

June<sup>th</sup> 14 1872

Miss Jane

I will (come?) By for you in the morning if you want to go pleas B(-?) B(irdy?)

Respefully

S Logan Hoover

Fair Forest SC  
Jany 6 1872

Miss Jannie E. R. Perry

I received your letter some time ago accompanied with that of Mrs. Davidsons. But I had already taken Steps Through the Legislature from our county to compensate you & Miss Adams. I now send you a certificate from the Trustees. I now think as I told there would be no difficulty in your getting your money. I will also write Mr. Davidson by Tuesdays mail explaining the causes. Laura will write on the balance of sheet and give you particulars as to health &c

Yours Respectfully  
Jasper Gibbs

Dear Miss Jane

I hope you will not attribute my apparent neglect to any want of love for your or appreciation of your kind letter. I have been very busy since the reception of your letter but I wanted Jasper to get some word from Columbia in reference to your school friend and then the Trustees kept him waiting on them for the certificate you wrote for. All of which is my apology for delay. Christmas is now over. There was not much amusement in the neighborhood. The weather was unfavorable. We gave a social party the 26th. Entertained about 40 persons. All seemed to enjoy themselves very well.

Chloe Wilbourn and brother were over here in short time after you left. Were disappointed when they learned you were gone. She said I must tell you of it when I wrote and send her love with the message. Father returned Christmas week had a pleasant and speedy trip West. Left grandma well. Father was successful I collecting 700 in gold of the money willed ma by her brother. Will not get the 1000 until next Fall. Fathers embarrassment is such that ma is using this to buy their own homestead. Addie is anxious to go with Sallie to Spartanburg, but I think they will not be able. Grandma proposes to educate Johnie if Father will send him to Texas. Judson is still with the same firm will get 300 and board for this year. I will have but the one boarder as I know of. Think there will be little prospect for School here another year. The Store causes me to have a great deal of company.

I keep my same servants for the year. Pay Aunt Nellie 5.00 more than last year.

Aunt Betsy and family are well. She speaks in high terms of you. I hear nothing of Cooney getting married.

Mrs. Greenleaf and Luther were here the night of our party. Were making inquiries concerning your welfare. Mattie and Minnie are both quite well except Minnie Eyes which are sore from cold. Uncle Churchill is again quite low with delirium attacks like he had last year. I think he will get over it again though his physicians think it very uncertain. Sallie is very anxious to try Spartanburg has not been troubled much with books since you left.

Dr. Murphy's oldest son is to be buried today at the Presbyterian church in the village. Ellen Williams brags on Matties progress while under your instruction.

Mattie says tell Dassy (Darrie?) Mr. Mc. gives her candy every day he's pretty and she loves him. Dr. Rogers still in prison. No more arrests in the neighborhood but are still on

the "look out." I have bought me a Black Velvet hat trimmed with Green Plum and Black Edging & not very fine.

Write soon and give me all the news. Did Dr. P. take Johnie with him to Texas.

I will direct this to Winnsboro from whence it can be forwarded if you have left. I remain your true friend.

Laura G.

Mr. Hoover,

After my kindest regards, if is convenient, Mr. Blankenship requests you to carry me to Charlotte tomorrow, as he can not go at this time, my business for my-self, and Mrs. B\_\_\_ is of an important nature to us. Do not put yourself to any unnecessary trouble though, to accommodate us.

Yours Respectfully  
J. E. Perry

July 5th, 1872

New Orleans, March<sup>th</sup> 16, 1873

My dear Niece

I received your kind letter of Jan. 13 for which I am very much oblige to you & Mr. Hoover for the information it contained, but it was the same money you told me about when at my house, it has been received long ago. I would have answered your letter sooner, but Mr. Moore has been very sick.

Do tell me what has become of your father and Brothers, what part of Texas have the Boys gone to. I wish they had taking my place, now the railroad runs with 1 ½ miles of the place and I do not wish to sell. I wish I could get some good family to take it, we would go over ourselves but have not the means. Don't you or your Husband know of any good man who would like to move to Texas, they can have my place on any terms they wish, as I would like to do something with it. I have not been very well for sometime, I feel very bad. Did I ever tell you poor Eliza was dead? My children are very well & send a kiss to you. Burling says he wishes he could visit you, I wish I could visit you this summer. Do take time and answer my letter soon, for I am always glad to hear from you & family. Mr. Moore sends his Love to you. Give our kind regards to Mr. Hoover. Give my Love to Miss L. Moss. Ever your affectionate Aunt, Laura A. Moore

P. S.

As I am sick at home & have time I thought I would say a few words in Laura's letter. Why don't you write oftener to her, as you well know she has no time to write much to you. Dear Jane I have got to be an old man since you left here, and I am worn down with care & trouble, but if in my power, Laura may pay some of her relations a visit this summer, so as to give her some little recreation from her manifold household duties, as she is looking very badly & has grown quite grey. I would like very much to see you in your happy home, as I know you are as happy as can be. Burling may take a flying visit to you, if none of the balance of the family do not. I wish you dear Jane a long & happy life, for I think you deserve it.

