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The Harbour, 203  
Ben Lomax, here -  
Aug 31st, 88

~~My dear~~  
~~Ben~~  
~~Lomax~~  
~~here~~  
~~Aug 31st~~  
~~1888~~

... been tending  
... very badly. Remem-  
bering as I do how very kind  
it is for you to find time  
to write - at all - but you  
cannot imagine how  
the time slip by - a few  
sit on the piazza or hand  
through the sheets - or on  
the rocks - just to be out  
of doors - I certainly have  
a supreme faculty - for  
being idlest.

So you have seen your  
Aunt Hannah at last. I know  
you must like her - she  
is too nice not to be liked

Not my fault, I say, but the weather - I say  
to your fatherly side he during the winter.  
Wrote of Sept. I hope you another by sunset  
of them & that I am - be some time by  
now & very - it was very sufficient the last  
one -

I hope Capt. Rose is very much better than  
he was - but I suppose they see any more about  
him - that news is in form of who I hope  
will give I hope - the chance was so long  
very pleasant - see how you not enter a  
piece of information here I'll see - no trace of any  
Arnold - a picture of a woman - that's with  
& 200 and I hope such a comfortable chair - I'm the other  
two would be sure & wish much for you to meet.



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For

Mrs Taylor -

Care for ~~her~~ Barrett Taylor

Providence

Foot of the Co

North Carolina



and I am just - I see  
you & she will like it off  
nearly and comfortably -  
I wonder if my little girl  
liked her new dress bet-  
ter than she did one -  
& will the mistresses  
think you have a more  
ending succession of such  
visiting in?

I had a short letter  
this morning from her  
& he, I should judge  
for it, enjoyed her little  
the visit very much - I  
am glad he went - I  
am sorry that it just  
so happened Erit could  
not be there too - though  
I think it is well she  
staid at Pilot Mt. if  
she is improving - I wish

you will come here & we change - do you  
think you will accomplish it by next  
November both the price?

I shall go from home about the 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup>  
of Sept & visit your house & then I shall see  
a servant with three - probably a Julia and  
both as price -

I have been in several other exhibitions  
travelling in Wednesday next and I shall  
visit a very pretty house - I am planning  
to check out, I must work within the scope  
of my own - I wish you were here to see  
the the books with - we shall examine & make the  
table some in - I am not from these  
times - the people are beginning to



**TAYLOR & BOLLING,**

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SUCCESSORS TO GODDIN & TAYLOR,

**Wholesale Grocers & Fancy Grocers,**

NO 11 S. 14th STREET BET MAIN AND CARY,

Richmond, Va., Febry 7 1889

My dear Bessie

Your much valued and appreciated letter was read some time ago and I have been wanting to answer it ever since it was read but the closing of last years business has kept me busy. And as business hours is about the only time I have for anything except late visiting I have not been able to take the time to answer sooner. I did not intend to keep all of you in the dark as long as I have but you know I am not much given to talking about matters that concern me and it has come about more from that cause than any other. I am going to be married the 27<sup>th</sup> and will take in the Mardi Gras. I want very much to come back by Winston but am almost afraid that I cannot get return tickets that way. I wish very much you could come up with the boys.



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## Wholesale Grocers & Fancy Grocers,

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Richmond, Va., ..... 188

We are going to have a very quiet wedding at home with only a few of the nearest of our kinfolk as witnesses. I am very glad that Mary wants it so, as it suits me exactly.

You must not think I do not appreciate your kindly affection always shown me, though I have given you such small proof of it. I believe you know that I was no whit behind the foremost in receiving you among those we love best.

Tell Willie I will read him the Murray Money today.

Devotedly yr brother  
Harry J. Taylor



called for in Five Days, return to  
TAYLOR & BOLLING,  
Grocers and Fancy Grocers,  
BACCO AND CIGARS.  
outh 14th St., RICHMOND, VA.

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MON  
FEB 7  
2 PM  
BY



Mrs W. B. Taylor  
Newton N.C.

