

Monticello, Fla.
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My Dear friend,

I have been thinking of writing to you a long time & I feel that I must at this hour write to you in your deep affliction. I hope dear friend you are ready to say the will of Lord be done. God in his providence has dealt with you as with many others when he requests of you to kiss the rod in taking from you a dear affectionate sister he has another link added to the happy kindred reunited around the bright home of His exalted throne. Truly do I sympathize with you in this bereavement. I to have felt the great sorrow but God's will be done what is your loss is his eternal gain. It was quite a shock to us all all though [although] I felt when I told her good buy [goodbye] it would be the last I could not help shedding tears I have thought so much about her & dreamed about her. I feel for you all so much, knowing how loving & affectionate Family you all are. You must write to me when it is convenient & tell me all about her sickness. Give a great deal of love to the dear little ones & dear Cousin Robert. Aunt Julia had a great deal of sickness this summer. Some of the children have been very sick but all are up. I hope they will continue to keep well. Sister Marry Mrs. Oakley has allso [also] been sick but is up again does not look well. There has & is a great deal of sickness in & around town but not many deaths. Aunts family are all verry [very] well all sends love to all. Kiss your little ones. How I would like to see you all. My respects to General A – do excuse all mistakes.

From your true friend
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