Your affectionate Uncle  
Saml A. Moore

Winnsboro, S.C. November 28th 1873

Dear Cousin Jane

After a long silence I feel as if I would like to express my heart aching troubles to you. Dear Cousin I have Lost my dear little Charley he died on the 28th of Sept, with diphtheria and came near losing Leon at the same time with the same thing when poor little Charley was a corps we all was standing around Leon expecting he would soon follow his little brother, but by good nursing and the help of God, he is up again it was over four weeks before Leon could go out the house. Dear Cousin it almost breaks my heart to think of dear little Charley but I ought not to fret so because God has taken him home to heven where there is nothing but love. God says suffer little children to come unto me for of such is the kingdom of heven. all I can do is try to meet my dear little boy in heven.

I could name nine or ten that has died with the same that Charley died with right around me. you would be surprised to hear of so many deaths so close together.

Mr. Ligon is very feble now he has stoped all work. Mrs. Ligon has bought a small piece of land between where we stayed and Hornsbys and have a small house on it close to the railroad. She is not at home today and have not been home for a week. Eugenia has a fine daughter one week old today, and Mrs. Ligon is with Eugenia the others are quite well. I am thankful to God that I can say my family is well. hoping this will find you all the same. Cousin Jane please write to me as soon as you get this and let me hear all the news with you. why is it you have not been down to see us. I would give anything to see you. Know I will close for this time until I hear from you. please excuse all mistakes and bad writing m pen is very bad don't let any one see this.

Give my respects to your Husband and tell him that we all would be glad to see him. you all must come down to see us soon.

As ever yours

Julia Ligon

Dear Cousin I will write you the first verse of the hym Mr. Chichester sang over my little boy. Leon can repeat every line of it.

Alas how changed that lovely flower,  
Which bloomed and cheered my heart.  
Fair, fleeting comfort of our house,  
How soon we're called to part.

Winnsboro Aug 26 – 1874

My Dear Jane

I have to transmit to you the sad, sad news of my dear husbands death, he died last Friday at 3 O clock of Paralysis, and, Oh Jane I can't describe what his sufferings were in his last hours, though I know or hope his sufferings are over for ever, when he would hear my voice by his bed side he would reach his hand for me to take his hand, when he could not speak, the night before he died, he grasped my hand and pressed it as if he were telling me farewell. I am in great trouble. Mr. and Mrs. Oxner are in deep trouble too. Willie fell in love with a Miss Miller in Charleston and went down last Thursday, when he first arrived there he was received kindly, but when he commenced drinking he was forbid visiting the house on Saturday night he was found on Mr. Miller's door step under the influence of laudanum he was immediately taken to the Guard house and two vials that contained the poisonous drug was found in his pocket, also several letters to some young friends warning them of his last end, Eddy and Johnny siken as the were his intermit friends. it has been a long long time since I heard from you, I want to see you very much. I do not know what to do, Jane if you still have your black Alpacca and will take reason able price and you would part with it you would oblige me by letting me have it. I am very poor home less and I feel friendless. I do not feel like writing much. Eugenia has a daughter Laura has three daughters Julia one daughter Jane I want to see so much, our family is passing away so fast, my poor husband suffered so much, he was so good and kind. Jane you know he was a good husband I feel lost Oh I do miss him so much Mr Chichester the pastor of the Presbyterian church preached his funeral he took his text in the 71st Psalm and the hymn was the same as sung over Pa

“How blest the righteous when he dies”

I must close by beging you to write to me at once as I would be glad to hear from you give my best regards to your husband and say to him I would be glad to get acquainted with him, good bye

Your affectionate Aunt Frances

PS do let me hear from you soon

Monroe Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> 1878

M<sup>r</sup> Dwyer:

Please pay your account at once to my Agent, Mr. L. Hoover. I need the same & he must have time to send the change to me before Christmas. A kind remembrance for your family.

Very Respect  
H. E. Harrison

Due bill is \$5.40



Gaffney City S.C.

Nov 19th 1884

My Dear Daughter

It gave me great pleasure to receive a letter from you, as I though you had abandoned all parental filial affection for me. But perhaps you know by now how deep parental affection exists in the human mind. Well, you cannot expect a long letter from me as my mind has become very deficient indeed, owing I suppose to the disease of Epilepsy to which I have been subject for the last several years, and it need not supprise any one if my final exit from this terrestrial Ball will be like that of your Grandfather Perrys.

My health with that exception is as good as it ever was when I was a young man.

I am truly sorry to learn of your bereavements and misfortunes, but such is life and the hold human family has to bear up against them as well as possible.

A great many of my old acquaintances had died off before my return to this place.

I have not been to Limestone since I got back here therefore do not know the changes there but the changes about the old Gaffney homestead are very great, one can hardly tell where the old x road was.

Andrews family are in usual good health. I herewith inclose Williams last letter. Your affectionate Father.

