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H.H. Lenoir, Marion County, Mississippi, to children

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Marion Co. May 15th 1856

My Dear Son & Daughter

This will inform yours of
20th March was duly rec^d. and should have long ago^{been done} but
for me it is a great task to write a Letter. I hope you will
excuse the neglect. I was sorry to hear of the affliction of
your wife & the Blacks. But am thankful that no deaths
occurred & that you were all up at time of writing hope
you may continue to enjoy the blessing of health long and
uninterrupted. My own health at the present is about as
good as I could expect at my time of life tho I begin to feel more
sensibly the effects of age. The rest of the ^{family} are well except
Henrietta. H. about as usual Roberts general health tolerably
good but no better of his Rheumatism it is doubtful whe-
ther he ever will walk again. We have our crop planted
but have had lately too much rain. The river got two weeks
ago higher than it has been this season before a number of
mills broke by the heavy rains viz. Haynes, ~~Spencers~~, Neelands,
& Bridges, & Walters at the old place. Our Neighbor Berry
Bridges died about the middle of April with assurance of
future happiness. Doct^r. Baylor has sold his place below and
gone to Hind, or Madison with a view of going to Texas next
spring with his Nephew, who intend going there. Mr & Mrs Ross
are well. Mr & Mrs Haynes also. Mrs Hammond well and going all
the time. Riels is living at old man Carneys old place has 3
Children Married, Treacy, George, & Polly. Hampton Bridges
is now living on Behaly above Jett's old place he came near
Dying

from an attack of Inflammatory Rheumatism is now able to be
about a little but has very ^{little} use of his hands & feet and may be
a cripple for life. Obed May is living near the old Herrington place
and owns a part of it. Hope overseeing for Walter intends going to Ar-
kansas next winter Joseph is in Monticello Keeping a Provision
& Grocery Store with LeMay. Sarah expects to be confined about the
Middle of June They are well at present, Geo. is with me.

I would be glad to know you progress in your Land Speculation
but doubt the expediency of my going to Texas at my time of life
but would be glad if My Children could all be near each other.

And now my Dear Children while you are planning for the
Body what provision are you making for the Soul are you
striving to make your Calling & Election sure do you desire
above all things to have the Love of ^{God} dwelling in you ask
in faith that your Joy may be full. Do not forget My
Dear Son the promise made to your Mother in the Hour of
Death to Meet her in Heaven Oh my Children ask that ^{you} may
receive, seek that may find, knock and the door of Mercy
will be Opened to you. May God bless you with all the
Graces of ^{his} Holy Spirit Guide by his Council. Save you in
Heaven is the Continual Prayer of your

Father

W. H. Lenoir Senr.

P.S. Give my best respects to Cousin Wm. B. tell him I often
think of him with a wish for ^{his} future good

The Family joins me in Love to you all God bless you

W. H. L.