Letters not  
belonging  
to credit  
of card





Al Fin

May 24<sup>th</sup> 1889

My darling Bess  
 Why have you so  
 entirely forgotten us  
 as not even to notify  
 us of the new arrival  
 I sent the little one  
 a groom as soon as  
 I heard of his arrival  
 but do not know if it  
 ever reached you it  
 went by express and  
 was addressed to you

pleasure at one hear  
 how you all are we  
 are anxious to know  
 we are all poor creatures  
 in this house but you  
 are always in our minds  
 & we talk about you  
 constantly. Sister C. keeps  
 us informed she is the  
 only one who writes by  
 the way she is thinking  
 of coming out this sum-  
 mer & spend the hot  
 months with us. When  
 will you come if you  
 keep on having Babies  
 am afraid you will never  
 come out - th I do wish  
 you could come before



Your Sillita grows so  
old and good for nothing  
for you must remember  
am no longer young  
altho I feel just the  
same as when we first  
met in St. Louis I feel  
so perfectly well since  
we <sup>came</sup> into this house it  
is so lovely I live out  
of doors all the time  
& am getting as old as  
an Indian. But it does  
not worry me in the least  
so long as am well, that  
horrid dyspepsia nearly  
killed me last winter  
& I was so blue & depressed  
I did not care whether

I lived or not, - it has  
not troubled me any  
for months & am as  
happy as possible.  
Our place does look  
so beautiful quantities  
of lovely roses & other  
flowers the Snow balls  
are now in perfection  
The only thing that is worrying  
us now are the Ants  
They eat the seed and  
are destroying so much  
of the lovely grass so  
you know of any thing  
would kill them, or they  
are fearful. Please give  
our love to Mr. S. & all the  
family. Ever yours loving Sillita  
Serriter - Springfield



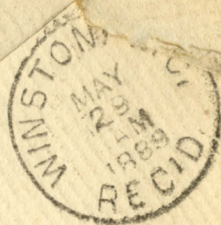
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Mrs Saylor  
Care of Mr. W. Saylor  
Winstown

Forsythe Co North Carolina

*Al Fin*





would like to take a  
vacation and rest  
but she would not  
admit that she needed  
it. Alas! she needed  
it more than we even  
thought, and that she  
had any trouble of the  
Heart, never once  
occurred to me. Some  
of her friends say, that  
she knew she had  
that she went to Dr  
Jacobi several years  
ago, and had herself

Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> 35 Elm St [62]  
Morristown  
New Jersey  
My dear Bessie  
I wanted so  
much to write you in  
those sad hours, that  
I sat by dear Edith  
but in the haste of  
sitting off by the 1<sup>st</sup> train  
after getting those dreadful  
tidings, I left my  
spectacles, and without  
them I am as helpless  
as if I were blind as  
to writing and reading.



but although I could not write  
I was thinking of you, and  
of your poor Father and  
Mother all the time, and  
praying God to keep you  
to bear this fearful and  
sudden blow. She is with  
you now, and I hope she  
looks as sweet and lovely  
and as much like herself  
as she did yesterday, but  
I know your hearts are

torn with anguish, as you  
look at her, and feel that  
is all you have of her.  
It was a fearful shock  
to me, I think the worst  
I ever had. I saw her, I  
saw her just a few days  
before I came over here,  
she was looking well, only  
I thought she looked  
unusually white but she  
said she was well. We all



dear loved ones would  
love to do, to put the fresh  
flowers around her  
themselves. All of her  
friends were truly in  
their efforts to do all  
they could for her, and  
I know it is gratifying  
to you, to see all the  
beautiful flowers that  
were sent for her, and  
I only wish you could  
catch and all have  
heard, the beautiful  
tributes that Mrs Sullivan  
paid to her, in the presence  
of all the assemblage

thoroughly examined by  
her, and she told her  
she had heart trouble  
and must avoid going  
up and down stairs  
quickly. It was an  
easy thing dear Pessie  
for her to die, it was  
all over in a second  
and if she suffered it  
was only for a moment,  
but it is dreadful to  
feel that she should  
be snatched away  
when to all appearances



when to all she had a long  
life before her, we do not  
know, we cannot tell why  
it should have been, we  
just have to submit, and  
bear it as best we can.  
There was very little I could  
do for her, but what I could  
I did, and I was glad I  
was free to go to her, and  
to stay with her, and to feel  
that she was not entirely alone  
with strangers, away ~~from~~ <sup>from</sup>  
her own dear ones.  
I got the little gown, and tried  
to have her look as sweet  
as possible, and she did  
look perfectly lovely, ~~and~~  
all around her as she laid  
in the "Casket," were Lillies of  
the Valley, and violets, and she  
looked as if she were asleep  
among them. They had to be  
removed, before the Casket was  
closed for fear of discoloration  
being caused by them, but I felt  
it would be something in our



