

Centralia Monday
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Dear Cousins

I seat myself to let you know that we are all well I hope these few lines may find you all the same. I suppose you will be surprised when you see my name at the bottom of this letter but I would like to hear from my old Home Friends & Relations once again.

Father is staying with us now he is getting verry feeble John lives sixteen miles from us they are all well They have four children Three boys & one girl. I have but two both boys John Newton Aged 14 years Francis Marion Aged 11 years

Mary Ann have you forgot the time that We set on the hill-side cracking wallnuts & looking for our fellows is Aunt Nancy living yet where is Uncle Johns living now I want you to Tell me all about every body who has Marys little girl where is Uncle Harm does Aunt Peggie live with you I would like to have you come & see us the best in the wourld wher is Magg & Nan who did Magg marry I have forgotten is Ellen at home yet where is Hannes now do you like to live in Franklin Co. if you answer this I will write more next time Dont Forget
Write Soon

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