

winter I think that his health will be restored, Mrs Smith has been confined to her bed for more than three weeks, suffering at times the most excruciating pain - She wants to start North by the first of June - she is a poor invalid, and requires a change of climate

I was glad to hear that Grand Pa & Uncle Stephen enjoy such good health poor old Man, I hope I shall live to enjoy much of his society give our best love to them

Why did Cousin Nancy leave you Ma must miss her very much give her my love when you see her give our best love to Ma, and tell <sup>her</sup> that I hope to hear soon that she is quite well again, so answer my letter as soon as you can

and believe me ever  
your affectionate Daughter  
Cawline

Murfreesboro NC  
April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1853

My Dear Father

Your letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> of April was received yesterday and I was greatly distressed to hear of Ma's sickness and feel very unhappy about her, although I have reason to believe that she is much better as you tell me that she is gardening and whitewashing, write to me on the receipt of this and let me know how you all are, for I am all anxiety to hear from home again

We had seen an <sup>in the papers</sup> account of the Steam Boat explosion that occurred on Lobster Bay and have since received letters from there Sister mentions in her letter that Mr Sherman was blown some thirty or forty feet into the water, was somewhat bruised and quite stiff and lame, lost every article