it is astonishing how dirty this old house gets when shut up even a few days.

I am so sorry you have that muscular chemistries, I can sympathize with you for I have had severe attacks of it, sometimes could not lie down without taking chloroform, by the way 20 drops of it swallowed, has often moderated my attacks & the hot iron too. Good mention of the hot iron treatment reminded me to try it on Reuben's arm & shoulder last night & he said it was a great help. He left us this morning to go to Lincoln. I hated to see him start for such a long & muddy ride. I thought I would help the horse along by asking for the Dr's cart for Reuben, 2 wheels are so much lighter than four. He has a car in court but there are no mares for this court that he may not come up, & his ride may be for nothing.

I was glad to hear how you were fixing yourself

one day. In 2
was in 9 out very
when I said he
but the first
time he ever had
up there, was in
Hawkins 2
day, I spent with
I saw George by
a great invitation
before hand. Henry
did not go up. I
want four more
yesterday they were
quite well. I met
Spit in a note to
How much love to
you all & kisses to
the children
Love
Mother.
This paper is awful
square the writing.

for summer. I saw some pretty white serge
suits in Tuskaloosa, (I mean not the stores) and
fast all sorts of beautiful ready made dresses,
& skirts. I wondered how people could afford to
pay such prices. I wish I could help you with
the children's sewing. How will you dress "Boyce"
this summer? I suppose he is too small for better
full trousers & a kind of sack jacket, worn
with a belt, that is the way Elinor dresses
her little boy but he is 5 years old, a healthy
specimen of a boy but he spoils, you remember
they lost their little girl about a year ago, &
to spoil the only child is quite natural but it
makes trouble for parents & every one else.
I did not fix up much to go to Tuskaloosa
for I did not intend to accept any invitations to
club meetings, embroidery circles, or any thing else.
I did not want to meet any but old acquaint-
ances, declined 2 invitations the first day of

To D. H. H. H.

ELV

April 29th 1909

My dear Son

I was so glad to have you
& Annie's letters when we reached home
& to hear all were better of the whooping
cough. I wish you were all with us but
the children particularly to enjoy the
nice weather, it is almost too warm when
one is expecting as I expect to be a little
later. Bolling gave us a stunning white
rose, & some one else a honey suckle & some
slips to be rooted, they must be put out
this evening, some weeds must be cleared
out first, they have grown as weeds ever
left home. Besides the flowers, your
father collected a coop of 14 birds & a
rooster, they came by express along with us,
quite a mixture of birds but all fine
large ones, 3 or 4 are brown Leghorns, 1

black Merroca + is on. The rooster is
a fine through bred Rhode Island Red,
+ there are 3 pullets equally as good. I am
determined to try + have some fine eggs
from them. He enclosed a nice little yard on
the old garden from the fig tree to the postings
they are all in there for the present, the
yard was made for the expected little
turkeys but owing one of them were drowned
before the old turkey came off with them.
25 chickens were hatched, but only 15
remain, + a calf died the night we left,
it seems we just have to lose a calf
every winter or spring I think it is the
Chumma berries that kill them.

It is dangerous that the children are so
different. I imagine Ben has all the energy
+ quick ways of his Father, + Louise perhaps
is like her grand father, the fact of their
being so different may be a help to both.
I hope your busy time will soon be over
+ that you can take some rest + recreation.

It was too bad you had to leave the winter.
I know how fond you are of good music.
While in Tashaloma I spent 3 days + 2
nights with Elvira + enjoyed the visit as
much. I fell quite in love with her husband.
They have a comfortable little home + get
along as nicely. Robert smokes the pipe +
feeds the horses, Glorina raises chickens (had
75) + takes care of the garden + horses. She
does not mind doing any thing, even to
hitching up the buggy if Robert has not
done it before leaving for the bank. They
keep only one servant, the cook.

Tashaloma has improved (I can't stand the
pencil any longer thought it would do better
than the pen) as much numbers of beautiful
houses have been put up, now, a Gov. S. A.
building, a government building, + 2 fine buildings
at the University, are in progress of construction.
The court house is a fine building comparatively
new. The grove in which aunt Brubaker lived
has not changed at all except that the house

was burned & there is a skating rink in the
grove. It seemed to me the cemetery has filled up
rapidly. Bollings' house is on that street not far
from the Spruce place & only 1 block from the
High school, very convenient for the children. Mrs
Littles called & I returned the visit, John Littles
wife & 2 children were there, she looks like a little
Dutch girl, all energy, & they say a fine manager.
The baby is fed by the clock & lies in his carriage
most of the day, at night he is put on the bed &
left to go to sleep without rocking.

