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Letter from John W.A. Gillespie to Francis P. Porter and Huldah Porter

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Lake Providence La
March 14th 1863

Frank & Susannah

As George is writing you a letter, allow me to say a few words. Your Photographs, as I looked at them last night, brought up old recollections, and I looked back into the dim vista of the past with all its joys and sorrows, and thought of the times, when we with many other child hood companions, mingled with each other day after day, in the vicinity of "Old Hopewell". And now as I look around me, and think of pleasures and sorrows past, I cannot but exclaim, how changed every thing appears. Our little band of years gone by, are scattered here and there. Some have gone to their eternal homes, others are married, others have found homes in the distant west, and are now, wishing and praying for this cruel, wicked rebellion to end, that loved ones, may again return to enjoy the welcome which awaits them. I often think of you both, and my best wishes, shall always be yours. I now have a dear sweet little wife in Ohio, and when the war

ends. Please come and see us
I am very well, and hope
this little note will find you, and
the rest of the family well.

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and Johnny, and the little girls.

Very truly yours
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