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**Letter, Mattie A. Boyd and Sophie Boyd Hays to Matilda Boyd
Webb, June 22, 1851**

Sophia Boyd Hays

Mattie Ann Boyd

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Spa Springs, Tenn. June 22nd /61.

Dear cousin Sit,

School having closed in Oxford

a few days since, and relieved me from my
trials I have left them, and come up to La Grange
to spend a few days with cousin Sophia; where
I am having quite a nice quiet time. Every
body having gone to the war except the ladies,
a few old gentlemen, and occasionally a young
man. Cousin Sophia & myself have been
talking about writing to you for several days
but having been very busily engaged (as she
is making preparations to go to Union City in
a few days) we have had to ~~talk about~~
deferred until the present. Cousin Sophia receiv-
ed a letter from cousin Robert yesterday.
He writes in quite a happy manner, and seems
to be well satisfied. He says they are very comfortably
fixed in camp, and thinks they will be rather
loath to leave even to return home. Though
they hope to return in August, and I greatly
wish their hopes may not be in vain. I

then much excitement in your town. It too
I suppose has lost most of its citizens. Cousin
Sophia & I were ~~to~~ talking today about how
much we would enjoy a trip to your country
this summer. She doubts its possible that she can
go. I intend making an effort to visit you
all this fall. What are the prospects for schools
in your country another session? The prospects
in this country and where I have been in Miss
are not ^{at} all flattering. Our school in Oxford having
been rather small last session I think its probable
that its will be so next session if they open at all
at the usual time. As I have not made
any engagement there. I regretted very much
that I could not accept the position offered
me in Kosciusko though I was pleasantly sit-
uated. Please write soon, and inform me
if you think its probable that there could be a
situation obtained, either as assistant in the
female college, or as teacher in a private
family, or any others that would be pleasant.
Write to ^{me} at St George as I shall be here a short
time, and if gone the letter can be forwarded
to me. I hope you are all well. My health

is very good I wish very much to see your
little ones I imagine they are very interesting
How is cousin James' family, Aunt Ann and
other friends? Present my kindest regards to them
also the same to your self & family.

Dear Cousin
I have just over
Mr Deal on
I have time to write
only a few lines this morning as
I expect to leave for Boston City
to-morrow evening at 7 o'clock
I have a great deal to do in the
way of cooking &c.
It seems a long time since I
heard from you all - Have been
wishing to write a great while but
have been quite busy.
I wish you could find a place
for Cousin Mat in your town for
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Mr Lewis, whom you remember called to see
cousin Mat -
to-day. Miss
Demita died
last Feb. I had
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your affectionate cousin,
Mattie H. Boyd
one of my
neighbours
is in a
fine
garden
for the
boys.
H. Boyd

Here several teachers have left, but
the one in her department - but - the
one in her department is a great
favorite with the principal, and
he expects to detain her.

Cousin Mat is a superior girl
I have found out more about
her now than I ever knew before
and then she is very pleasant - has
improved very much since you
saw her. She is so particular too
even in small things. I have no
doubt of her being a thorough ex-
-cellent teacher. She is, I think, very anx-
-ious to go to Texas. It is possible that
she will go to Union City with me though
I don't know that she is decided. I think
I will return home the last of this
week or the first of next. It has been
rumored here that the troops at Union
City will be ordered to Missouri.

It is possible that I will yet visit
you during the summer.
Leon stays with a friend while I am
at N. C. Do write soon. Love to all
In haste, Yours affly, S. B. Stays