Mrs. Proffert Morris called to see me, she is fat &
jolly & Proffert looks much better than he used to,
she made the money to build a nice house in
which they live. Well, I must stop & plant those
flowers, please both of you excuse the dreadful
writing, I never saw such paper, neither pen or
pencil will do well on it, with much love

Yours affec^t
Mother.

Bonito N. Mex.
May, 3rd 1909.

Dear Mother; -

Well I can't say just how I got so behind on my letters to you but there is so little to write about in this country to interest any one.

Have been working quite a bit yet there is little to show for itself. Made one trip prospecting for coal and that was successful now the next thing is to sell the location if possible.

Expect to go over on the flats to look at some land, I am on a trade for this tract of land I am now on - expect to get a

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house of the same (Loh) to come with
little or no implements for this place, but
can take up some adjoining lands
& the location is good a better than this
for the climate is better adapted for fruit,
not so cold, the fruit crop around here
is badly damaged tho as yet it is not
all killed.

According to reports Colorado fruit is
all gone also northern N. Mex.

Easter was a very quiet day on the creek
no services of any kind. Think the
foreign missionaries had better stay at home
in their own country & work there than the
risk of being butchered by Arabs &
Mohammedans - good field in the west - take
to put in their time.

Yours off. con. W. H. H.

or looking up the trees or
 some thing of that
 kind, before long the
 red bugs will come
 down on, I have at
 least one got
 I have seen this
 year & badly written
 letter, would love to you
 all. Come sweetest
 Mother,
 When, when you was
 in Kansas where was it
 that you spent the
 4 years before you
 were of West & 2 years
 other places, it was on
 the west. I come when.
 We had a discussion about
 the name of the place.

I just wish I had you all here
 today to enjoy the beautiful weather & the
 green scenery, every thing is so fresh & pretty, the
 little rains last night makes it cooler today
 but not enough so for a fire. It is a pity your
 work is such that you can't get off for a visit
 to us at this season, or in the new fall weather,
 summer time is too hot for you.

We had a treat in the way of a little visit
 from Fred on Sunday, he was returning from the
 Miss State Teachers Institutes at Maches, came
 on the morning train & left at 6 p. m. but

even that was better than no visit. The public
also paid his expenses for him to see what he
could do for the adoption of his Agriculture on
your farms. He told me he thought the prospects
were favorable. I hope they will adopt it. He was
looking well, but the baldness is extending towards
the back of his head very much, I am sorry for
that - he still talks of a summer session. He
says Frances is getting on finely at College & that
Frederic has grown either 2 or 3 inches I can't remember
which, since he entered. Bolling & I think the
Duggars are all getting so smart we don't know
what we will do with them.

There is as much noise among the quinces I think
the first egg of the season must have been laid.
We are finding no turkey eggs either. I stopped to
feed my 15 little chickens & the sun was so pleasant

I walked on to look at my 12 tomato plants, count
of them over a foot high, staked & trained I think
they should furnish a right good supply for the
table. I can't boast of any thing else, the garden has
literally been despoiled out. I reckon you are beginning
your garden now. Oh! don't tell you the wind
split our pretty back yard pear tree right - either
half is lying on the fence by the cabin & the other
half on top of the lumber room. Fred advised sawing
it off at once, but your Father says "no, I will prop it
up", sacrifices the tree for some nuts that may
possibly make on the broken parts, well, he has so
many trees coming on I suppose he can afford to
do it -

I have begun reading "A Spinner in the Sun"
by Myrtle Reed. Susan liked it so much she
wants me bring it home to read. I am afraid I will

became so interested that I well neglect other things. Did you ever read it? Maria said something about the proof of your book coming in, this must be the second book is it?

Barber left us Monday, quite well, but complaining a good deal of pains in his eyes. I think the trip to Linden was hard on them, where every thing is new & strange it is a greater effort to see & he gets nervous, frequently can't sleep & that is very bad for his eyes. I hope you are all feeling fine & enjoying the good weather.

I have not a particle of news for you, must go over this evening & hear from Mrs. Powell if there is any thing new going on. I think they are all too busy fixing for weddings to have the strawberry supper for the Baptist church that was talked of some time ago.