notice in the "Herald"  
and read it out to  
me, that was the way  
the dreadful tidings  
came to me, and in  
about ten minutes I  
was ready to take the  
train, just as I was  
leaving came the telegram  
from your Aunt Florence  
which I ought to have  
received the night before.  
I must stop now dear  
for I feel very unwell,  
but my thoughts will  
be with you all the

time. I do hope you  
will not be obliged to lay  
me to rest, until Willie  
gets to you. Write to me  
when you can, I shall  
feel so anxious about my  
dear dear Brother, and  
your Mother, they are  
both so unwell by their  
condition to stand such  
a crushing blow. Fear not



love and deepest sympathy  
for yourself dear Beatrix  
from your loving  
Aunt Rebecca.

I was so pleased with your  
boy he is such a good  
and fit such a manly fellow.

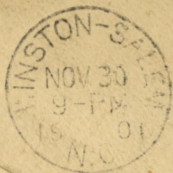
in the Chapel. I longed  
to go with Mr Taylor, as  
~~but~~ he took her on that  
sad sad journey, but I  
felt I ought not to leave  
your Aunt Fanny until  
I know just how she  
had borne the shock.  
I was talking to Cousin  
Mary, that morning, and  
telling her how I wished  
I could stop on my  
way home, and see  
your dear Father and  
Mother, when she  
came upon the dreadful

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Mrs Wm B. Jay  
Winston - Salem  
North Carolina.





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17-E-66<sup>th</sup> Sh. N. E.  
Nov - 29<sup>th</sup> 1901 -

My dear friend

Sairy was  
the first of us to hear  
of the terrible blow  
that had come to you  
all - in her present  
physical condition  
she suffers greatly  
when hearing of  
any affliction that  
comes to friends -  
Her mother has well -  
not well - so Sairy  
decided for the present



it was best not to tell her  
of your loss - I indisposed  
Saidly requested her Cousin  
Miss Hall to call and  
take flowers for us - by  
some mistake my  
name was not mentioned  
she tells me - so I write that  
you may understand, and  
may be assured my  
sympathy and love  
to your Mother and myself  
My kindest regards to  
your father - I know  
that he is in great distress.  
I thought many times  
last Spring of looking  
up Miss Edith. but

The great care and anxiety  
that has through ~~out~~ my  
stay here been mine  
because of Saidly's distressed  
state of health keeps me  
from looking up  
friends of her - now  
I do so regret that I  
had not called to see  
your Sister - May God  
comfort you all -  
So sorry that we did not  
see Mr Taylor - kind  
regards to him, Mother  
& family -  
Affectionately  
Jessie E. B. McAllister

4-6-66<sup>ch</sup> St  
N.C.

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Mrs William B. Taylor

- 4<sup>ch</sup> St - Winston

Forsyth County  
N Carolina



785 WEST END AVENUE.

My dearest friend Taylor

Oh how sorry  
 I feel for you all - its so  
 sad for you all especially  
 this time of the year -  
 but the Doctor say she did  
 not suffer - you know  
 how I sympathize with you  
 all - I cannot express  
 my feelings as they are so  
 very very sad & feel so  
 distressed - Edith dined  
 with us Saturday & spent  
 the evening with us my  
 son & daughter were so  
 pleased with her that  
 they wanted her to come  
 & dine with them Thursday



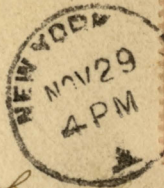
it was convenient for her to do so  
that they hoped <sup>very</sup> she would come  
to see them - and Edith  
said she had enjoyed the  
evening so very much &  
invited her to come & see  
her on Wednesday which  
I did - so you can imagine  
what a shock it was to me  
though the nurse did for the  
nears to me as gently as  
possible - how glad I am  
that she came up and dined  
with me & spent the evening with  
us which we all enjoyed  
so very much - I am too  
sad to write more  
with a heart full of loving  
sympathy - always your fond  
& affectionate friend

M. A. Lee

A. Doctor so I must stop



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Mrs. Ann B. Taylor  
4th Street  
Winston-Salem  
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THE TAYLOR & BOLLING CO.,

(Successors to TAYLOR, BOLLING & TRIBBETT.)

Wholesale \* Grocers \* and \* Fancy \* Grocers,

BLANCHARDS WAREHOUSE.

