

herin, he was out-fox hunting
and met the man and
asked him where he was going
and when he told him he
got down and whipped him
I under stand the ride has last
be proud I don't think that
was hard to do, I am Mattie's
Say you must answer this
letter immediately. I love
much love to Aunt and all
the children, I love Aunt
thinks very hard of her for not
writing to her, I love Aunt &
Mollie and much love to all
Give my love and a kin to
Mattie & Dick, Joe Will & Jack
to write to me. I'll write Jack
that I saw him had he asked
about ^{him} & write many kind messages
to him. Write down my love to
all the family
Affectionately Yours
Cousin

Gallatin Tenn
Jan 3, 1849

Dear Cousin

I know you
will be surprised to have a
letter from me. It has been
a long long time since
I wrote myself to write to
any one. I wish very much
I could have spent my Christ-
mas with you. I thought so often
that I would give anything
if I could eat some of
Aunt's good dinners that it
would make me well. I have
been confined to my room all
the Christmas I have had the
worst cold and cough I ever
had I feel right as you asked
it, I went up to George's just
before Christmas and he found