Tom & Father is out amusing himself watching the chickens.

[illegible]

is about 8 months. Papa is quite
proud of his eldest Grandson of
his name. Alice sent her Father
\$10.00 she made herself an Christmas
Lithology; & says he must spend
it in Shirts. She & her Mother & Amy
sent \$10.00 for a new hat. I send
these details for I know it will
interest you dearest. Sweet Darling
I hope you are all well & one little
the whispering cough. The weather
is warm this morning & I hope
it will be settled for a few days.
I am suffering. Alice will vex you
especially in my back & hand
dear. have just taken ^{an} Aspirin tablet
& shall take break fast; Did you

want some pieces of green felt
like the lamp & buttons. Aggie is very
well. but her nerves are depressed;
at Jack puts her off about paying
her bills - using her money for her
Automobile & Garage; but soon as
he will be able to think of his wife
& children; He thinks too much
of himself & neglects his quiet
life; & that is the trouble with her
for she is not extravagant; but
managing & generous hearted.
When we are able, she shall not
want; & he can cannot trouble what
her Father goes thru. She has no
stock out of even. at you & Helen
& Alice here, on the night last.

Come to help her out, but not one
share has been told yet, of the
New Hocks, but everything is making
way to this end: & we must wait
on God: who is waiting also on our
hearts being changed, & ready for
having our prayer answered. I have
just finished reading a beautiful
Sermon on that subject: Have you
heard when Leonora is to be married?
Charles said nothing in his letter
about a trip to Europe: but said he
was very busy. I must give her a hint
of a chance & one or more of the little
girls I long to see you all again.
"Papa" sends love & kisses also, & Miss
Mabel down to his "Lattie". Give your
loves to Mother.

better with such a fine
day. I love to go all
good night.
Your devoted
Mother.

May 13th 1909.

Dear Son

While waiting for breakfast
I will begin my letter, may have time to
finish after breakfast before leaving for
Lanesville. Your Father has at last consent-
ed to take one up there today, it is so
hard to get him to go any where now, he
just wants to stand & walk around, & amuse
himself, feeding the new chickens, watching
the turkeys & looking around the lots but I
think red bugs will soon put a stop to
that, they have come in small numbers but
when the cool weather is over there will be
any quantity. I was up unusually early
this morning, fed the little chickens & the

setting here, they will come off so early.
I was very glad to have your letter yesterday
morning, it seems a strange for cherry trees to be
just blooming when our first [the letter we
have] is quite large. The winds played the violin
with the fruit. My tomato plants will soon be
in bloom. Saturday the cook finished hoeing over
the upper garden & if we can get it plowed we
may have some vegetables from there this summer.
The Irish potato crop will be a failure, badly
put in to very rough ground & over run with
cocon & John. v. grass.

It is now convenient for you to have a garden
in your own lot. I somehow, spare moments can
be devoted to working it, & the girls can gather the
vegetables. I wish you could have some of the sea
dew berries we have three times a day, a 3rd

basket for 13th families as a good evening
meal, spread out on a large dish & placed at
an open window at night they keep well.

After breakfast - The buggy is out ready as I
can write some more. We have this morning
invitations to "Butter Collins" wedding on the
25th, the ceremony will take place at 5.30 p.m.
then there will be a reception before they leave on
the train. They must expect to have a crowd as
I heard 70 "brothers" would be needed as part of
the refreshments, ask Maria how she would like
to have that many chickens cooked at once?
Oh! my! people are so extravagant the brothers
alone will cost 14 dollars, but perhaps Mrs
Beauty Allen foots the bill. I will have to fix up
some kind of a wedding garment, but I
had rather stay at home. Remben was not

complaining of his eyes several days. I fixed up a
right nice dinner but he went to Ben's early
for a call & stayed to eat lamb, green peas, &
new Irish potatoes. Tom Patten is ready —
After supper. Well, if I did not have the
roughest ride to day that I ever had, from
the forks of the road to the top of the
Mountain till the road had been worked,
as some of it had been done some days ago
we got along pretty well in a walk but it
became rougher & rougher until the horses
could scarcely get along, we thought we would
turn back but finally concluded to go on,
seeing some hands ahead of us we felt
encouraged to go on, they told us they would
work no further than the hill where we
saw another squad but to get up that

