



Mr H. J. Duncan

Lexington

Kentucky

not know where, Daniel
is keeping house and will
be comfortably fixed

The chills has changed
Pansies looks very much
poor child I feel very anxious
for her and family
I might have stayed a week
or two longer with you but
I think it is well I am at
home now they seemed to
be cheered so much by my
presence they think I
look so much better than
when I left having teeth
makes me appear a great
deal better - I have a bad
head-ache to day and am fear-
ful of chills - Give my
love to all your dear
family often well I
think of the many pleas-
ant days I spent with
you all - My children send
their love to you and family
my one devoted sister
etc etc Mary

Georgetown Oct 4th 1849

My dear brother

one week to day
since I left you all I can
scarcely realize it has been
so long (time seemed to
have passed with rail road
speed - We had a pleasant
time in getting to St Louis
where I spent two nights
and a day had some diffi-
culty in getting accommo-
dation owing to the great
crowd attending the fair
met with Mr Gungleton
and Mr Gulenwidder - I was
not much with them they
were all attention to the
fair on Friday morning
Mr Gungleton went with

me out to the depot
and saw me safely on
the cars for home in com-
pany with a lady and gen-
tleman of Mexico Mr and
Mrs Morris I reached my
place of destination at one
o'clock, (Mr Gungleton) and
was delighted to find them
in better health than I
expected. Carrie and her
children were staying with
her sister Daniel and two
of the little children were
waiting my arrival at
Centralia with a buggy
it was truly a joyful
meeting with my dear
children after so long an
absence - I shall ever feel
grateful to Dr Jenkins for his
kind attentions to me and
remember Miss Ridgeway for
her pleasant and agreeable

company she met a cousin
of hers (Mr Gunn) at the 4th
Louis Depot who took charge
of her - The Dr spent one day
in the city it was a very un-
pleasant day raining, severely
constantly - have you heard from
Mary and Mr Gibson Mr Lee
Gibson steps in the cars a
few moments to see Miss R
Met with him in Illinois

We are expecting Mr Gungleton
and Mr Fulkerson home to day
the fair was continued until
to-day Kentucky bore off one
of the big prizes - I shall
expect you certainly some
time this month to make
your promised visit - Our
relations here are generally
well Kate Curbright has
an addition to her family,
a son or daughter I do

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Chenwood Oct 29th 1852

My dear & affectionate Mother

Your kind and sympathetic
young letter I received (by Susan Jenkins
conducted to me, the comfort that is felt
in the time of affliction to know and
realize true friendship - for my father
it is now in my sad bereavement when
all seems desolate, and some that friend
ship take a membership right, comes
to cheer and help

In my letter I wrote
you, dated the 29th of Sept. telling of my
great loss in the death of a dear and be-
loved husband I would have then urged
you coming immediately on to see me but
knowing the many cares and great weight
of business you have I forbore to do so
in your kind letter that is before me
you say if I desire your presence to

advice & counsel, if you would come, that
promise is a comfort to me and I hope
it will be practicable for you to judge
as relates to the affairs of ~~my~~ husband
while there will be no difficulty in set-
tling, for every thing will be found
right - there was no will left which
I regret - therefore every thing has to
be done according to law - I have
chosen Mr. J. P. Prueitt for admov-
tor - he is a gentleman who stands
high in the community ⁱⁿ integrity &
honor and one in whom my husband
had great confidence & felt quite at
ease to determine whether to remain on
the farm or go to town but this plan
seems sacred being audited by a post
about a home sought by my ^{husband's}
settlement in our old age and ^{to} rear and
train our son to agricultural pursuits
if I can carry out his views in this
respect I am willing to make a sacrifice

on my part - He is going to school
next to town every morning and return at
noon - and I think in forming studious
habits - Come it with me she had con-
sidered going to school but I thought it
best for her to stay with me this winter
Mary & Gungleton and family are well she
has another son which makes three just
child her cares are increasing still I
hope and trust in our heavenly father
who is the bountiful benefactor and
dispenser of every good will guide and
preserve her yes my brother let us all
look ^{to} him for help in time of need
may the blessing of heaven be with you
and your dear family as the prayer
of your sister

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