

able to meet all liabilities - and learn a competent support  
for poor Abby - and even then let what may be coming, be  
appropriated for the purpose of preparing the farm yard in  
the manner I have heretofore expressed to you & Cousin  
Tom Allen - Our family with the exception of poor Phyllis  
are all well - she is not long for this world - & all our wishes

Col. William W. Rufus

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to death - little Robert (our Mrs. Robert's son & now living in my family)  
has been quite ill with fever, at his grandfather's in Bourbon -  
he is now better & thought, out of danger & to expect him home  
in a few days - Write to Sister Sally, concerning Robert's estate -  
she thinks a little hard & complains of neglect -  
I have written in great haste excuse all - You Mrs. The A. Rufus

When speaking of the \$30. from my father, state don't understand me as it being the whole amount necessary to cover my proportion for the Tomb Stone of our Parents & Mrs. Robert -

Very Dear William

Ad. Hill - Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> 1842

Your kind favor of the 21<sup>st</sup> ult. by Mr. Evans, I received some little time ago, through the Lexington Post Office in a tattered & torn condition - so much so, that some portion of the margin folding was gone altogether - but by putting scraps together and guessing some little, I think I have been able to make out the principal subject matter of its contents - and like you self, I dislike putting off, or even to be in arrears for any length of time - I expect to go to old Asa Thompson's sale which takes place on tomorrow & from there to Lexington when I will drop this in the Post Office - I am just from the field where my boys are making a finish of cutting up and shocking my stock corn for the present year - my heap seed is cut, but not quite dry enough to thresh out - our potatoes (Sweet & Irish) are to dig & put up - and then we are done with all fall work, saw getting white wood & spreading manure - which we consider a light job - Last week I purchased 40 cattle which I had been grazing for several weeks past, at what I would think a fair price to the purchaser at least - the greater portion good three year old steers - at \$8.00 each - a great coming down from former prices - & if on these I can't make some little profit - I am done with cattle -

The notes enclosed in your letter on Wood Hanna, came