

Dec 11 1899

Gaffney, SC

Mrs. Jane E. R. Hoover
Ranaleburg
N.C.

Dear sister

I Drop you a few lines to let you no that we are all well and hope this will find you all the same. Harty is coming over to see you During the holidays an he wants you to write as soon as you get this & tell him your nearest Depot, also if you can meet him at Depot. he will write you what Day he will arrive there is no news here that would interest you every thing is Dull. he can give you all the Details of this country when he comes over.

Your Brother
Bank

Spartanburg, S.C.
Feb. 9, 1901

Dear Mother and All

I will write I know you are anxious to hear. We arrived yesterday Eve at one. We got here All O. K. found all well, We met a nice gentleman on the train. He commence talking to us. I was very careful how I talk to strangers. But he was a perfect gentleman, and he asked where we was going to and we told him. And he got off at Spartanburg too, and said if he could be of any service to us he woud with pleasure. We thanked him. And he was very much use to us, and so since he seemed to take a grate interest in us, we told him LimeS___ was where you went to school. He said he was a real ladys man. I never will forget him. He lives about three miles from here, he knows all of Spartanburg. He is a business man, came down to the bank. He said if he ever was in NC he was going to see you. He asked us how long we was going to stay, I told him we did not know exacly. I think he is a man of money, he seemed to talk that way. He said he would like to call around to see us and Aunt Mary said we would be please to see him, Well Mama Annie and I went up street to give my check as Willie would not get off till dark. I seen Watt S___ on the street car, but I did not make my self known. But I think he knew me, but dont say any thing about me seeing him. Have you heard from Eva! I hope she is all O.K. We came down on to Local it was to leave 10 30 but the train was all late. I heard some one said they had a reck the day before. We got on with a lady she was going to S. C. I think. I will be satifised I am now any, I think I could get a store, but I would not make as much. We will go to work Monday. Tell Mamie I will sure write and tell her all the perticlars. when I get started. I can not tell of corse till I get to work, but I will tell her soon what I will do. Tell Mr P___ I said I never would forget is kindness. tell him we are O.K. I like Aunt Mary and all the children they are real kind to us. I feel like I am at home. Tell Phill all the girls thinks his Photo is grand, said he must come over. I will close please excuse all mistakes for I am in a big hurry. Write as soon as you get this so we can hear from you all. We will look for a ans— soon. Aunt Mary was real glad to get the front. Tell you she appreciated it. Tell Mamie I will write to her real soon. Aunt Mary and all join in love to you all. Your Aff Daughter Free Love. Excuse all mistakes. Write real soon.

Feb the 9 1901

Dear Mother I will write a few lines to let you know that we got here all OK I like Spartenburg ever so much. I think I will like the mill. We will go to work Monday the girles said they thought we ought to rest untill Monday. Well Free told you about the gentleman we met he sertainly was a friend to us he was a Father to us he said he was coming to see us if he lived. he got our names he asked how long we was going to stay he said he was coming around to see us Aunt Marry told him you was a mighty nice lady he said he did not know her but he new that she had two mighty nice girles Well I do sertainly love Aunt Marry and her famley I feel at home allready Aunt Marry said to tell Mamie to be a good girl and not get lonesome.

Well I will close as Free told evrything they all say I look like Annie the one cousin Harty said I looked like Aunt Marry said she thought I was Annie this morning.

Your loving daughter
Elineta

(Written in the top margin of a page)
Elenita and Freeloves first letter to me Feb 1st 1901

Fort Mill S.C.

Sept the 21st , 1907

Mrs Freelove Perry

Dear Sister

I will try to answer your letter. I don't have much time to write now. I am working in the mill. I am so tired when I get out.

I hope this will find you all well. I haven't been to say well for quite a while.

Freelove, I will try and tell you when Phillip died. He died at 10 ten min past 11 eleven tuesday night the 3 third of Sept. and they sent the telegram off wensday morning at a bout 7 are ½ past 8 oclock and the furnel was at 4 he was burried at 3 Wensday evening the 4 of sept.

Phillip taken sick on a friday night and I got a Dr the night he taken sick and I had Ellit for a week too and three times a day. then I wasn't satisfied and got Dr Kirkpatric he come twice a day. no medicine did Phill any good.

George is getting along all rite now if they can just keep him from eating to much.

Well I wish I could write more but its getting late. I will close will write more next time. Write soon to your aff sister Minnie

Written on letterhead:
Office of City Superintendent of Coalgate Public Schools
John Scrugham, B.S. Superintendent
Robert Bradley, Principal of East School
Frances M. Lyle, Principal of West School
Clara L. Morse, Principal of High School