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Richmond, Va.,

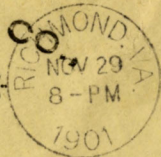
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My own dear Sister; We were all so distressed  
to hear of Miss Edith's death.  
You know that we love you & that our  
hearts are bleeding for you.  
May the kind and loving Heavenly Father  
Comfort his afflicted children.  
Remember that He so loved us that he  
gave his only begotten Son to die for us.  
With this knowledge we cannot doubt  
his love in any affair in life.  
Give my love to your Mother & Father.  
You have the comfort of knowing that He has  
gone to be with his dear Saviour.  
With the best love of your brother Harry,

NOT DELIVERED IN 5 DAYS, RETURN TO

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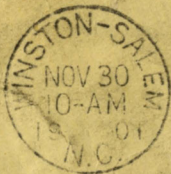
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HARD'S WAREHOUSE,  
RICHMOND, VA.



Mrs Wm B Taylor  
Winston Va.

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My dear Bessie:

When I take  
my pen to write to you  
your great sorrow rises  
before me and I pause  
to think what I can  
say. There is no comfort  
except in the knowledge  
that the Lord God Om-  
nipotent reigneth and  
that the Lord his children  
are noble unselfish Chris-

tians from Home, only  
the gain is his, the  
loss yours. I never  
knew a more un-  
selfish character, full  
as if she were a tower  
of strength to you all,  
your mother and  
father will miss her  
 sorely, but I cannot  
help feeling that your  
loss is greater than  
any of those who had  
her. You know the



tidings of Douglass' death came  
to me in the same way,  
a letter from her and a mes-  
sage and the telegram were  
brought to me at the same  
time. It seems to me now that  
it was years before I could  
look at a telegram without  
the same stunned feeling,  
I know nothing but what  
was in the London which  
did not come till late Fri-  
day evening. I sent you a  
note but I heard yester-  
day that it did not get off.  
I just wanted you to know  
that we had you and  
I would write you. Ask  
Mary to write us and  
let us know how it was  
and tell us about your  
father and mother



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I cannot tell you  
dear Bessie how  
I long to do something  
or to say something  
to comfort you I am  
so glad when I think  
of the children's visit  
to her last summer  
and what a pleasure  
it was both to her  
and to them.  
Tell Drury please



is written at once.

Give my love and  
sympathy to your  
father and mother  
and brothers

May God comfort  
you, dear Susan,  
proud your sister

Anna

P.S. Give my partic-  
ular love & sympathy to  
your Henry I know what  
an darling he was with his

mother



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Mrs Wm B. Laylor  
Laylor Bros  
Huntington  
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30 / South Third St.

My dear aunt Bessie:-

You can never know how much you have been in my thoughts these last few days.

I know that in a great sorrow such as yours, words are empty & inadequate, but I want

you to know that I feel all that I can not say. You had to know Miss Edith & appreciate, even in a small degree, what your loss is. Truly the ways are past finding out" I only wish there was something I could do or say that



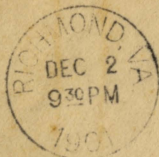
would help you all but I can  
only leave you to see what  
"dode all things well".  
Mama join & we will be  
& Aunt Kathy & say she  
will write herself tomorrow.  
We are looking forward  
with so much pleasure  
to having Mary with us

this winter.  
With lots of love to  
all at both houses  
Your devoted niece  
Emily T. Adams

Monday



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Mrs H. D. Taylor  
Care, Taylor Bros.  
Winston N. C.







the road to recovery.

We are looking forward  
to Mary's visit, hope she  
will be able to come. we  
all lead such quiet lives  
that I think there would  
be nothing out of harmony  
with her bereaved spirits.

With love and sympathy  
for you all, but especially  
yourself I am affly  
Mary G. R. Taylor

December fourth  
ninteen hundred and one.

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My dear Bessie,

I have so  
entirely given up letter  
writing, that it has gotten  
to be a very hard thing  
for me to give expression  
to my thoughts and feelings  
on paper. But I want  
to tell you, though I  
have to do so in such  
an imperfect way, how  
much I feel for you  
in your great affliction.  
I know it is one of the



Very greatest that could  
have befallen you.

Edill's death was one of  
the saddest I ever knew  
of - And truly one of the  
great mysteries that  
humans cannot yet  
understand. And if we  
did not know that God  
does all things well.

And knows so much  
better than we do, what  
is best for us. Submission

would indeed  
be hard. Please remember  
me to your father and  
mother and give to them  
my sincerest sympathy.

