

[Letter from Annie Watts Winston in Virginia to her sister Effie Watts Rector in Texas
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...love to them all & tell him I am expecting a letter. I will try to write to them soon – Effie, you must write often now your health is better – I will write when I can, but you know with my houseful of little ones, I have but little time to myself - I am glad you are happy – You must take good care of your health & not try to do too much. Do you raise flowers? You will love your home much more if you beautify it & there is nothing more refining in every way than the love & culture of flowers – I expect you have beautiful wild ones & you can transplant them in wet weather – Raise roses – roses are always lovely – Do you want some Cypress [*word smeared*] seed? I can give you a few – When you write tell me all about your home, your employments &c [*etc*] everything interests me Yours bro Perry says I must give his best love to you & Mr

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Kenner - says he is willing & anxious to go to Texas & you all must blame me for not going – We didn't have many watermelons and this was not peach year – I dont [*don't*] think there was a dozen here. I have had a great quantity of splendid pears also quinces & apples – We are getting good sweet potatoes. Do you raise enough meat for yourselves? Tell Kenner if I was to go out he would have to give up his school to me I reckon - - I still live in the hope of seeing you – Life has not many charms for me - I trust I am trying to get to the better land above - If we meet no more here, my prayer is that we may [*several words unclear*] have happy endings & join the dear ones who have gone before -

Good bye dearest child. God bless you & yours

Your affectionate sister

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