Coalgate, Caddo Okla., Oct 14 1910

Dear Jane

Your letter was indeed a very great and pleasant surprise. And after so many years of silence I have wonder how you ever thought of me. You may be another hold for me, on the dear old loved people. So often I have written & inquired of dear aunt Alie & all failed to write me. Fannie Corry has promised to go see her & write me a long letter, but she has left Gaffney & I gave up hearing that way, & now you have so kindly thought of me, perhaps you will tell me of her. Does she look old & broken, who lives with her, how is she cared for & by whom. Where are her boys & both the dear girls are no more. I loved Alice & Sarah. They felt so near to me. Will & Kit were small when I left there, but they too were dear to me. Tell me of them. I heard but not the particulars that Will had lost his mind – now how did it happen – what was the cause – I heard he had been a financial success, was he dissipated or in poor health – what could have caused such a calamity? Write on in full & tell me every thing, where is Kit & how prospering? Tell me all if you do not know ask aunt Alie to tell you. How many children have you? Where are your 2 brothers? Tell me of Sam & Nedenia Bass. Tell me of the McArthurs. Is cousin Nancy living. She is nearly 100 I expect. Does Evelina Magness live at Gaffney? How many children has she & what does her husband do? Do you know anything of the Curtis family. Is grandmother's old home still standing? It makes me said when I begin to count the dear old people that have passed away. I feel as if I am almost alone. Joe, my youngest boy said not long ago Ma don't you want to go back to S.C. If you do I'll take you, but it would be a sad visit. Thirty odd years has made changes in people & locations. How old are you? How old is aunt Alie? When did Mrs. Lockhart go back to Gaffney. We have been looking & hoping that she would stop off with us on her return from Nebraska when she went with her sister Florence. We all liked Mrs. Lockhart very much & we talked so much about her visit that Dora my niece who was here on a visit from Brady, Tex. wished to meet her. Tell her that I am expecting a letter from her or Lizza & not to forget us. Mary is teaching in So. McAlister. Missie is at Brady with Dora. I have not heard for several years from aunt Nan Otterson, she if living is at Long Beach Miss. & aunt Addie lived near her. Now I will hope for a long letter & trust you can reply very soon. Mr. Lyle was quite sick for 8 months but is well now. Love to all friends & with love & best wishes for yr. self.

I am yr. friend M. C. Lyle

Fort Mill, S.C.
Nov. 8th, 1910

Mrs. Jane E. Hoover
Gaffney, S.C.

Dear Mrs. Hoover

do hope you will excuse me for being so long in answering your kind letter I recd some time ago. Would have wrote long before now but got your letter misplaced and for gotten the adress that the reason I have delayed in writing to you and I have been real sick for a week or moor in fact we all about sick with the colds. hope this will find you all well. I was certainly glad to hear from you. When you are in Fort Mill be shure to come to see me will be awfull glad to see my old friends and write me a letter real soon. I shall not be as long answering as I was this time. Nothing new in the city of Fort Mill. Everything very quite. Grace sayes tell Miss Mammie to write her a letter. She will be so glad to hear from her. She is going to school every day likes to very much. they have moved in the new School Building now. it is a nice place. Well as I haven't much news this time will close hoping you will excuse me for being so long in writing to you but I have stated my reason why. So please let me hear from you real soon. do write me and let me know if you gotten my letter. With best respt to all I am your true friend

Lizzie Erwin

May 25, 1918
#130
Col. S.C.

Dear Mother,

I received a letter this a.m. saying they had wrote letters to you and wanted to know why you all will never reply to letters. Tis to hard for me to be treated so hartless by you especially now I got my kind Dr. J. F. Munnerlyn to write to Brother Tom to see if he can or will come to see me. Malcolm Birds only son is o'er here at Camp Jacksons Col. Malisa is a trained nurse in Presbyterian Hosp in Charlotte S C. Ellen married an old man two youngest is with there Grandpa Coldwell at Monroe. Do please tell me how George is also Frank too? I would write all but don't know there address. Elineta's husband has a cousin in here a patient she lives near Spartanburg. I stayed on ward with her she is a very nice lady. Do you ever see Mrs. Gussie she used to write me such long nice letters said if she could do anything for me to let her know. I'm going to write her soon. Please write to me also to my Dr. too. I have been sick but am getting better only I am so weak & nervous. I have kind Nurses & the best Dr in the world. Dr. Munnerlyn said he would be glad to see me get out now write you will meet me at Spartanburg I can come by myself state to Dr what day & what train you can best meet. I can get on st car & come out to Clifton. Then you will not have far to come. I'm able to do light work & can wait on myself. I'll be no trouble to you & if you want me to come back in one month or 3 I will come back on same hoper I go out on. Do let me know how all are.

Yours lovingly
N. E. Hoover

Notes:

1. N. E. Hoover is probably Nanie Eva Hoover. She apparently did not marry. [Donna J. Johnson]
2. In the 1920 census, Dr. Joseph F. Munnerlyn was enumerated as the head of the State Hospital for the Insane in Columbia, Richland County, South Carolina. [Donna J. Johnson]
3. Presbyterian Hospital is in Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. [Donna J. Johnson]

New Brookland
S.C.

Dear Cousin Jane

Don't think I have forgotten you all. I think of you and family all the time and how good and kind you all were to me. All of us are doing well except – Dan seems to take cold so easy, he has out four teeth but he looks well. I send you two handkerchiefs. I got a letter from Birdie today. She says that her and Clyde are both well. How is Cousin Logan and all of the rest of the family and yourself. By this time I am suffering with my teeth but two big a coward to have them drawn. I am so tired I will close unless I will go to sleep over this. Remember me to all and give my love to the girls. Write soon.

With love I am as ever your aff.

Cousin,
Lizzie

Address
Mrs. E. G. Cayce
New Brookland
S.C.

Notes:

This letter is undated. [Donna Joy Johnson]

A Memorial Record
for the
Friends & Relatives of
Mrs. Freelove Hoover Perry

Born July 7, 1880
Passed Away May 25, 1952

Services Held At
Shuford-Hatcher Funeral Home

Clergymen
Rev. Frank E. Morris
Dr. R. A. MacFarland

Music By
Mrs. D. E. Hudson
Mrs. Stuart Mooney
Claude Vassy
W. J Work

Accompanist
Mrs. Billy Hatcher

Interment
Providence Church Cemetery

Pallbearers
Milton Lisk
Tom Lipscomb
Wallace Humphries
Tommy Young
Guilford Melton

Survivors
Husband
M. C. Perry

Sons
Logan Perry
Ralph Perry
Ruben Perry

Daughters
Mrs. Jane Gillam
Mrs. Ernest Denison

10 Grand Children