I hope you are all well  
and have not bodily  
sickness to add to your  
sorrow. We have all  
been suffering with  
severe colds, but I  
think are now on



Richmond Va

Dec 4/1901

Dear Cousin Bessie,

I was out at Harry's to dine on Sunday, and was so shocked and distressed to learn, through Cousin Emily, of Miss Edith's sudden death in New York last week. It seems almost incredible to think of her being taken away so suddenly, she had always impressed me as being so active and healthy. I have very pleasant recollections of her from several visits she made to old 608 (so full of happy memories of the past). It seems a strange dispensation of Providence that she should have been thus stricken down in her young womanhood, and in the midst of such a noble, useful life as she had consecrated herself to. But we should remember that God's ways are not as ours, He had a higher calling for her above. I know it must be a great

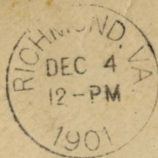


blow to your Mother, Father and yourself, and I write  
to offer to each of you my deepest sympathy in your  
great sorrow. May God grant each one of you com-  
fort and strength to bear this affliction with true  
Christian resignation. I should like so much to see  
you Cousin Bessie, it seems a long time since I had  
this pleasure. When are you coming up this way  
again? Tell Mary Pynington I should like  
very much to see her too, I fell quite in love with  
her when she was here last. I can scarcely realize  
that you and Willie have a grown daughter, I recall  
so well when you were married. I hope Willie and  
Jack are prospering in their business. Our firm will  
discontinue business at the end of this month, but I will  
remain with them for a year to wind up the books. Tell  
Lillie I still have very pleasant recollections of her,  
and think she ought not to go back on her friends up here.  
Please give my kindest regards to your Mother and Father,  
and with love to all at both homes I am,

Your sincere Cousin,  
Geo. R. Anderson Jr.



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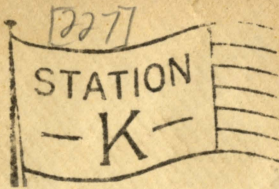




Satchel. and the Satchel you will  
find Sam's things, among them  
the two satchels. In the big box, are  
two dozs gloves & some socks. & in  
the other two a Miscellaneous collection  
of clothes &c. In the largest box  
on the top you will find the  
package for the Coroner - also  
a book, done up & directed to your  
mother, which Edith had bought  
expressly to send her, & my son -  
I brought home two best dures to  
pack with her things down in her  
trunk - also a little basket in which  
I put such things as I thought might  
be jewelry. Among them I found a  
\$5<sup>00</sup> gold piece. That I put in an  
old pocket book, in which there were  
a few pennies. I put that in  
the basket also. The boxes were sealed  
down & addressed to Taylor Bond -  
Huntsville Ala. - to be sent off today

by freight - I destroyed all letters. They  
seemed to be only private letters,  
I mean not your mother's & some  
on your father's name - Saw nothing  
- any one paper of insurance policy,  
or Bank book. With envelope which  
I found, receipt for insurance I believe.  
Miss Dixon told me the institution  
owed Edith a month's salary, also  
that there were a few little bills (one  
to the florist & a few others) which  
she owed, so I told her to pay them,  
every one. Send me the receipts &  
the balance of the money due her,  
so that I could send it to her  
parents - Next week I will pack  
the things down - think I can get  
all into the trunk except one large  
picture of the last night. If I have  
forgotten, or neglected any thing, please  
let me know what it is. Just send  
I want to do every thing as it ought





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afraid of hurting my feelings  
my feelings are not to figure in  
the matter, the question is their  
pleasure and benefit.  
I pointed I gave Edith and they  
were here; but ultimately I would  
like the medal to go to Edith  
to be with the others, and you to  
have the picture — if mother is  
going to keep them for her own  
comfort do not do anything  
of this and it is a matter of  
mine and how, for I feel that  
it is not my matter  
with much love to all, from  
your affectionate brother  
Henry P. Tooga.

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has become disgraced over some  
names that had gotten in there  
and did not feel sufficiently in  
order to go. This was some  
time ago. I have had  
a desire for it. Miss Eva Miller  
to me in Paris & to my sister  
I asked about it but she had  
not it.

Clarkeville, Va,  
Dec. 8th, 1901.

