

Bentley Virginia

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Maggie I want to tell you about my scare. Edd Wyatt got hurt at Cedar Bluff and sent for Vester Brooks for you know Ves is his brother-in-law. It was not long after Vester come back (?) he got sick. Everybody thought he had small pox for there was about 20 cases in Cedar Bluff. It proved to be measles. Him and Newton was fixing the line fence the day before he got sick. I thought we would all have the small pox now you don't wonder at me getting scared. Mr Bob Wimmer took on of his (?) the other day and fell in the fire. He is burnt badly. Newton went to see him Sunday. His mind is visibly gone.

Reese Wimmer has fever so you know they are in a bad fix. Mr Crabtree is right sick. Sent for Pa. He went down there today. Maggie what are you doing? I guess about like me get up eat turn around and back in bed. I have been trying to make me a (?) cover. Have it about done. What are you doing? Have you ever caught on to any of your neighbor fine work. I would like to stop in and see you now. Maybe I will sometime in the near future. I hope we will not have to live so far apart always. When I hear and see how everything is going I would give a good deal to be a way for to be with strangers is better than with your people and them kinder through off on you all the time. It is getting mighty common how I tell you.

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Ollie one feet bad no bad feet. Tell Ollie one feet all want to write and I recond (reckon) that was the reason Thompson cried. He wanted Mama to write for him. Tommy is a fine boy. When he comes out to see you you will say so too. Are you safe yet or has this cold winter served you wrong. Don't forget tell Will he must bring you and the children out this summer for I want to see you all. Be sure and write soon and tell me what you have been working at. Love to all. Your sister. Annie Buchanan

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