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## Dear Sister,

I know you think I have been taking a right good nap for such cold weather. I don't think I ever seen such a time and it just keep on. I think Will getting married must had something to do with. I tell them that this have all well. Baby has cried more today than common. I think he has the colic. You just ought to see him. He is as fat has a double chin. I am getting along very well. Mrs Sander still does my washing and I do the rest of the work myself.

Newton was down at Ma today. They was all well. Ma had left her. I think Ma is having a pretty hard time. I have never been down there yet and don't recond (reckon) I could go. The ground around here is a solid sheet of ice. Get to (sit?) down very often going to the (pump?). The reason I didn't write sooner I wanted to go home so I could take notes down there. I would tell you all Annie came up one day last week and spent the night. I think she will do very well. Am afraid she has too big idea for (Will's pocket?). I have not been away from home since in Sept so I don't know very much news. There has been several here but they didn't know nothing. I missed Jim B. Old women she alway keep thing going but now she stay at home waiting for the March wind to blow.

she stay at home warling for The March wind to blow maggie I want to tell you about any scare Edd wyatt got hirt at adar Bliff and sent for Vester Brook for you know Ves is ho Brothers law it was not long after Vister come back antill he got rich ever body thought he had small boy for the was about 20 Cases in Cedar Bluff it proved to be measles him and Neuton was fixing the lime fince the day before he got sich I thought we would all have the small pop now you don't wonder at me gelling scared mr kol day and fell in the fire he is Amont ladley Newton went to see him Smatay his mind is mility

gone Russe aummer has tever po you know they are in a bad for our Grather is right sick sent for pa he ment down there to day maggie what are you doing I guess about like me get up cat tim around and back m bed I have been Trying to make me a buarow cover have it about done what are you doing have you! Ever caught one, to any of you nighter fine work I would like the stip in and see you now maby I will some time in the near Redere I hope ne will not have to live so far abart always when I hear and see how Ever Thing is going I world give a good that to be a may for to be with strangues is better than with you people and them kinder through off on you all the time it is

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 though off on you all the time. It is getting mighty common how I tell you.

getting ant ghty Common now I tell you ma is down home caring champer) and making fed and warting on Guine and the rest of Them like they Was baby she goes of and down Them Starrs and Carries Ensu Chambers for she nuce those out of doors for nothing man a party are some young man come and then you angh see her dance your ask one obha was the matter with her nothing nothing that & can see though the Classes to have Abandis and hast disease but to cut a abony short. she want to gnarry woust of all When I was sich Taot Old Amt Seran to came and wait an one and do the work I wanted man to stay a few days antill Hathelien got ast to Alach

follow ah my the bat was an The fire gull just cursed and yourd Oh you aught to heard him laying I and ma and ba said they dident at bue in house you dont know how that shek one and will would not day at home when we dident this ma would live went to the lower place and commend blowing for "form I stard and don't regret it I did all & could for then and for thin to make all of will and his mit bying then all nice thing go to house helping with lot thing I havent and I dont supposed you have soil now got il ofter you left she talks to ma and about mai like the thought

Ma is down home carrying chambers and making bed and waiting on Gussie and the rest of them like they was baby. She goes up and down them stairs and carries Gussie's chambers for she never goes out of doors for nothing unless a party are some young man come and then you ought to see her dance. You ask me what was the matter with her? Nothing, nothing that I can see though she claims to have appendix and heart disease, but to cut a story short, she want to marry most of all. When I was sick I got old Aunt Susan to come and wait on me and do the work. I wanted Ma to stay a few days until Kathleen got (?) To black folks.

Oh my the fat was in the fire. Will just cursed and (?). Oh you ought to heard him laying it (of?) and Ma and Pa said they didn't get me in trouble. You don't know how that stick one and Will would not stay at home when we didn't think Ma would live went to the lower place and commenced plowing for corn. I stayed and don't regret it. I did all I could for them and for them to make all of Will and his wife buying them all nice thing to go to housekeeping with lot of thing I haven't and I don't suppose you have (?) You got it after you left she talks to Ma and about Ma like she thought she was the biggest goose she ever seen and could not cook fit to eat.

she was the brack avore she ever seen and corld not cook hit to Eat. now if you Ever hint are Ever unite any thing back sull claw you thack book will do more for your back snow than I did with the Trikey wind when you had the Chicken boy how I worked like to tell your all bit & Cant tomake now twelve Octoch I had to write for the Children and it had Written all these told one to will your would got scared there thinking you had got someone Norel Ratheliss has begall day for me to mile to Ollie she cant talk very much and this is the

ament she world for it wile Othe me cet bad no bad feet tell Other me all'want to ante and record that was the reason be wanted mama while for him Jomey is a fime boy when he come det to see your you will say as to are you have bet are toos this cold winter and and some second doord forget tell will the must bring you and the Children out othes simmer for I want to see youall be sire and wall soon and fall one what you have been cisting at with Love to all More Dist Annie Bickanan

Now if you ever hint or ever write anything back I will claw you back good. I will do more for your back now than I did with the (??) after you had the chicken pox. How I would like to tell you all but I can't tonight. It is now twelve o'clock. I had to write for the children and if I had written all they told one to write you would get scared. I know thinking you had got someone (?). Kathleen has beg all day for me to write to Ollie. She can't talk very much and this the sweet way she would write.

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