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Dear Mother I take this oppertunity to write you a few to let you now that we are all well at presant and hope this may find you well. we received a letter from you Datid February we ware glad to hear that you ware all well it being a Dry year here last year it makes evry thing verry Scarce here Corn is worth one Dollar per bushel wheat \$1 $\frac{1}{4}$ per bushel Cotten 18cnts per we have had a verry nice seson here this year Crops looks verry well at presant wheet I think is going to be midling good people has got to planting so much cotten here that some hardly allows them selvs a chance to make anoph of grain to do them-- Ant Nancy is Ded she was beried two weeks ago Uncle has bin verry porly all this spring he ant able to get up with out help sence Ant died--Betsy Perl is ded Mulky smiths wife is Ded it was verry sickly here this spring a great manny has died aquanted now you want to now how many children we all have. by Close counting I found out there was thirteens Harris & Betsy five 2 girls 3 boys they are still living at my old place and dooing midling will they send their Best respects to you all William & Mehaly has for children 3 girls & 1 boy they had one sinc I wrote they call it Liddy Mehaly has bin unweel for some time but she is geting some beter the rest is well at presant Asbury and Winny is still living at the same place they have 4 children they are all well at presant Mother is still living at the old place farming it she is midling well at present ant Harrison is living T Walkers they are trying to get rich in their old days. William & James Harrisons has both moved to Anderson Dis. last winter Samuel Bakir has married again & one of his Dauters is married White Peden sun John. Mrs Woodside is still living at the old place yet John & La___ is living at Martins--old Alexander Peden has brok up houskeeping is living with Robin. Brother John and family is well at presant has 2 dau it apears rather a larg under taking to go round with all as you may all ridy think is is a noph. Thomas Hopkins was in to see us last winter he let on that he is giting rich he didend no much about Nelly only her oldest dauter is married he allowed they ware dooing pretty well tell Aley that he is such a puty boy we wanted a nice name we wold like to here from her some time we have two girls & two boys the girls is going to school and the boys begins to want to plow we have one preacher on the sirkitt this year and we have a sundy school at the meting house year the society ante large now Sally if you will come out next fall I think we can firnish you with a sweet potatoe we have a fine chanc a growing Charls Devenport Stil thinks of moving out to your part of the world he talks of writing to George to now how he thinks it wold soote him and what for a chance thare is to git land I have wish a many a time I had moved there or to some new contry long ago but soit is

I am still here yet trying to make a living on the old fields yet I still make a plenty to eat and some to put in my pocket I have got able to attend 20 acres in Cotton I have cleared 20 acres on the old place I expect you would hardly know it now. I want to hear from George some time and tell me the news I want any of you to write to me it will be gladly received we would be glad to see you all well give our love to all inquiring friends

Gaston and Mary Terry

On the outside of the letter in slightly different handwriting:

now Sarah when ever you feel like writing do so and I will try and answer it send out a Description of your part of the world and how you are all doing