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Letter to Mims

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ROUTE 2

TERRY, MISSISSIPPI

SEPT. SIXTH.

MIMS WILLIAMS,
MAGEE, MISS -
Dear Mims :

When Sister and Cora broke up house keeping out here, several years ago, they had Mama's trunk sent down to my home - where it has since remained. The contents of this trunk are these little things she placed therein, such as little trinkets, mementos and etc., that, no doubt, impressed her with events that occurred along her life journey. When around home on Sunday afternoons, and unusual quiet prevails I rummage in this trunk and read with much interest the many old time letters and documents.

For your perusal I am enclosing, herewith, one that I thought might prove of interest to you, since all parties mentioned therein are, or were natives of Simpson county, the county of your adoption. I would guess that all have long ago passed on to their final destination.

The Col. Vance was editor of the 'COPIAHAN' a news paper published at Hazlehurst. If you have a copy of Col. R.H. Henry's "Editors I have known" you will find a little sketch of this queer old character. T.M.B. I feel sure must be old man Tallie Berry, I used to meet him down on Strong River, many years ago. It was about this time in our history that the famous Senator Veechese of Indiana was so prominently before the country, and was called the "tall sycamore of the Wabash", I always thought of old man Tallie as the "tall pine of Strong River". L.C.G Sr. is L.C. Gibson Sr, I have heard Mama speak of him quite often, some of his children were school mates of hers - one of his sons married a daughter of

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uncle Charlie Banks, and I understan a fellow townsman of yours, Dr Walker, is a grend son of his.

You will see from the tener of this manuscript that our maternal grand father was a Democrat, this I have always known. He was a strong advocate secession and gave liberally of his time and money. I am under the impression that he held a commission under the Confederate Government, during the war, Some day I shall investigate and find out what office he held. Our paternal grand father was an old line Whig, and was for the preservation of the Union. But when war was declared no one was more loyal than he. Beth of his sons responded promptly, Uncle Dan joining at Clinton, where he was attending Mississippi College and left for Virginia. Papa was not old enough, but joined the Independent Scouts and did service all through war.

Do you recall that to day, the sixth, is the 50th anniversary of the breaking out of the yellow fever here? I have been thinking about it a good deal to day, recall many things that took place during these terrible seven weeks, I could never forget them.

Your brother,

-----*Caecil*

P.S.

You might return this letter to be placed with mama's other papers.