

Campbell co, Virginia

(River Glen) March 9th 1846

Dear Uncle,

One more I venture to write you a few lines, but judging the future by the past, I have little hope of receiving an answer. Supposing that you have heard by Cousin Mary W's letter, of dear Aunt Polly's death I forbear saying much on a subject, which will but wake up sad recollections; during the last two years of her life, her greatest wish, seemed to be, to see some of her dear relations in Ky, & you always stood prominent in her affections; I have heard her say many times, that no person lived, whom she had rather see than you; now, in this world at least, it can never be; but she is in a brighter world than this. Her health is delicate, but she is still a jolly, chubby, stirring old lady, firm as iron (at least) & in my eye, still retaining traces of former beauty; if you doubt what I say, you must make "assurance doubly sure" by a trip to Va: May-be you might find some other attractions, save relations, another W... perhaps,

but hush! Cousin Martha doesn't like the idea of that I reckon.
Aunt Sally Branch and family are well, Cousin Cornelia is
with us yet, but will leave this week, if the roads are
passable, I will leave also, soon to take a school over
the mountains, but I wrote of that to Cousin Mary Winston.
Aunt Polly Don is in Lynchburg, living with Aunt Nancy
Whorton; health tolerably good, saw her during Aunt
Betty's illness; she is very flashy, and wears a wig.

Pa teaches school about 4 miles from home; has a
pretty good one; he doesn't talk of staying in the country
longer than this year; bro. Tom goes to school in Petersburg
and is preparing for the ministry; will enter college
(Hampton Sydnay) in June; the three youngest
go to school to pa.

I believe I'm through with detailing facts, and now
for some questions.. Do you ever think of your
kins-folk in Va? do you ever mean to come to see
them or write to them? is Cousin Martha still
Miss Nelson, or has some "favored suitor" stolen her
from your parental protection? does Cousin Thomas
Glover, ever talk of coming to see us? he has
arrived at "man's estate" and might do so with
ease, if he chose; Tell him so from me.

Will Cousin Amanda teach school again after
she has finished taking music lessons?

you must not expect a very lucid explanation
of matters and things in general as I am in
the midst of a "Dutch concert," which I will
explain, as perhaps you don't understand it, "being
as how" is something new to me; every person sings
a different tune! you would think from that it
is "discord and rude harmony" wouldn't you? Hudson
~~is~~ singing "Old Hundred" & some of the others "Spring"
quite different in their metres, you will allow.

I have come to the stubborn conclusion that
come what will, I'll not allow you to forget me at
least; I'll write any way, to some of you, and
I think Cousin Mary W. will hardly slight me, as
she seems to think a little of her relations; by
the way, how old is Cousin M.? I am in my
nineteenth, but I must confess, I bear not the
dignity suitable to that age.

We are living near one of pa's sisters (who married
Mr. Hobson) and near a family of his nieces
& nephews, their mother, (his sister being dead:
so you see, if we have all of our relations near
us, except your family and Aunt Fanny's.

Ma says she has hoped & hoped to see her dear
& only brother but has now despaired of ever
doing so in this world. Give her a pleasant

Cornelia says tell Cousin Thomas she will never forget his pretty little thumbs, & that he must write surprise Uncle Tom, this Spring; won't you? Ah! that's a good uncle. My love to all my relations and accept a large portion for yourself from your affectionate niece,
 Fredonia Wilson.

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Uncle Branch's daughter Eliza Herndon lives within 3 miles of us; married quite well. Mr. Herndon is quite a worthy & industrious farmer. Cousin Cornelia Price sends her best love to you and the girls.
 Fredonia Wilson.