

Indiana Franklin  
County Seder Grove  
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Mrs Mary Terry

Miss Tipah County January the 2 1848

Dear Mother i once more embrace the oportunity of riting you a few lines to let you know that i am alive and tolerble well at this time my family is all well at present i am living 3 miles from Salem 55 miles from memphes we came here Nov 1844 wee have a gret Deal of sickness since wee came here i had a severe spell of fever in 1845 it left me with a Disperate cough i fear i shall never get over it though i am now taking medicine for it i live in sight of Asbury they are all well Winny has 8 living children nancy is some taller than mahala wee have 7 children the youngest was born march the 15 1845 wee call her Eliza Ellen i got a letter from Harrison and Betsey they was qll well the letter was rote in October the friends was generally well old aunt susie Harrison Died last spring verry sudden i have had the hardest kind of scraching ever since i moved here i settled rite in the woods without house or fields i have now got 50 acres in cultivation and a verry good house i believe it is as good land as i ever seen any where it produces wonderful indeed i shall have four thousand weight of lint off 13 acres and corn enough to do mi 2 years it is my full Determination to go to see you next summer if i dont move next fall i have not Determined on moving yet it is so sickly here that i dont think that i can stay here very long Harris rote that Sally was married and had a Daughter the reason why i have not rote to you before was i forgot the post office Harris sent me the name in his first letter i want you to send me a letter as soon as you get this and let me know how you are Doing and how all the children is and george in particular if he is at home with you i want you to be certain to rite soon if i can get of i will come and see you next summer or fall Charles Davenport lives 10 miles from here i see him tolerbly often they are all well and he is Doing tolerbly well they have 5 living children i have been sending the children to scholl i have to pay at rate of \$17½ a schollar for the year there is a good many of my acquaintance lives in this neighborhood old Willis Devenport lives a mile or two from Charles the old man is about as usual though i think he has quit Drinking as much as he used to Direct your letters Salem post office Mississippi Tipah County i must bring my letter to close by remaining your loving children till Death Wm A and Mahala Terry

Mahala and the children Joins me in sending their love and respects to you wee wish to be remembered to all the friends so no more at present