Dear Sister Bess.  
Regarding those pictures —  
which I hope are satisfactory —  
I wish two for myself. You wish  
one certainly, Aunt E. ~~the~~ I think  
wishes one, I think Will does  
not, but you can find out about  
him and also for father and  
mother. I think we should  
send John one. It occurs to me  
Miss Bessie Locke, Miss Scott, and  
Miss Maggie Endsley might also  
appreciate and like to have it.  
You get the thing through as you  
think best — and, "If the bill is not  
too big, why, send it in to me."  
Thank Dr. Somers for his kind-  
ness in lending me his camera.  
There is another little matter  
I wish you would attend to for  
me. Elva Blair left my old au-  
tograph album at Eva Miller's. I



had become disgusted over some names that had gotten in there and did not feel sufficiently interested to get it. This was some ten years ago. Lately I have had a desire for it. Miss Eva spoke to me in Justis & Browder's Store, I asked about the book, she said she thought it was still at home and if she could find it she would bring it to the store for me. When I went by for it she was out. When you are downtown, I wish you would see if she has found it. If she has please get it and keep it for me.

Keep me posted about Christmas, whether I had better come or not. Bess, it seems to me William might cheer them up better than I. On the other hand the whole family might prove an unmitigated nuisance and inconvenience. Please, ma'am, just you look over the ground without my prejudice and let me know just what you think is best for father and mother. Do not be

afraid of hurting my feelings, my feelings are not to figure in the matter, the question is their pleasure and benefit.

Mother wrote me Aunt Florence was to collect Edith's effects. The opal shirt-stud Will gave me belongs to my set (Edith always used it). The Trinity medal and the picture I painted, I gave Edith and they were hers; but ultimately I would like the medal to go to Susie to be with the others, and you to have the picture — If mother is going to keep them for her own comfort do not say anything of this, and it is simply a wish of mine anyhow, for I feel that it is not my matter.

With much love to all, from  
Your affectionate brother,  
Henry P. Boggs.



William talks of you constantly  
and wants to go to see you.  
Will you please send me the  
shirt waist pattern you cut  
for me? I did not get it for  
I forgot it and I was so des-  
perate about getting all my  
things in the trunk.

Tell my aunt Bessie much  
obliged for my cakes but we  
dont want to tell her no more.  
She is too too plain & too too plain  
cant talk.

With much love for you & yours  
I am your loving sister  
Susie.

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Clarksville Ga.  
Dec. 3rd. 1901

My dear sister Bess since your  
telegram to Henry you &  
father have constantly been  
in my mind I have felt for  
you so deeply not only in your  
sorrow but the burden of the  
care for mother & father were  
on you. Of course I feel for  
mother too very much but my  
visit just finished to them  
has certainly deepened my  
love & admiration for father  
I have always loved him  
but <sup>on</sup> my last visit it seemed  
to me I was constantly seeing  
things to admire in him.  
His devotion to mother & fore-  
thought for her was simply  
beautiful. When he said,



"Don't worry about me, as long  
as many lives, I'll live."

Oh how much of his life  
that tells to one who has  
known & loved him. When  
I heard read it in Mrs.  
Manly's letter I just felt I  
wanted to sit right down &  
write him how much I loved  
& admired him & how very  
very deeply I felt for him.  
but though I wrote three  
letters none suited me & I  
have never written it.

You know how dearly I love  
you. If we could only feel  
how much better off Edith  
is without thinking of our  
selves how good it would be.  
I just know I don't realize  
it at all. Do you remember  
your remark to me. You  
wonder who would be the  
next you would hear of that

was dead. If people did not  
stopper dying that you had  
to be there you didnt know  
what would become of you.  
Well that thing has just  
been in my mind very since  
I have heard of Edith's death.  
I know you are a brave,  
christian woman & you will  
have the grace given you  
I had such a nice letter  
from Mrs. Manly. Henry  
has gotten back but I have  
seen nothing of him. He got in  
at 5 A. M. slept until 8 ate his  
breakfast went to school at 9  
after school he went to sleep  
till dinner after dinner he  
had his school. Then William  
had to have a romp.  
Today has been about  
the same except his after  
noon nap he was at the  
school house then.