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hill was simply terrible, the whole road seemed to have been plowed deeply & the tremendous clouds drawn to the center, it is a fine way to make a road after it is beaten down but awful until it is. Coming home we turned into Ben Collins field ^{near} ~~on~~ the main road near his home, about a mile or two out of our way. We found aunt Bullock sick in bed, they tried to phone us last night but could get no answer so we did not know it until we reached there. She painted the dining room walling it affected her as it does painter some times. I wish she could realize that such jobs are too hard for her now. Mr Harris looks well but has little strength. Lucy has her hands full taking care of her Mother &

Father & the household affairs, garden, chickens,
 pigs & bees, besides her patches of goshus &c for
 her pigs. We have a letter from Bolling tonight,
 he is as anxious to get Slenny to Fairhaven in
 Dr Somerville's place, the latter wants him to
 come & promises to do what he can to help
 him get into practice. I saw what Slenny wrote
 now I thought he had no idea of making the
 move. I don't know what he writes Bolling.
 I think his light has been hid under a
 bushel long enough, he had better get out of
 the pines, but I have not tried to influence
 him. Fred writes that Ambrose & Ellwytze
 have been baptised, a great revival has been
 going on in Auburn.
 It is time to bring to a close this disconnected,
 badly written letter, it is impossible to do any

Monday I would like
to much to go down
to church but your
father would never get
off a time. Please
excuse this blot,
they have just gotten
on there & I don't
know how. Once
father joins me in
love to you all his
those father children
for me
Your devoted
father.
21st 1909.

It is late but perhaps I can write
some before dark, or your father calls me to strain
the milk. Our cook has been sick all this week &
he milks the cow once a day, sometimes in the
morning & then again at night just as the notion
takes him. This has been a cloudy day but only a
drizzle of rain at times, two days we had rain &
yesterday evening there was a sudden cool change. I
had to make a fire, but this evening it is pleasant
on the porch. Your father is on a hunt for some
seed he had, as they are not to be found he thinks
I have "moved" them, that is the way all the time,
he is continually hunting for something, turning every

thing up side down, it is a great pleasure to him
to expect things - A buggy of noisy girls is passing,
some strangers who have come for the weddings
perhaps. Hattie's comes off next Tuesday. The paper
hangers have been doing a good business around here
getting houses, & the church ready. They are now fixing
Dr. Well Benders office, or rather room, he will not
practice that I know of, says he is going to make
himself comfortable. At one time we thought we
would have the dining room walls fixed but have
concluded not to.

I wrote you of our visit to aunt Melville, have had
two notes from her since, she was up, but not at all
well. Lucy is trying to carry on every thing.

Fred wrote me of the burning of a large students board

ing house at Auburn, Mrs. Mitchels, of all the
boys only three saved their trunks, lost every thing they
held. You may remember this place, an old fashioned
house in the cedars outside the western limits of
the town & beyond the Harris place. Fred took 2 of the
boys to stay with them until commencement is over,
17 was quite a number to find places for in a town
already crowded. Slewing is learning to shoot, is killing
all the rice birds he can on the experiment grounds, they
are destroying the small grain to such an extent that
others have been given permission to shoot them. He is a
little fellow to be hearding a gun. Ambrose is timid &
does not care to shoot but Slewing is not afraid of any
thing. He & Ambrose were baptised Fred wrote me, I don't
know whether the other children have been or not, they
don't often mention any thing about their church to
me, I have not had a letter from Slewing in connection,

Bolling is still insisting on his going to Tarkenton.
I think I must enclose Warr's last letter, let you
see what he is doing. I am glad he has an idea of
being in a little more pleasant climate, but it looks as
if he will make Mr. Orr his home.

What is Maria doing now, working on the childrens
summer clothes? I wish I were near & could help.

How is your garden, after the frequent rains one has
the appearance of a meadow almost ready for
mowing, we could not get the plowing done after it
was hoed. Reuben left us Monday morning when
the rain stopped, something has been catching his
chickens & the few little turkeys he had, so he had
to take them in a room in the house & try to
revive them there, but I don't think he can.

Mr. Matthews will begin a mission in Hamadale

May 24/09.

My dear Mother,

I think I
have had two letters from
you since writing, and
have intended to do so
for several days, but it
has been postponed on
account of interruptions
at night.

