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Letter, Maria Ames to Her Parents, September 1, 1886

Maria Ames

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Starkville Miss.

Sept 1st 1886

My dear Mama Papa Willie & Bro

Your letter written Sun
reached us this morning
I hope my postal card
was lost because it was
written so hastily I know
you cant read it. This leaves
us all well The two George
A. are here cutting wood
Dess has a man that eats
here and we dismissed
Katie & let her go & clean up
at Sister but not come here
I was ashamed of the negroes
that ate yesterday reminded
me of Uncle There was
Sara Francis & her girl Harriet, Nancy

and Kate Georg & Willis & I
told sister I could not stay
it so today all are gone
but Nancy Georges & Willis
Dad went to Double Springs
for Cattle & will go away
again tomorrow We cooked
the reg's dinner & will
shut up the shop Alex
will stay at home
until 11½ & then go to Uncle
with us to dinner and
then come back, Lena was
here yesterday & said she
was going to marry the
14th of this month but I don't
believe one word of it we
are invited there tomorrow
& I guess we will go, Mr
Martin sent us word (2)
twice to send & get some
nice grapes he didn't

know Papa was away the
I sent & got 12 lbs. I am
cooking them this morn-
ing Sister & Maria left
an hour ago ^{minutes} I hope it
will be nice it is my
first attempt. It is real
cool & we have fires for the
baby night & mornings. how
is it with you. baby is not
well Uncle Willie Cant
get off to the Springs he has
so much practice Miss
S. & Mr Maxwell Annie
S. are better Derr likes his
boarding house splendidly
says he aint able to eat
meat twice a day at
his house. Menart wrote
to Derr yesterday so did John
Hudson & we thought he ^(Hudson) was
coming for dinner but D. left

town I dont believe he is
going to get a piano he
says it costs too much
he will give you \$90 for one
I told him he was too
eager to get a cheap piano
mine didnt suit him
he liked to waked up
Mary Jo Yeates laughing so
loud, Alex & Charlie have
taken their hunt killed
11 squirrels, we have been
doing splendidly get up
at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ and eat by 15 min
after six have had as much
company as we want too,
I havnt done any sewing
yet but will get at it
soon Mary Colclough
came to see me ^{Thurs.} We
John Woodward & myself are
going to call at Dr Wests
tomorrow night