

Dowell Johnson County Tenn
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Dear Son & Daughter I received your Letter in due time. I was glad to hear that you was all well & well satisfied this leaves us all as well as common Catharine has got up and can walk about & Pke is still in the Bed & your Uncle Bill is down low with Typhoid fever Bob is waiting on him he goes to see him twice a day he says that he can raise him and I believe he will for he has not lost a single case yet and he has had some of as bad cases of Typhoid fever as ever was in this County he has been the luckiest Doctor on Typhoid fever that ever practiced in this County James Robinson has been tending on pohh and she has been in the Bed 65 days and is not out of danger yet and Bob has got all of his patients up in less than a month the Robisons let Boy Jordan die with a very light attack of Typhoid fever and they let Dave Rankins die last week with it and he begged them to send for Bob and they wouldnt do it and he died for want of a Doctor that knowed something Bob has cured Sam Heaton Johnny Heaton Will Heaton Bekey Heaton & Catharin & Son Holders and lots of others and has not lost a single case tell Jimus that I would like to see her old long frame one time more but unless my health gets a great deal better I will never be able to make the trip I rode to town last Tuesday and I have been so sore ever since that I cannot hardly move my self

I am Coughing so hard that I am so weak that
I cant walk ten steps without stopping to rest
and I had the hardest spell with my heart two
weeks ago last Sunday that I ever had in my
life I canne vary near passing a way and I had
a hard one on Friday before but the one on Sunday
was the worst so you see that my life is uncertain
but tell Jimme if I get any better & can raise the
Money that I will try to come set this farl and
see her for I had as well die one place as another
but I never expect to live to see Christmas till
little H.H. that Grandpap wants to see his cat eyes
so bad that he cant rest tell him that Grandpap
said that he wished that him and Vada was here to
help Jake & Hamp & Bob eat hukes & white sweets
we have got Apples plenty and to spare and
some peaches & pears but we have got all that
there is in the County Blackberries was a failure
here this season it was so cold here last winter
that it killed all the Briers but we have plenty
of huckleberries & we will have plenty of Irish potatoes
pumpkins and Beans tell you cant rest so Jimme
you see that the Old man is safe for the winter
the old witch has been looking up through the
fields for several days and I look to go up
ther before long and finde my sweet potatoe
patch tore all to pieces just like an old sow
had been in it tell Hensley that Jake is a varlet
as big as jes. and that him and Easter is going to
School every day Jake says that he is going to learn
to write so that he can write Harris a letter tell him
that Jake sends him 3 cts in silver to buy him
a pencil Hamp says that he is going to tell Marion
that Grindstaff is Destroying all of his timber

Marion I never saw such Corn crops in Johnson
County we had dry weather all through July and
people got their Corn worked good and about
the time they got it laid by it commenced
raining and has been raining ever since it
rains a Good shower about every other day and
I tell you that you never saw such Corn in
this County and wheat was the best that you ever
saw it in this County and our Buckwheat was
fine and Oats was the best that they have been
in 40 years and Grapes never was better wheat is
worth from 35 to 50 cts per Bushel and I dont
believe that Corn will be over 25 cts at the least this
fall so you see that we are in a condition not
to starve for the next twelve months but O where
is all the money gone to tell your Uncle Ben that
if he has not got enough of Cleveland good times
yet just to be patient a little while and I think
he will get his satisfaction for just as soon as
Congress begins to tinker with the Tariff times
and Money matters will close down harder God
grant that these hard times may last long
enough until this generation learns what
Democracy means Marion if it goes on one
longer every Business man and every Merchant
will be Bursted in all this Country for there
aint a single Dollar in Circulation in all this
Country Marion you never saw the like in
all your life in this Business men are riding
in every direction trying to Borrow Money and
are offering to pay 25 percent interest and cant
get any at that so you can guess how times
is here but thank God Republicans can stand

it as long as Democrats can Marion if you live
until the next presid. to Election you will see
whether the Republicas party is a thing of the
past or not as the Democrats said it would be
Oh they are dying a horribl death but my
prayer is O Lord increase the paine all
of the Democrats of Jackson County are cursing
Cleveland but I tell them that it is too late
now that it is too late to pray when the Devil
comes now Marion I want you to write me
a good long letter as we ~~want~~ to see in facts and
let me know how Money matters is in that
Country and how Crops is in that Country
Marion we have got the pasture field and the
Bed of the Doash hollow and over an acre in
the lot below the house with the old garden included
in Corn and it is all the best that ever you saw
on this place we moved our Garde last Spring
up in the loar end of the Bottom just above
the Middle gate and we have got the finest
Garden that you ever saw I think that we
will make 800 Bushels of Corn Marion let me
know how your Crop is tell Jimmie that Balley
is put ~~out~~^{time} but I cou't say ~~when~~ in
for 25 cents for I don't Believe that their is
50 cents at this time in this Country but I
will try to sell him this fawl for he if I can
so write soon tell your Uncle Ben's Boys that
I think that they could write to me if their pap
wont and let me know how they all are
so I will have to close hoping to hear from you
Soon your father & friend J H Wilson

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