I am exceedingly sorry
for interest. I had to remind
Mr. Knox several times
of it, but he is so forgetful,
and this is the busy season.

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He promised to be in town
with the next payment. No,
our Hospital stores business
is not about to fail, but
on the contrary, is in better
shape than before, in spite
of the low prices.

I have had two letters from
cousin Bessie urging me
to come to Escalosa at
once. I have promised to
go and look over the place
as soon as I can get away.
It may be two weeks before
I can do that. Have two cases
I cannot well leave just
now. Both Ed and I are

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very anxious to go to Tuscaloosa
to live, but to pick up and
get there at makes very dif-
ficult to do. My savings have
been so closely invested when
everything was prosperous, but
with the panic and deferred
payments, I have been held
very close in a financial
way, and now I could not
expect to pay expenses in several
months and maybe a year, so
I have been looking around
closely to see where the means
was to come from before I
made this step. I am not
positive yet that I can make
these arrangements until the

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latter part of the year.

Cousin Bessie has come
you so far as to see Dr. Sum-
merville and get the refusal
of his office. This would be
be all a outrage of course
and I understand the location
of the office is a good one.

I asked Cousin B. Turci what
time D. S. expected to leave
Tuscaloosa, but he has not
answered my question—
perhaps Father can tell
me.

We are having through the first
good rain in fully a month.
It has been so dry that gardens
in this upland are about

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Mixed up, our Lac showed
great signs of distress and is
very backward.

The cow is holding out very
well, giving up about two
gallons of milk a day. Our
Cook cannot milk, so I am
still the milker. We use
about all of the sour milk
and all the butter we can
spare, but being milker,
I take liberties with the cream
I never did before.

Ida is busy with a lot of
sewing in anticipation of a
little trip this summer.

Our boarders left last

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week to begin housekeeping
for themselves. we feel some-
what relieved. tho I sh. will
miss them when I am out
at night. We will try to get
the Cook to stay in the place
at night.

Will write you about Tuscaloosa
more fully in my next. must
close now. Adieu pour m
in love,

Your devoted son,
Lewis.

morrow evening. I hope you
will believe that it is with
great sorrow that I find
myself obliged to renounce
the pleasure of seeing you
and of making the ac-
quaintance of the Dixie Club.
I have been looking forward
to the evening.

I am, with kindest regards,
Your sincere

Parker Brothers.

May 25, 1909.

To Mrs. Luggar
per May 25, 1909
107 College Place,
Ithaca, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Luggar,

I have only
just learned the news of the
death on Sunday of my
Grandfather. I fear that
I must beg, on this account, that
you forgive my absence
from your dance to-

for me & gives them
my best love, with a
full share for Annie &
young Sam
Your devoted
Mother.

May 30th 1909.

My dear Son

I was thinking yesterday it was
time for me to write you but I was very busy &
did not do it, am glad I did not for this
morning I have your very acceptable letter. We
too have had a great deal of dampness, & rain
in quantities but have kept very well through
it. I am glad lying in bed a few hours cut
short your griping feelings. Annie's remedy was
more pleasant. She still likes to have "little
practices" I see, well it is not so much trouble
when one can get refreshments already prepared.

One of our neighbors tried ordering "bricks" ice cream from Birmingham but it did not cover our this morning's train as expected & they had to turn us & make it at home. That was for Hattie's wedding. Mrs Joe has ordered the same way for Virginia's wedding. I hope she will not be disappointed too. Blanche will be married at church & have no reception, already a number of his relatives, (the grocers) have arrived & the Davies family is trying to the utmost to entertain them, Mrs "Bob Wood" will take some to help them out. The baptist church has been prepared in 3 shades of green for the wedding.

It is unfortunate that Ernest Collins lost his little girl last week, it will sadden them all at Mrs Joe Collins'. She died in Gaumore at her grand Father Ward's. You can hardly imagine what

a spell of weather we have had. Reuben left here Wednesday morning to go to New Mrs Fadden's for some Albion corn to plant, expecting to get back to Mitchellton that evening, there had been a good deal of rain before that, & the creek was high, a tremendous rain came that evening & raised the creek so he could not get back until yesterday 12 o'clock (Saturday) Every day or night there was more rain. He went on home & I am afraid will not get back to dine with us today. New Mrs Fadden gave him fried chicken three times a day, was sit that feasting for a man who lives on midling & can bread at home. We surprised him one evening last week, stopped him out of a storm, he was taking a late dinner, except to him was a dish with some cabbage & onions in it, I did not see any meat (perhaps he had eaten the three put away for him) on the table was a large

