

Doaville Johnson County Tenn

Sept 18th 1896

Dear Son & Daughter I received your Letter
in due time was glad to hear from you
this leaves all as well as Common hoping
it will find you all the same since I wrote
to your John C. Low & Jacob Low & Abner
Walker & Rebecca heaton have died all of
old Chronic diseases like mine & it will
be my turn next for it has been expected
by every body for the last 2 years to hear
of my death at any time but I am here
yet but cannot be here much longer I
may live until about the time the leaves
falls this fall and I may be dead in less
than a week I know that the time cannot
be long for the last symptoms in heart
disease has made its appearance swelling
of the feet & legs so I know that I cant
stay here much longer Marion you dont
know I was hurt when I got your Letter
for I had been sending to the office
every day for 3 weeks expecting to get
news that you was coming for I wanted
to see you so bad and talk to you before
I die but my hopes is now all blighted
and dont know how it has hurt me for
I have lost all hopes of ever seeing you
again for I know that my time is
short I have took spells with my heart
and came very near passing a way in
the last 3 weeks and I am in the last
stage of Consumption & Cough at least

a quart of Blood & matter every 24 hours
 I am so weak & short of breath that I
 cannot walk across the room without
 stopping to rest Marion if I never see
 you again I hope that you will meet
 me in heaven & further hop that you will
 vote this fall in the direction that your
 old father shot for an honest policy
 and an honest government that wants
 to pay its debts with honest money now
 Marion don't you see as clear as the
 Monday Sun that what I told you
 about the Peoples party is when I told
 that the Peoples party was only a tool for
 that old rotten Democrat party their leaders
 met in Convention at St Louis and indorse
 Bryan the Democrat Candidat as their
 Possince for president now would you
 disgrace your self and your wife and
 little children to vote such a ticket
 as Brian & Sewall & Bryan & Watson
 oh how they have got the thing tangled
 by trying to fool the Voters to try to beat
 an honest man at the head of an honest
 party who is in favor of an honest policy
 that would open up the Mills & factories
 and give honest wages & honest money
 in payment for honest Labor which would
 give the farmer good prices for his grain
 and all other products of the farm and
 nothing but protection will ever bring
 about such results and we cannot
 expect protection only through the Republic

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party and William McKinley who is a
hy protective tariff man and he is
just as shure to be elected as the 3 day
of November comes & buisness is just
as shure to revive when McKinley is electe
as the sun is to rise to narrow morning
Mark my prediction altho I may be dead
Marion you wanted to know if Alvin Blum
would wait for part of the pay on his Land
he says that he dont know at this time
whitther he could or not he is going to
Sullivan County to buy land and if he can
get time on the land that he buys then
he could give the same time on his land
heare he can make a good Deed if he sell
if you was heare now with a little money
I am of the opinion you could buy
some of the Shears in Rebeca Hutton
farm for nearly nothing and could
get all the time you would want & could
in a few years own the hole farm
ther is plenty of little farmes that can
be Bought by paying part down so I am
telling you the truth I could take one
hundred Dollars in Cash and buy you
a good little home with it money is so
seare that it goes some where at this
time but it might not be so far next
fall for when other things goes up
land will go up with it so this fall
would be the time to buy land in this
Country 100 dollars would buy more land
now than 300 would when you left heare

Our Corn Crop is much better than we
 thant it was in this County Corn was
 at least one month earlier than ever
 all the fodder was took in August the
 Boys got all their up and in before
 they went to the Association Marion
 we are not having to carry water to
 our stock a quarter of a mile or deliver
 me from such a country as this I
 know as well as you do that you have
 not had a good pure drink of water
 since you crossed the Mississippi River
 we have had plenty of rain ever since the
 first of June Marion I hope that you
 will write us soon as this comes
 to hand so that I may get to hear
 from you again as it is vary likely
 that this will be the last letter
 that I will ever be permitted to write to
 to you for for I am liable to die just at
 time wherby before morning so write
 soon and let me hear from you so I
 remain your father & friends until death

J. H. Wilson