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Waynesville N.C.

May 1st 1858.

My dearest Foe,

I am so anxious to hear from you that I can not forego writing you an other day.

I had quite a pleasant trip home, and found my friends in excellent health. My sister, two of whom I met in Asheville, complained at me no little for staying away from them so long; and when I told them there was a probability that I should

be absent from home the whole of the next winter they wished to know wherefore, guessing that I had at last fallen in love with some one, and wishing to know who she was, and when she came, I felt so guilty of the charge that I was either compelled to make a clean confession, or charge the lot of commiseration - the latter I did. but not in time to allay their suspicions; for they have since frequently importuned me to tell them but I was invariably given them an evasive answer, and will continue to do so until I hear from you, and receive your "autographs" by the mail which I trust you will send by the return.

when if you have no objections, they shall know for a certainty what they now only believe to be so.

I have known for some time that I love you, but I had no idea that I loved you, and could have loved any one so fondly and devotedly as I love you, Time and distance are great assistants to a man in an examination of himself in love affairs, as well as upon any thing else. To avail myself fully of these assistants, and to satisfy myself beyond even the possibility of a doubt that I love you - that my happiness depended upon our union has delayed this note for some time.

Now, my dear Love,
I have dealt candidly and frankly with you, and I know you will do so with me in your answer to the following questions, do you reciprocate the affection & entertain for me? If your answer to the above question is the affirmative I wish you to take the safest way to find out my standing and that of my family at home, and then answer me the question, if you are not prepared to answer it now, are you willing to become my wife? If your answer both in the affirmative my happiness will be complete.

I should like to see you in the mountains
this summer if you can make it at all
convenient to come; and if you can
not you must prevail on
Benjamin to come, he promised
me he would.

In looking over
this note I see that I am writing to
you on the first of May; but you are
more to me than the season of May,
you are ^{the} season of all the months in
the year, and sovereign of my affections
and ruler of my fate. Be true then,
dear I am your affectionate son,
rule with mercy.

I will now close this
hastily written note by subscribing
myself your devoted lover,
Wm. Lee Farwell,

W. L. Love