tin pans of clabber, which he dipped out with a
tea spoon into a glass, the plate of corn bread had been
nearly demolished, the whole was lighted by a lamp
without a chimney, now is it that dining! He says he
cant use a chimney he breaks them so fast. We
had been to Decapolis & as several of our friends lingered
too long, unmindful of the gathering clouds, my
warnings were of no avail. When the storm was over
we came our home. We had a most cordial reception
from Mrs. Fournes, she invited us our dining with
her as we went down town for a while & returned to
dinner. She has a fine house, large lot & garden, &
it would do you good to see the massive mahogany
furnitures in parlor, sitting room & dining room, every
thing so pretty & convenient. The house is built on the
northern plan, hall, parlor & sitting room can be thrown
into one. I never was out at home nor either of the

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boys, with all their money she has no comfort in either of the boys. I hear each one of the family has an income of 1800 a year, a pretty good living isn't it! I would sit mind having as much myself. I would run up to see you every summer.

Mrs Powell has just sent me a basket full of scraps I must stop & put on some for dinner. I wish I could send you half of them.

Please excuse all these blots, I turned over the ink stand & in my anxiety to save the table cover, blotted my letters I can't write it over. I am nervous today. My cook has been sick two weeks & I am doing all the work, yesterday & the day before it was extra heavy. I had to churn, make plum preserves & jelly & the usual Saturday's cake in the two days. For recreation I made Mrs Powell a visit in the

afternoon. The paper hangers had partly papered
the office, & the hall up stairs & down, & left,
workmen are there these days!

After supper - Benben came just before dinner,
brought me a large head of cabbage, some English
peas, onions, as beet, & some lettuce from his
garden, says the vegetables are standing in water,
that is a low wet spot.

I will enclose Henry's last letter as he never writes
to you & it will give you some idea of how he
feels about going to Tuscaloosa. The check he
mentioned is the interest on some money I loaned
him & Mrs Knox in their turpentine business.
It was so hard to get this interest that I wrote
to know if the company had failed.

I hope the weather will soon be settled & that
the children can enjoy playing out, this time

you now must be going fairly
quickly, we have so fine
perfect for central spots, all in
full bloom. Aunt included
containers to house these spots that
weaken his very much. Many
write that Andrew &
Stanley want to come
down very soon. I advised
them to wait a week for
the roads to smooth down,
they actually creep, into from
Mr. to 2 feet deep. We had to
keep the horses out as well as
nearly all the way yesterday.
Miss H. is chills for me,
with much love to them,
Mrs. & yourself
Yours devoted
Mother.

this afternoon. It is not a satisfactory arrangement, but it was that, or none. I thought any thing to keep me out of the kitchen, the weather is getting hot & I am not feeling strong.

Well, Reuben came up yesterday & went with us to the 3rd wedding of the season, Virginia Collins'. The marriage took place at home at 5 o'clock P. M. Altho the evening was threatening there was no rain & every thing was over & we at home before sunset. I was so glad on Reuben's account because he can't see to go out at night. Virginia was married in white silk or satin & after congratulations disappeared to change to a travelling dress, they left on the evening's train for Shrewsbury, New Street's home.

Plates of chicken salad, beef trimmings, crackers, olives & pickle were passed around to the guests

in dining room, on the porch, & any where.

There brick ice cream, cut in slices, with a square of iced cake was handed, quite an informal affair.

Presents were numerous & many very handsome.

I think I wrote of Blanchie's wedding & Fred Gore

Rice burial the same day. Such a string of joy & sorrow as ~~passed~~ came to our notice in 2

weeks! Hattie's wedding, the death of Ernest Collins little girl, the wedding & funeral mentioned above.

That was on Thursday, on Saturday we were shocked

to hear of the suicide of Madeline Blake, & on

Sunday of the death of New Jimmy Bonvick

at his home near Livingston & yesterday the

wedding, did you ever hear of any thing like it!

Madeline shot herself because the man she was engaged to, sent her an invitation to his marriage to another girl. It was cruel in him to inform

her that way was not it? I think she was very foolish to kill herself for such a man, she had better been glad to get rid of him. It is a terrible loss to her friends. Oh, these are terrible times! Life seems of no value.