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My darling Bessie

I have been intending to  
write to you for some little time  
but indeed dear my heart has  
been too sad to try & offer  
any consolation or comfort any  
one but you know & believe dear  
Bessie that you & yours have  
been in my thoughts all the  
time & wish it were in my power  
to send you some words of com-  
fort but alas dear that power  
is denied me & all I can  
do is to pray that our dear  
Lord may send us all some

little comfort from above  
for doubt you Aunt Edith  
has told you that I have  
not returned from St. Louis  
where I went to say good  
bye to my precious father -  
perhaps you can realize what  
that meant to me oh it is  
so hard to be <sup>from</sup> so far away  
& for so many many years  
perhaps three or more & to  
be in so full County, am  
trying to be cheerful for my  
husband's sake & if it were  
not for him am sure don't  
know what I should do -  
Aunt M. from. Dear Florence  
this A. M. has not been  
since my return she thinks that



on dear Edith - was on her way here to see me when  
she was taken out if she could only have felt her  
my home that I might have been with her in  
her last moments - the last time she came  
to see me she did both a well & bid me such  
an affectionate good bye looked at me then in  
the room with a much interest. I wish to  
make her visit so pleasant as possible for  
I knew she had a little in the hospital to  
cheer a brightly - her father she Lucifer &  
her life to her mother I wanted her to go home  
but she always felt as if she could not  
leave her duties to any one else. My friends

it was that you sent Mary  
& Henry to her last moments  
it was such a complete happi-  
ness to her to have them & do  
for them & it will be some  
thing for those children to  
think of all their lives -  
Love to dear Bessie  
Mr. Pratt joins me in best love  
to you all.

Believe me always  
Yours affectionately  
Lillie -

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Must send a letter to my boy  
to Manila that is his next  
address



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that she has not  
written a single  
letter since first  
of September.

All the relatives  
here are very  
anxious to hear  
from you all.

It seems just  
a short time ago,  
since I received  
the dear sweet  
letter you wrote  
me when my own  
dear brother died.

So many many  
changes have  
taken place since

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Augusta, Ga.  
221 Third St.  
Dec. 9, 1901.

My dear Cousin Bevie,  
I am

so worried and anx-  
ious about you all,  
especially Aunt  
Mary and Uncle  
William. If you  
possibly can, do  
write me a line,  
or have one of the  
children write me,  
how they are.

I sympathize  
with you with all  
my heart in this



heavy loss you  
have had. and  
ful for you. for  
I, too, have suf-  
fered in life man-  
ner. Such a dread-  
ful shock it  
must have been  
to you all, as it  
was to me. I went  
from, Mr. Rice to  
Richmond last  
Tuesday. and  
Katie Garrison told  
me the sad ti-  
dings on Wednes-  
day. I was ex-

pecting mamma  
that evening,  
and asked Kate  
not to tell her. I  
did not want her  
to know about it  
until we reached  
home. but she  
had received a  
paper after I  
left Mr. Rice, and  
already knew.

She felt so for  
Aunt Mary and  
Uncle William.  
she wants to write,  
and will. Her  
eyes are so weak

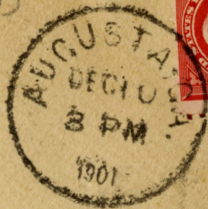


them. <sup>But</sup> and some-  
times I can  
scarcely realize  
them! Now, you  
are called upon  
to suffer a simi-  
lar loss. But I  
know that you  
will be the one  
to comfort and  
sustain the fa-  
ther and mother.

My heart goes out  
to you in tender-  
est sympathy  
and fondest love.  
Your loving cousin  
Nelly B. [unclear]



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Mrs. Mrs. B. Taylor  
~~Summit Street,~~  
Miner's,  
W-4th N. C.





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 Lehaos, Va. Dec. 10, 1901.

Dear Aunt Pessie

I am, so sorry  
 for you, and uncle Millie.

Father is having a new stable built,  
 we play on it every day except Sun-  
 day. I'm making a toy sail boat,  
 out of the scraps the carpenters,  
 don't want. I wrote a piece of poetry  
 and here it is

1  
 On comes the sun in all his  
 might.

The army of night gets out his  
 way.

The creatures of earth cry in  
 delight.

At the approach of day.



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Ye need not fear the sleep of  
death,

If washed in the blood of the  
Lamb,

Ye need not fear to leave this  
earth.

If washed in the healing balm.

Give my love to your father, and  
Mother, Uncle Willie, and Uncle  
Jack, Aunt Sally, Edmund,  
Barret & Charles, tell Charles, I  
hope his ankle don't hurt him.

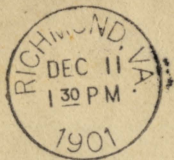
now -

Your loving Nephew

Henry P. Taylor



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