

To: ^RBenjⁿ Martin
Bowling Green, Ky.

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Warren County, Miss.
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Dear Father and Mother:

Were it possible for my affection to be weaned from you for want of correspondence, it certainly would begin to lose that ardour with which it has glowed since my earliest recollection, but quite to the reverse; instead of the pleasure produced by the receipt of a letter from them I hold most dear to me, I am disappointed by every mail, consequently interrupted in mind, fearing that something has occurred that you do not want me to know.

It hath been now three months since I have heard one syllable from you. I will only give time for an immediate answer to return before I shall write again and again, until I shall have received one.

I shall be very much delighted to hear of my brother taking up some livelihood adapted to his wish and capacity. Tell him to read attentively and to lose no opportunity of informing himself, and particularly to devote a part of his time to the perusal of the Holy Scriptures.

I hope that you will not neglect the education of my dear little sisters; often times when I think of them, tears silently steal from my eyes, knowing that it is out of my power to do for them that which I pray you may not neglect.

I am now in full enjoyment of the blessings of health, a reasonable share of happiness and the company of friends. It is out of my power to say when I shall have the pleasure of seeing you again. But I hope that you will give yourselves no uneasiness about me, knowing that I will endeavor to do the best for myself that is in my power.

I have some pleasant prospects close at hand in which, if I succeed, I will let you know. I am still reading the Law, though not neglecting the Scriptures and Ancient History; the news of the present time &c. I take the Western Monitor a newspaper printed at Lexington and your Bowling Green paper which gives all the news of your state.

I now take leave of you for a short time, hoping that I may hear from you shortly. Give my regards to Uncle Fred-eric and all enquiring friends and accept the well wishes of your affectionate son,

K. A. Martin.

Give my best respect to S. Palmer, inform him that our friend Mos. B. Thomkiss expired on the 3rd inst.