

State of North Carolina, Wake County

I am sorry to hear of the death of your mother and sister and I am sure you will be glad to hear from me and to hear that you are well but we were sorry to hear of the death of your sons though this has been very common for the past few years we have nothing strange to write to you nor nothing very good only we are yet alive we are still living at the same place we were when you left here we have seen many hard trials and difficulties are passing through this period of time Fanny G. Wooten has been married for several years and has five children she married a man by the name of John Sanders they are living at Robert Williams Station at the Broom's Cross place on the Stage Road Mary Kate and Joseph S. are still living with us Mary is gone she is better than her mother Joseph is growing very fast and he is very stout for his age the connections are all as well as common as far as we know on Wednesday after the third Saturday of October 1866 on the way from meeting Alley was riding in William Jewell's wagon and the wheels ran away and turned the wagon over and Alley was very badly wounded and was for two weeks out of all hopes though she has nearly recovered it and is now about as well as she has been for some time for she has enjoyed good health for some time laboring under a dropsical complaint she is much better of that than she was last summer she then was unable to go about for some time times are very hard here money is scarce and we are so oppressed in many ways that it looks like that it is impossible for us to live

State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County

I remember me the 17th 1866

Dear Brother and Sister I am writing you on the present
 opportunity of writing you a few lines this leaves us all well and really
 hope it may come up to have find you all well and doing well we
 received your letter in due time and have neglected writing until
 now for which we trust you will pardon us we were truly glad to hear
 from you and to hear that you are well but we were sorry to hear of the
 death of your son though this has been very common for this few last years
 we have nothing stronger to write to you nor nothing very good only we are
 yet alive we are still living at the same place we were when you left here
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 periods of time Fanny G. Wilson has been married for several years and
 has five children her husband is an excellent man of John G. Gorden there
 are many at school with our children at the school in the place in the
 neighborhood of the school and the school is doing well in all respects
 your son she is well and is doing well for her in growing up and is
 doing very stout and she and the children are all as well as common
 families we have seen and we are glad to hear that the health of the
 children is good and that they are all well and that they are
 in the same place as when you were here. My wife is riding on William G. Gorden's wagon
 and she is well and is doing well. The wagon is old and will be
 very badly used and was for some time out of all hopes though
 she has nearly given up it and is now about as well as she has been
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I have but very little to say about the political slide that
 caused us so much trouble and suffering thousands of our men
 and our women and children caused to suffer I had to lose
 many and her children and take of them through the war all of
 very property was destroyed and those that did it were not punished
 I have all the time stood firm on the basis of the constitution of this
 great republic I am not in favor of legislative bodies for they are the
 cause of the wars that has been nation should have a good and
 wholesome law such as would restrain all evil and promote
 the good and then stop legislation the congress of the united
 states has become so corrupt it destroyed its self and there is no
 prospect of their being better soon than wish to pass on the
 who are great associates in favor of the constitution as the worth and
 the worth is now divided among them there is no more on that point
 O my soul you have no respects to you and no water to be remembered by
 you will and we would like to see you all again in this life if want
 to be remembered to the connection in love and affection but little of
 prospect of seeing you all any more in this life live well so live and
 rest that we will meet in heaven in love and suffering and
 an all that will be put to flight and all that there will be happy
 in the full protection of God's love surrounded with all the Angelic
 hosts of heaven in the praise of God and the Lamb forever therefore
 let us forget the things that are behind and press for the purpose of
 the praise of our high calling of God in Christ so I must now close for this
 time thus Dear Brothers Sister farewell yours in love in love this day
 P. Whittlock and Rebecca Whittlock
 From Richard W. Weston and Abby Weston
 write soon and let us hear from you again

I have but very little to say about the political noise that
 caused us so much trouble and suffering thousands of our men
 women and children caused to suffer I had to help
 I may and her children and take of them through the war as I feel
 very prominently was accused and those that did it were not punished
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 great republic I am not in favor of legislative bodies for they are the
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 wholesome law such as would restrain all evil and protect
 the good and then stop legislation the congress of the united
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 prospect of their being better soon they wish to possess the south
 who are just associates in favor of the constitution as the north and
 the north is now divided among themselves so no more on that point
 Elly send her love and respects to you all and wishes to be remembered by
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 to be remembered to the connection in love as there is but little of
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 the prize of our high calling of God in Christ so I must now close for this
 time though I fear Brother Sister farewell yours in love in love
 P. Whittlock and Rebecca Whittlock
 From Richard Whittlock and Elly Whittlock
 write soon and let us hear from you again

I have but very little to say about the political strife that
 caused us so much trouble and suffering thousands of our men
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 to be remembered to the constitution in love as there is but little of
 prospect of seeing you all any more in the life I live with us here and
 act that we are in heaven where we have trouble suffering and
 an all stop with the path to flight and all that those well be happy
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 the prize of our high calling of God in Christ so I must now close for this
 time though I love brother sister farewell yours in love in love this time
 I. Whittlock and Helene Whittlock
 From Richard Whittlock and Elly Whittlock
 write soon and let us hear from you

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A letter from Rebecca's brother Richard dated December the 10th 1866

Dear Brother and Sister I avail myself the present opportunity of writing you a few lines this leaves us all well and truly hope it may come safe to () find you all well and doing well we received your letter in due time and have neglected writing untill now for which we trust you will pardon us we were truly glad to hear from you and to hear that you are well but we were sorry to hear of the death of your sons though this has been very common for the few last years we have nothing strange to write to you nor nothing very good only we are yet alive we are still living at the same place we were when you left here we have seen many hard trials and difficulties in passing through this period of time Fanny C G Wooton has been married for several years and has five children she married a man by the name of John W Pardew they are living at Colonel William Park at the vacant old place on the stage road Mary R A and Joseph P L is still living with us Alice is grown she is taller than her mother Joseph is growing very fast and he is very stout of his age the connections are all as well as common as far as we know on Wednesday after the third Saturday of October 1866 on return from meeting Olley was riding in William Jarvis's wagon and the mules run away and turned the wagon over and Oll was very badly wounded and was for two weeks out of all hopes though she has nearly overed it and is now about as well as she has been for some time for she has enjoyed bad health for some time laboring under a dropsical complaint she is much better of that than she was last summer she then was unable to go about for sometime times are very hard here money is scarce and we are so oppressed in many ways so that it looks like that it is impossible for us to live I have but very little to say about the political strife that caused us so much trouble and suffering thousands of our men were slain women and children caused to suffer I had to take Fanny and her children and take of them through the war old people very frequently were (devoured?) and those that did it will not profit I have all the time stood firm on the basis of the constitution of this great Republic I am not in favor of legislative bodies for they are the cause of the wars that have been nation should have a good and wholesome law such as would restrain all evil and protect the good and then stop legislation the congress of the united states has become so corrupt it destroyed its self and there is no prospect of their being better soon they wish to press on the South who are just as much in favor of the constitution as the north and the north is now divided among themselves so no more on that point Olley send her love and respects to you all and wishes to be remembered by you all and we would like to see you all again in this life I want to be remembered to the connections in love as there is but little prospect of seeing you all anymore in this life Live will so

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and all strife will be put to flight and all that meet there will
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forever therefore let us forget the things that are behind and
press for the (____) of the prise of our high calling of God in
Chris so I must now close for this time therefore dear Brother
Sister farewell yours in love in love this for J Whitlock and
Rebecca Whitlock

From Richard Wooton and Olley Wooton

write soon and let us here from you again