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My dear niece I will try to answer your most welcome letter which come to hand a few day ago This leave us all well at Present and I do hope it will find you all well and doing well I was sorry to hear that John McDowell dead but we all houe to die sooner or latter and we should be ready at anytime Mr. Isaac glass lost his little child last week with congestion brother McDaniel Preached here last Sunday night

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he had a good big crowed but they did behave themselves full well Esther I do think your dresses is Prettie I have not bought any dry goods nor dy this year but is not because we dont need them my chickens have begun to die with chalra but I think I can cure it well our crop is tolerable good but we need rain now and sends you some pressed flowers I wish I could see you all I know you all have a nice time together but it is not for me I am seeing some trouble this year for some of my family is all way dissatisfied at home Esther if I could see you I could tell you

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much more than I will write but I ought not to complain Lee has been away from home for a short while but he is at home now and Willie has gone to get him a job close home So I am having a good deal Tattend to for just now. my garden is good I have been washing to day down on the creek and I feel tired to night tell ~~for~~ I wish I could be for and and I do sympathize with Them and tell your grandma howdy for us

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I wish I could see him & dream
of him last night we are done
chaping cotton the first time
but have to come to chop the
second time when it rains
and it is sprinkling now
do you ever see your aunt Rhoda
and aunt Kattie Rosser
well you must give my
love to your mama and
little sister and brother
but keep a share for your
self so I must close for
this time as I am so tired
you must write soon and
a long letter to your old
love from aunt
may god bless you all
is my Prays
Bettie Hathorn