Henry wrote me he decided to move to Peshawar - to practice medicine, he went up at Bollings invitation to look around, was so pleased, he rented Dr Somerville's office right there & hopes to move about the 15th.

He said he was surprised at the interest & sympathy expressed at his coming, & Dr Somerville volunteered to express publicly his approval of his coming.

Henry will board for some time. He has sold one of his houses, will take the other one with him. I think it a good move. Perhaps I wrote you Dr Somerville will go to Mumpries. I expect the children are having a nice time out of doors now & I think your

of Richard could go, he can't see to go out at night. We were
back I know before sunset.
I have not told you that
Virginia's bottom was the
girl married. They took the
evening train for Shreveport
where the groom lives. The
train is not it as awful
I sent by registered mail
Saturday an apron for Louise. I hope it will
be large enough, but am afraid the strap
across the back is too short, send in three
pieces of the material for you to make another
if it is. If the apron is too small to wear
over her dress I think she might wear it
warm days over her Petticoats to play around
in. If I had had Boyie's pattern would
have made him a dress if he wears
dresses - he is not but 2 years old is he?
I
Dorothy Mother.
Square two envelopes.

can't keep up with their ages, & it is hard
to imagine about how large they are.

What are you busy about these long days?
they are long & how come to me, no one to
talk to, I get so sleepy, I can't read, or sew,
with any satisfaction, have just had a few
minutes nap. Yesterday was particularly lousy.
Rembow did not come up as he usually does &
I was afraid he was sick, tried to get the Dr
drive me up to Middleton this morning but
he would not. It is true the road is terribly
rough but I thought it was softened some by
the rain yesterday evening, & that we could
get along. The rains keep the grass growing &
the planters are trying to get all the hoe beans
they can. I am so afraid my work will be

induced to leave, she has half the day now.
We have early dinner & let her off. If I had
the conveniences you northern folks have I would
not mind cooking so much.

I am expecting a letter every mail saying when
Ashbrow & Stewellyn will be down for a visit
to me, after their visit the girls will come.

Wm Stewellyn must be hard at work now
preparing up for the move to Tuskatunga, he
wrote he would move about the 15th. It is quite
a venture, but we all hope it may be for his
good, he has lived among piney woods people long
enough. I am sure he will enjoy being with nice
people, he said so much interest was shown in
his coming that he felt encouraged. I see Dr
Somerville was on the Shannon that was

wrecked but all passengers saved. I think Dr. Mrs Brownell was taking over quite a party from Truckloads.

We went to the wedding on the 9th a home affair, the bride looked well, & the presents were numerous & handsome, but I think it was the stupidest entertainment I ever attended, the reason was the members of the family were taken up with serving refreshments & getting the bride off, & there was no one to entertain, or rather look after the entertainment of the guests. Chicken salad, a beaten biscuit 2 or three crackers, olives & pickle constituted the first course, after much delay sliced raw cream (pink & white) & squares of plain cake was served. The cream was from Birmingham & certainly was delightful. I was as glad it was day time

3552 Eltham Chicago Ill

June 10th 1909

My sweet Mame

Your dear interesting
letter Papa & I enjoyed so much.
I feel so proud of my youngest
daughter's share & taste in her
social entertainments. Indeed so
I would have enjoyed being with you
and a broken one at once at a partake
of your elegant dinner. How much
we know also of her "Molly". I am
for Mrs George Williams with much
pleasure. She met Mrs Boardman
Judge Boardman's daughter & I gave
her my recipe for making Marmalade.

Papa to & Mr. Williams were very
good friends; "Papa" told him the
"Alhambra Incident" which he brought
with him from Spain, I never
cared much for Mrs. Henry Williams
the nat. stuff & old maidish in
manner; Mr. H. John, also "Papa"
knew very well. I, too, I don't know
for the dance, I remain deeply tall
in two weeks from the best of families
in Illacoa but don't remember her.
As darling, he's me in your mouth.
of Mrs. John. is she being; the nat.
a Mrs. Langley & a sweet friend of
mine; I called her the only aristocrat
of the city, at her father was a King
not the only one in Illacoa.

