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Merle June. 29. 1909

Oakwood Miss Esther
Pennington Dear niece I will
try to answer your most
welcom letter which come to
hand a few days ago I was
glad to hear from you all
and glad that you are doing
well too for I do hope all will
do well. Esther this leaves us
all well at this time and I do
hope it will reach you and
find you all enjoying the
same blessing well Esther
Dr Gifford and Hale Clay
is to marry to morrow
and there has been several

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deaths in This country old Mr Galaspy is dead and Idelias Thomas little baby is dead an Miss Lizie Flanegans little girl is dead also and it did hurt her so bad to give it up but they are both better off for they were sick most all their short lives. Esther I think every body will make Plenty of corn this year and a fair crop of cotton and most every body have Plenty of truck Patcher planted for winter use Esther I shall be very glad to see you and your grandfather and any of the rest that will come to see me bring your

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mother and grand mother
with you if you can I would
be so glad to see them both
cause your grand mother to
want to go back to Edgewood
and Jae and Annie also
I am afraid they will move
around too much for Theis
own good. Well my garden
is splendid and I have some
chickens to eat now there is
going to be a big barbacue
at Jonesville on the 4
of July and I think we
will go if nothing happens
Either I think your Dress is
real Pretty but I have not

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bought any Summer clothes much this year yet we have had a good rain down here and every thing is growing nicely I heard that Ervin was still at Beaumont working on the rail field I do hope he will do well and not get hurt nor sick Esther I must close for I want to send this off to day but now be sure that you and grandfather comes to see me I wish your grand mother would come with you and any of the rest that can come I would love to enjoy their company so much so I must close. give them my love and best regards to all write soon. your aunt until death

Bettie Statham