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## Letter from Matilda Patterson, September 2, 1861

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Dear sister after my most fervent  
Respects to you and family by this <sup>day</sup> us all  
well at this time and hope these lines will  
find you enjoying the same blessing sister I  
thought the time very long to hear from you  
a few days since I received a letter from  
Sister Jane but looked to me with  
you gave me as much satisfaction as if tho it  
had bin written to me I forwarded it  
on to Sister Jane the health of our  
neighbourhood is very good sum sickness and  
death in the country crops generally good  
cotton crops are ingering very well from  
a gradual of rain at presant Dr Stanfield  
family has bin vete sick but is now  
better William Skilbee family all so bin  
sick but improving Mr Whittons family  
was well on month ago I this morn holy  
woe that has filld our hearts with sorrow  
when we look into our families and  
miss the loved ~~ones~~ <sup>ones</sup> gone gone to

Offer these precious lives a sacrifice  
to reestablish or hold firm that grade  
and glorious independant liberty  
which our great Genneral Washington  
did fight and so victoriously gain Joseph  
is gon to reformed he asks the prayers of  
all his friends expresses no fears if he  
should be cutdown sister hope the  
benedictions of Keearan may rest upon  
Officers upon all our Soldiers as they  
march in there camps and more betwix  
in the field of battle may God give  
us the victory for which let us all  
pray sister please excuse my short and  
bad writing this being the first letter  
I have ritten in fifteen years please  
let no unreason do wrought soon an  
often sister come and see and stay  
with me sum you sertainly can  
Holisa is not improving any I could not  
go to see her this summer our children  
all sends there best love to you  
I must stop writing as it is getting

Dear Sister I love you  
dearly and will forever do so  
fare well I hope to see you soon

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