He used to bring me the papers from
"Mrs. Rachel" - she was mother of the
Anguinos - she was arriving in
New York, Mrs. Langley was also a
dear old lady; Prof. Schickel was
also a pleasant acquaintance of
mine. He married Miss Guenot;
he wanted to marry me - but I
told him I would not be second
to a certain "flood" in the city; Mrs.
Deane took him then, "Lot's"
came in to visit us this afternoon
the 11th looking much & pretty; I wish
for me the "little boy blue"; I wish
you would study eloquence & speak
up some of the "functions" & oblige
some of those provincial women.

you were thankfully & gratefully & talent. They cannot equal
you in it, for you are born to it.
Aggie is sweet & very pretty. Kitty
& family have gone quitting with
Mr. W. Brown has a good position
in Minneapolis. I don't think Aggie
will go to South Haven this summer,
"Dot" & "Jack" had a fine little day celebration
on Saturday. Alice sent "Dot" a
very pretty white dollad dress. Mother
sent, "Fapa" sends you much
love & many kind wishes. & wishes
he could see you dear help again.
He is looking well & is cheerful;
Love & kisses to you & the two little
daughters; & to remember me to all who
know me; & write soon again to
your old devoted mother "Nance"

Blossom Adhered to Jan. 24th, 1909 letter



Prairie View Ala

June 24th 1909-

Dear Ben:- Some how, as the years increase upon me, I find that my fingers are not as pliable as formerly and writing tires them. -

Today Max Low is busy in his house keeping arrangements, as we expect some of the smaller tribe from Auburn to spend a week or two at old "Bamboo". The two younger boys, Ambrose & Llewellyn should be here on the one-thirty train - noon - Fred possibly may be along too - I suppose he is afraid to trust them by themselves, and we hope he may decide to stay over also, unless this is a busy time at the Polytechnic. These two boys are getting along pretty well in their studies at home, and very helpful to mother & father.

that Fred & Fannie have two child^{ren}
so large & advanced in studies
as to enter Freshman & Sophomore;
Frederic is now passed Freshman -
(with much distinction) - and Frances
will enter the Polytechnic in the
Freshman class next session. I ac-
tually believe it would be better to
let Frederic rough it somewhere
in the country as I fear for his
physical well being, - his ambition
to learn things is ahead of powers
of endurance. I remember well
- in your bringing up - it was all we
could do - to hold you back -
it is astonishing with what a
forced capacity Frederic puts into
that drilling exercise - carrying one
of these heavy guns they use at
College, - it must be oppressive with
those thick clothes on. Everything at
Commencement time went off with
glad. Every body was pleased with the
outgoing successful year, and each

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Complimented the other.

I am just in receipt of a batch of College literature of the "Marion Institute" from Col J. T. Murfee (with his compliments.) In some way I find he is greatly my friend, and admirer of the successful progress of "our boys". - High honor & deserved recognition has been accorded him for his long & distinguished service to the cause of Education, and thus he is receiving an annuity from the Fund of the Carnegie Foundation Funds. - &c.

Yesterday was a dry day with only a thunder cloud in the distance. We had all sorts of weather & happenings here for the past several weeks, 3 weeks of rain - three funerals and 3 marriages - a real Epidemic. - A violent contrast with the present state of affairs. Farmers are far behind.

We certainly appreciate the pictures of your little boy - B. M. Jr looks fine, the picture with the dog in the foreground - as the artists say - gives out great expressions, the little fellow with his hand to his mouth looks the boy over again - makes you look twice to ~~see~~ him good.

The move to Tuska³ by Llewellyn we think is the best yet for him - he comes to Tuskalooza with a great deal of promise - the outlook is thoroughly good.

My letter missed the evening train so - I put in again to say that Fred & the two boys did come - & besides, this afternoon, as we were driving to Mistake Park - we met Llewellyn on the road in a mud buggy coming from Danapolis! - His wife was on a visit to some friends, everything at Wagon was packed & on the way to Tuskalooza, & he took passage on an up going Steamboat for D. - thence out to spend a night with us - so with Reuben, Fred, Llewellyn & 2 little Duggons we have 7 in the House tonight.

Speaking on I shall say nothing about progress - we have not told you that another Duggon has come out in Tuska³ for Louise D.D. (Bobbings dau!) graduated with the highest honors at her Academy (The Tuska³ High School). - And will enter the University of Ala as a Co-ed. - &c. - At supper time as all seven took their seats it was a goodly sight. With love to all of your Household I must say good night -
Eileen O.C. &c. (Mr Father affectionately)