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Letter from [Joanna Muir Brown] to Mary [Muir Hand], 1882 Apr 25.

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Went up
at pasture
city bet.
with wife
to within
about a
hundred
miles of
Corte h.
He went
to shoot
a lumber
yard & then
very well
to factory
about
Pamlico.

Spring for a fresh drink
and I did wish you
could just have been
with me for an hour at
least I am sure your
eyes would have feasted
on the quiet beauty,
there is a little stream
running through a ravine
from the spring eastward
and on either side are
ferns and flowers and
beautiful trees, Sometime
you surely must come
and spend a winter with
us and stay until about
May or June and then
we can all go north
and stay a little while
with you would not that
be fine?

A long time ago Mr.
Brought in some
beautiful wild birds
and told me to put
one in Gore and
send for Currier and
send it now
but it did not
come in. They
have as deep
color as Parula.
We have beautiful
flowers too.

We do not regret
 anything to have
 that so early
 truly con-
 gratulate
 me to all our
 friends, I be-
 lieve I should
 write to
 Mrs. Jewell
 and I cannot.
 We are quite
 anxious to have
 almost our home
 as any body can
 see it.

Jefferson Ark.
Apr. 25. 82.

Dear Mary:-
Your splendid long
letter which I had looked
long for, came last night.
I had been nursing you
through the measles so long
that I was exceedingly glad
to hear of your much im-
proved health. I had watch-
ed the Times and Budget
very carefully for accounts
of measles patients but all
I could ever see concerning
you was that you were un-
dergoing it & Mrs. Dmally
which I knew you would
enjoy if you were at all

well, I scarcely think
you can quite understand
the comfort of our letter
box, I went to sleep
with a quiet gladness
in my heart, which this
morning's light has not dis-
pelled. Dear little Orhelor,
he would not need his
hood and jacket on to
go out to play here. We
are enjoying the most
delightful weather which
I ever experienced, it
is just magnificent, neither
too hot or too cold, the woods
are richly clad in dark
glorious beautiful green
and fairly peopled with
happy birds, this is a
prettier place than I had
even thought when I came

and I believe we can
make a pleasant home
here, at first I think
I was only trying to like
it but now I begin to
feel settled down in
my heart. During March
the weather was too warm
to be comfortable and
what with the spring
weather which you know
is always trying and the
change of climate, I was
languid almost beyond
endurance, I am sure
I was as much dead as
alive, but I have got
over that now and am
getting up quite a good
appetite again and feel
quite cheerful, I have
just been down to the

is not able to do ^{any} thing of that kind but then his restless spirit never forakes him, He says that he can do more good in Hamilton market than in any place he ever was and that he must go back for he is only happy when employed. We have tried to reason with him and tried to make it pleasant for him but in every way we could but you know how it is, he is recruited again and as forgets that he is not able to get along the way he used to. What can we do? We are hindering him for the present by telling him that it is inconvenient to give him his money but of course that will not last long.

Many I cannot tell you how grateful Walter and I feel to you for your promised visits to our little grave and the interest you take in it & yourself. It is next to going there our selves and I know that it is all right is a great comfort. You ask if I am coming to Phillips this summer, we hardly know what we will do yet but a very cool season is prophesied by the old settlers and if it is so comfortable I would be glad to avoid the fatigue of traveling. As we will be
Many kisses to little Walter and yourself and love to Willis Affectionately J. B.

We will end the piece of the chair right off. I believe I am a good you a good our journey at - come they better than we could have hoped things the big chair which had a much car. I saved the worst of it will have to be sent to town for my car but it can be used all right. I should have thought that Willie's summer meet and interesting all right but I don't

You ask about Walter and his business. He says tell Mary we are getting along first rate now and that in a few days we will have a little locomotive to draw in the logs from the woods and that you must come and take a ride, the road being about a mile in length at present. He wishes me to enclose this excursion ticket for you. As we were to come and get the good of it. When we first came here we had rains which were unusual even for this

place and the mud was so deep as to make it very hard to make any headway at all, and as he had not got things into very good working order it was pretty bad, and then of course being obliged to fight it out alone it was harder but he got through the tug bravely and no doubt will get along finely now. I assure you he needs both his legs and his wits to keep everything going right, there are so many departments to be looked after. Before another rainy season comes he will be ready for it so that it will not materially affect him.

You ask about Father and I have plenty to say about him for Walter and I are awfully perplexed about him. He does not find the employment he anticipated and he is becoming restless again and I really fear he will go once more to Hamilton. There are no colored people close by excepting those employed by Mr. and of course they are busy from the time Father gets up in the morning until nearly his bed time so of course he finds little opportunity to talk to them and as they were the ones he intended to work among he is discontented. The truth of course is that he