Golden Fring, Buchanan, Co. V.a.

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Golden Spring, Buchanan Co. VA

Feb 18, 1886

Dear Husband,

We received your welcome letter and you don't know how glad we were to hear from you. It seems like it has been years since you have been gone from home. We were all scared so bad when Willie cut his foot and he was scared so bad he was as white as a corpse. He has been getting the wood all winter his self and sent for Jim Gibson to (move?) some out of the hill the other side of the wheat field. They had got down 22 trees and were cutting them up to haul. He was standing in the a bad place. He was straddle of the log when he cut his foot. He started to run and got to the (barn?) and could not get any further and Jim come and got a horse and brought him to the house. He took his boot off while Jim was after the horse. It was bleeding a good deal.

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Ella wrapt it up in her apron and we scraped lint and turpentine out and it did not bleed more than a spoonful. He had been out all morning in the cold and he had no feeling in it. It was about 12 o'clock. About two it began to pain and he complaining until about 10. We put some more turpentine on it and he got easy and slept all night. He had him two crutches made and hopped about a little. It was done four weeks before he could lean any weight on it. He said he had lost about 20 dollars by having it cut. He had to hire someone to feed and get wood. I got through the first cold spell very well. Will had a big fire all night but the last spell I took cold and have been coughing a good deal. I have been as careful of myself as I could be. I have not been out of the yard since in October and they won't let me work any. I would be better satisfied if I could be hard at work. Ella and Will are both as careful of me as they would be if I was a baby. I think we would be glad if the Senate would not confirm you and you would come home. I know I would. I never once thought but it would be a paying office and we would all be together only when you had to go your courts.

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But we cannot see into the future. Will's cattle is looking very well. He says he rides up now and feeds his self. We have plenty to eat. We have plenty of milk and butter. Will says often he wishes Pap had some of the milk. Our sweet potatoes are keeping pretty well. We (waxed?) them and picked out all the rotten ones. Will paid Mrs Looney with the milk money. She said she was obliged to have it. The Negro boy that lived at Jos(eph) came up here from Tom Ratcliffe yesterday. The minister says he stole the store key out and stole five dollars out of the store. He told that he found the key out at the stable. Jenny said the key was hanging in the house. That is all we have heard about it. I suppose Tom started him. I suppose Jo sent him down to Tom Ratcliffe to stay until the am (morning) burning has and stealing has blown over.

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Will says he will not keep him here. He is afraid he will steal something. Mrs Rowe is some better. Vicky (?) Mattneg (?) lost a baby day before yesterday and is poorly. Did you send the socks and gloves to Rachel? I got a letter from Rachel three weeks ago and have not answered it for I had such a bad cough and was too nervous to answer it. That is the reason I did not write sooner to you. I am knitting you some linen socks. Ella bought a pound of wool and carded it and I spun it. The socks that I knit before was some yarn that Rebecca (?) gave and it was too coarse. I hope it won't be long until you can come home. George says Tom and Jenny are going to MIssouri shortly. He says Jenny say (?) is going to stay there. Will, Ella, Sarah and Ed send their love to you. Give my love to all of my friends and be sure and write often. With much love. Your wife. Cosby Graham