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B.D. Treadwell to R.A. Treadwell, 23 September 1849

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Chapel Hill Oct 28th/49

Dear father;

By this you will learn, that I am well. I have no news worth communicating; Times are dull; our session will end the first of December; I expect to spend my vacation on the Hill.

I spent my last vacation at Uncle John's, as you are aware, and it affords me great pleasure to say, that he is a gentleman throughout, possessing all the properties of a gentleman, a man of sound judgement and although strictly moral and of virtuous habits, yet liberal in his opinions, he has an amiable family; Aunt Laura is a woman far a head of her species, a model worthy of imitation, kind and agreeable, commanding ^{the} respect and reverence of all her neighbours, and although the mother of eleven children, (the youngest of which, bears the name Lowndes) she carries her age well, the vestiges of beauty in her younger days are still apparent. Cousin Hamet and his two sisters are married; Cousin Hamet's wife has a fine daughter, he has purchased a farm in Anson County and is doing very well, he has declined the idea of going to Texas at present, but says, that he expects some day to move there, whenever he gets Mary Ann willing to leave her parents.

Cousin Tirzah Mary, who was married to Mr Thomas Chambers is living in about two miles of Uncle John, she is a lady of an excellent education, and strange to say, that out of many good offers, she was content, to become the wife of a man contrary to the wishes of her father and mother and all of her friends. Though the case is not so desperate at last, he is a man that will get along through the world very well, keep all that he has got and add more to it; he is not a "Solomon," nor will he ever be governor of the state; to labour being part of his education, he knows the value of money, knowledge that is very useful in these hard times.

Cousin
Laura James Washington, (name enough) who was married to Mr. William Pemberton, (The favorite of Uncle John and, also of myself, though Cousin Tirzah is about Laura's favorite) is living within about two miles of Uncle John, she is a lady of an excellent education, her and her sister both being graduates of Salem Academy, she is lively and agreeable in her disposition, very like sister Amelia; Mr Pemberton is both an intellectual and business man, he has a farm, carries on a black smith shop and is merchandising, upon the whole, he is doing as well as himself or anybody else could wish, living at Centre, where is the P. O. known by the name of Norwoods P. O.

As the bell is now ringing for church,
and the mail leaves at twelve I must
bring my letter to a close. I have a
letter from Uncle John stating that they
are all well out there, I also have one
from Uncle Bethel, stating that all
of our acquaintances out in Texas are well

My expenses for the present session
will be \$ 130.00 board for vacation will
be 15.00 and tuition for next
session 31.50 amounting in all
to \$ 176.50

Board for vacation and tuition may
be paid at the first of next session
which will be about the 10th of January;
this session will end on the first of
December

Give my love to all the
family, to bro. Alston and his wife and
my little niece, to Uncle John Caruth and
family, to Dr. Davis and family, and my
respects to all enquiring friends

Your affectionate son
W. S. Freedwell

P. S. Squire Redmond was at my room
and can tell you more about how I am
getting on than I can write.

W. S. —

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Timmons S. Treedwell
Samar
Marshall Co.
Miss

From H. L. T. heirs of Genl
Johns family

