

Grenada, Miss.
19 Aug. 1883

Dear Mrs. Anderson,

I have read your letter & will gladly do anything in my power to aid in filling the land you mention if you will get your brother in law to send me the numbers & general description of the land for the information of purchasers.

I am so far away that I fear I will not be a very efficient agent for the sale – but I am sure you can not find one who will serve you more willingly. I never loved & respected any man more than your noble husband & my interest in his family has never abated and I am much obliged to you for me about the children – but I don't think you ought to have said anything about a "fee." Do you think that anything could induce me to charge Patton Anderson's family for any service in my power to render them. No my dear friend I would be only too happy to hear you if I could only find it in my power and if I can be instrumental in selling this land I shall be amply compensated to know that the proceeds are to be applied to the education of the sweet & bright daughters of my honored & valued friend.

My wife & Courtney are in Bon Aqua Springs where I will join them in about a week. Then I have to go to N York & will leave them in Louisville till my return. My wife rebels a little at being sent away from home – but I am afraid for her & Courtney to stay here in the summer. Life at a watering place is too aimless for me & hence I have been with my family but little at Bon Aqua.

Please give my dearest love to your children.

Your friend sincerely,
E.C. Walthall

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