J. Perry, Sr.

Note: the envelope is addressed to:

Mrs. S. Logan Hoover

Randlesburg

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Meck'g Co

The postmark is:

Nov 20

Gaffney City SC

Rockton June 20th 1892

Dear Cousin Jane

I was indeed very much surprised but must say I was more than glad to hear from you. I thought you had forgotten there was ever such a person living as me.

It seems strange how things will happen just before I received our letter my son was home on a visit from Richburg. He is Telegraph operator at Richburg he spoke of meeting a young Mr. Hoover I told him about you and when my son Leon went back he asked this Mr. Hoover about you but he said he did not know you. Now Dear Cousin you must not think hard of me for not answering your letter before this I have been exceedingly busy fixing my second daughter to take a visit to Charleston. We have a good many invitations to a commencement. None will go but Minnie. My oldest daughter and son went last fall to attend Gala Week. We have all been to Charleston to see Eugenia. Some of us go every year. We can go from Rockton to Charleston for \$3.45. well now I must tell you about my family. I have 3 girls and one boy. My son is 22 years old last February. You know my sweet little boy Charley died when we lived up near Winnsboro so that left me with one boy. I have three girls. I will give you the names:

Leon Eugene Ligon 22 years

Eunice Eva Ligon 17 years

Minnie Alma Ligon 13 years

Francis Amanda Ligon 8 years

That is my family and they keep me busy besides I have three boarders and have had boarders for 7 years. I live in a little place call Rock City. have have a great deal of Stone cutting done here. John is Engineer at this place he has been here for 8 years. I keep boarders and he runs the engine. John's mother has been dead about five years and not one of her children saw her die but John she would stay with us she was not sick but three days. We telegraph for Eugenia twice she did not get here in time. Eugenia meet us in town with the corps. Eugenia has been up two or three times. Linton was in Lithonia, Ga he drills in rock quarry. He is now in Salisbury, N.C. Calhoun is in Chester County farming you will please excuse this poorly written letter and pencil as I am writing in a hurry. do write soon and give one all the news as I am anxious to hear from you. I write all my letters with pencil so you must not think hard of me. all sends love to your family. I will now stop.

Your cousin as ever

Julia

Charleston 19<sup>th</sup> 1892

Dear Cousin

I was greatly surprised to receive your letter. It really seemed as if someone from the grave had appeared before me. I thought you had forgotten us long ago.

Yes my dear Mother has been dead 3 years last June and Laura and Daniel has been dead 16 years. Poor Eddy has been dead 12 yrs. Laura left 4 children, one son, Buckingham and 3 daughters. Buckingham died two years ago last Feb. and Lon the eldest died two years the 8 of July, just 6 months difference in their deaths. The other two girls Lizzie and Laura or Birdie as we call her are with me. I am living in Charleston at the old home, 61 Washington St. I myself have four children. My oldest, Jimmy as you can remember next, Willie then Maggie and my youngest Ainsley. Jimmy is out in Idaho, Willie and the rest are with me. Mr. Horlbeck is still alive is in his 83<sup>rd</sup> year, enjoys good health but is very feeble. Mrs. Horlbeck has been dead about 8 years.

Dear Jane, I like yourself have been in bad health for years. I suffer very much from Cataarh and nervousness. I just received a letter from Julia John's wife. They were all well. I can't tell you anything about Hatties family. I know poor Hattie is dead. I have been trying myself to find out something about them. The weather down here is quite cool. I think this is the coldest Easter I have felt for some years. Well, Jane it is growing late and I will have to stop to see about supper. Jane I would be very glad to see you and the children. Would be glad to have some of you all come down this summer. You must try and come yourself. I would give anything to see you and have a good old time talk with you. I was very sorry to hear of cousin Williams death. What has become of Banks and where is he now? Did Cousin William leave any children? You must answer my letter as soon as you receive this and tell me all the news about yourself and family. Mr. Horlbeck and the children all join in love to yourself and family. Do write soon again.

With love I remain

Your cousin  
Eugenia

Richmond VA  
June 24 1893

My Dear Miss Janny

You have know idea how glad I was to her from you. I have given up the pleasure of hearing from you. You took so long to answer my letter. I was affraid you did not get it. It was a long time before I could get you direction. I had written several times to Charlotte, before I could get your post office. I am as well as I can be for one of my age and you know how old I am. When I go home to Charlotte I am coming down to see you. I do not do any work at all. I only nurse on baby 8 months old. My eyes are so that I cannot cook. If the good Lord spares me I hope some day we may see one an other. I think your childrens names are beautiful. I would so much like to see them. I am sorry to hear of the death of your dear Father and Brother & Cousins. Before I left Charlotte Mr. Saratt wanted me to go to Spartanburg that Mr. Bobo wanted me to be witness for something. I did not go as I did not know any thing. Give my love to all you children. I feel as if I know them and also to Mr. Hoover. It is very warm here in Richmond. Now please do not take so long in answer this letter because I am always please to hear from you. I am as every your devoted nurse.

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Montgomery

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Richmond, Va