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Arkansas Lawrence Cty July 31 1855

Dear Cousin

I take my pen in hand to let you know that we are all well at present Hoping those few lines may find you enjoying the same blessing pap died on the 18 of June he was Sick 9 weeks before he died he died of the Typhoid Fever the Estate was Admistered on yesterday. Everything will have to be sold we are going to buy such things as we will want and still live Here as I think we will do better by Staying than to Scater off we have Splendid crops here this Season you wrote to me that Aunt wanted to know what had become of our old neighbors. Some of them ar ded some of them moved Away and some of them ar living here yet Mr Beaver Soaled out on the Surrounded hill and moved to Kansas and has moved back and bot land here Again John Beaver is blind he has bin blind four years and this Spring he went crazy he is some better than he has bin William Beaver died in July after Uncle & Aunt left here his widow married a Mr Woodard from Tennessee he carid her back with him J Stephen & Miss Nancy Childers is marrid & living on the road below Mr Garret at the old mill place old Mr Ritcherson & Wash boath died the fall after you left here old Lamberts is living over on the other side of the River John is living with his mother I heard last weeke that John was crazy Washes widow marrid a Mr Meneham & Started to Kansas & he got up in to Missaro Some whare and he took her boy Away from her and left her with out anything the last I heard of them they was to of her brothers said tha folow him to hell or have boy. Mr Miller moved to Marion Cty in this state he has bin living thair two years. I saw him last thurday he Said he had never had hours Sickness in his Family Since he moved thair he said the land was not as good thair as it is here Mr Broom Moved to Texas & dinent like & moved back and bot the Ritcherson place and is living on it he has put up a black Smith Shop he is doing splendid buisness he talks about going to Texas again if he can Sell out Mr Hammit moved to Independance Cty I have never heard from him since he moved away John W Childers started to Calafornia two years ago last Spring he got about a 125 miles from here and tuck Sick and died the Childers ar all living here yet William Childers is marrid to Miss Emaly Thomersan and is living on the Tillman place this year Lewis Childers is married and is living the Creek old Mahala Logan was married to a Mr Jackson She is living in the French Settlement he is a blackSmith Miss Mary and old Dick is still at his place a keeping house Miss Mary is Prettiest girl in our settlement at least I think so any how notwithstanding she slaped me once but I cant help but love her a little I dont know that I will Try to court her any more the are several that is very good looking you said that you wanted to know who was comeing to see the girls Anns is a little Dutchman a Mr George Forster he comes every other day and some time twice every other day Lydias is a Mr Henry Buffner he comes three times a day I dont think Lydia likes her beau very well

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he is here now I believe that I have wrote everything that I can think of Lydia never got her letter that you wrot to her you must write to me again as son as you get my letter as Ann wants to write some I will quit so nothing more at present I still remain your affectionate Cousin

John G. Terry

Sarah L Loper

Well Jane being you want to know somthing about my beau I will have to tel you about my little george I am bound to say he is the best looking young man in these parts he come from germany five years ago he is gone to Jacksonport now he started yesterday I will see him tomorrow he is going to start to texas in five weeks with a drove of Jacks to sell and pick him a place to settle on you may know that is some sign but all signs fail in dry weather you know I believe I will not tell you any more about him this time

It is very sickly here at this time It is supposed by some that old Mrs beavers will die there is a greate many sick now there has bin a greate deaths here lately lewis roppers child I dont think can live longer than to night I believe I will quit I feel so bad I set up with that sick child last night so no more at present I remain your affectionate cousin

Sarah A Terry (To) Jane Loper

When this you see remember me  
Though many mile apart we be  
Although the deep between us roll  
Yet love sweet love unites our souls

Write soon and tell Margret to write some to me in your next letter give my love to Aunt and uncle and tell them I want to see them bade you must write all the news

Sarah Ann Terry