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Merchant Millers,
FULL ROLLER PROCESS
Flour, Feed, Meal and Grain.

FLOUR BRANDS:

Gold Dust,
Royal,
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Watauga,
Magnetic,
Extra Biscuit.

Johnson City, Tenn., Nov 24 1896

Mr Harry Orellig

Dear Bro You recd
a few days ago. We are all well, just
recd a letter from Mrs Allie Westfall
she wrote us an interesting letter, she
seems to be happy. Every thing looks
looko bright to her in the future I
hope Allie will have a smooth sailing
through life. There is but few of us
but what dont have to travel some rough
and rocky hills throu life. But I have
learnt that it takes some rough water
as well as a calm sea to make a good
sailor. Well Harry the election is over
and Billy McKinley will be our next
President. If he makes me a good President
he also will be the same to you. All kind
of trade seems to be starting up and
I know our trade is better now at
this time of year than any time since
we are here. Well Harry I dont do much
hunting. there is plenty small game here

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As much as rabbits and squerels I saw two
Boys pass the mill the other day with
22 rabbits there is a 100 here to one in Penn
And a 1000 squerels to one there. I know man
close neighbour of mine who has kill
over 700 squerels this season There is no
large game close here. About 20 mile
from here there is plenty Bare and turkey
but verry few deer They run the deer away
with dogs. There was 4 of us went
for Turkey last week. Started at 2 o'clock
at night went about 20 miles. We killed
3 turkey. Saw plenty of them but they
are as wild here as in Penn And hard
to get a shot We got one large gobbler and
2 hens There was a party went to day
wanted me to go but I could not get
off I must start on the road to day
I want to go for rabbits shortly I wish
you was here to go along. Wheat is worth
85ct corn 35- We have the mill full
of wheat

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If I was in your place I would
keep the man you have on the farm
I think he is a good farmer and he will
keep the farm in repairs. If a farmer keep
his fence in good order I will in sure
him a good farmer. But if you see all
the fences down and every going to rack
look out, he won't do. But what I know
and hear of the present man he is trying
to do what is right I think Mammie and
I will come home some time this winter
we will come together if we come
I want to see Mother and I know
Mammie wants to see you all. We are
having fine weather. We still have flowers
in our yard and roses in full bloom
we had a few little frosts but now to hot
any thing. I am writing in the mill office
Charley is second Miller. Mr Ellsworth is
writing on the typewriter. We have 5 men in
the mill. We have run on wheat every day
since the first of last February. Stop only

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Couple days for repairs. We turn out
50 Bbls every day run on wheat all the
time we dont have much demand for
chop here yet we run our choppers
about 1/3 of the time. Who runs you mill
at Woodbury. You see you millers
and let me know what the pay for what
and what the get for straight flour at
the mill or what the get for it on
Broad top. I really I wish you could
come to Johnson City at least to
visit us I expect you boys are
almost grown by this time It is now
near dinner and I must stop and
get ready to take the train for North
Carolina So good by. Mamma told
me she wrote you a day or two ago
Give my love to your Family
Kindly Yours
Daddy B B