

Writing on top and side of page: body, mind and fortune. The last moments of his life he gives wholly to his long neglected farm and family. Why? Because he has no longer(?) sheep(?) in(?) [...] to return to the world(?). This in the pictures I drew for myself. If I his to see that day may you has a bring wife sons and daughters to good the [p...?] a hearty wel-come -

God bless you

Yours Truly

Mary Ann Cobb

Mrs. Prince and the three girls [are?] will[?] miss(?) all [will? Well?]

I think Mrs. Prince will stay until Bro' John comes - From what he writes he will be here about [...] the 15 & 20th of this month.

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My Dear Husband,

I have received your letter from Dalton and was gratified to hear of your continued(?) good health and also that you received my letter at [Calhman?].

We are all pretty well. Mary Ann's cold has recently left her, and tho' she is pale, and is yet troubled with boils on her neck she is regaining her spirit each day.

I have had to confine her to the rooms so long that she began to droop like an imprisoned bird - yesterday I gave her liberty to run at large, about the house [both?] her out to ride(?) in the middle of the day - and she is now running about the house - much to her own satisfaction.

I asked her just now to let me see her boils. She held back her head and pointed to the one under her chin and then touches lightly the back of her neck, where there was another large one which broke last night.

Sabrina has similar [...] on her head which she says are very painful therefor you may imagine that our little one has suffered some

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As she has had about a dozen at one time she had 5 covering(?) a space of 4 in[meaning inch?] square. Her aunt Laura sent her a set of cups and saucers yesterday, and she [e...] herself in(it/is/or?) [a...] th[at/em/en] and pouring out tea. Her boy(s?) are all quite well [beh]aved are behaving very well. John has given me little [...] since D- Meers [...] him calmed and for a week past he has shown evident sign of improvement.

He is equally as industrious in getting his lessons as Lamar a few days since he (told?) me with a pleas-ant smile that he had written an exercise that day, and it was written well. He lost so much time before and after commencement with one little complaint and another - so that he fell behind his class and Mr. Scudder turned him back. [His?] I think is the cause of his renewed exertion and it has done him more good than 40 corrections(?) I do want him to [stand?] well in his studies, and get a good education for I cannot bear the thought that his younger brother will eclipse him in any way in life.

The elder should go [...], and be a [be a c...??] to the younger brother. Poor Johnny, his [spinch?] are so [...] and he is naturally so witty that he offends(?) boot an uncertain light. I would not detract(?) me [aln?] from his gaity(?) - if

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He would only mix a little(?) been(?) soberness and gravity with it. He is a good [bo??]
Howell read to me last night and I found that he had made great improvement in learning since
he has been with Miss Hunt(?).

He is as [...] quick find of his book, and has it in hand every night tho' he is not comp-elled to
study out of school. He is at home almost every day either before or at 11 o'clock, if school
could always be to him what it is now he would [...] home(?) a joyous time.

Lamar is as [...] steady ink(?) an [accaicinal?] [mt heah/mtheah?] of [passim? Paf..? pap...?]. [In
a/ Since] you left I have had to "[l.../b...?]" JOhn and Howell and I have been daily expecting that
I would have to give it to Lamar he is so great a[...] to his brothers and has so much [conceit?]
them he thinks he has a right to be [geaer] at [cerser?]

He is devoted(?) to his sister and shields(?) himself often by his kindness to her.

[...] has had a very sick family his wife and 4 children have all been sick. His baby has had a
very severe attack of [...] fever. This fever sat [...] and he is not yet considered out of danger.

[J... Written over] is at home nursing night and day. The [S?...] family are all well. Milly was glad
to have [...] Mr. Gleim(?) as he does not merit(?) very

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often. And so the ladies called on you at Calhoun Inn the [...] of yourself and them you should
have mentioned(?) the class they belong to. In some places such virtues(?) would be looked
upon as suspicious characters but I presume in the wild of Georgia customs are different and
your four(?) [...] may have been among the first class of villagers. As I cannot have your society
I care(?) not who has it - I hope for the future credit and [...] of your children and the safety of
your own soul. And(?) you company will(?) always(?) be of the best kind - As(?) for myself your
frequent absences has made me callous to feelings of jealousy I scarcely feel that I have a
claim(?) to be so - your heart is given up to the People and Fame why should I be sensitive as
to who advises(?) you? [...an??] I not [priced?] in the admination of the [...tiluds?]? And scarcely
in the "man of might" do I recognize(?) the [hun/hus/hur/bus?has?] in the has band of more
youthful days - Go on - have as many sup-plicants(?) male and female at your feet in you [...]
and when old age comes on and the [grass?] hopper(?) is a [...] - then who will you turn to for
success to name(?) soon the [hied?] wife of your [bosom?] - To it is man gives forth in(?) his
strength leaves(?) wife and children to [manner?] to the calls of a new (satisfied?) populace
spends(?) the best part of his life in following a phantom and when no longer able to combat
with opposition and increasing infirmities(?) - He looks(?) back upon our(?) hearts and hands of
faithful spirits [scratched out] have(?) kept the [...] of love has [amg?] without cessation(?)
[a/be?] much in