

Cumberland April 17. 1873³
My Dear Father

I received yours of
Apr 14. and was very glad to hear
that you were still living. but
am satisfied that you must be
very feeble. I wrote to you last
summer but was doubtful about
your address. and as you did
^{not} receive it must have been mis-
taken. I would have come to
Rockingham but having had
a great deal of sickness in my
family, and not being otherwise
convenient I deferred coming.
Cecelia is dead she died on
Monday 31st March. And I
have been making arrangements
ever since she was buried. about
the children. 2 boys. and 2 girls

The 2 girls Nellie and Virginia
I have made arrangements about
definitely, they are to go to ~~Mass~~
Rhode Island. to Providence, to
go to school they will stay with
their Aunt Clara who is living
there, Robert will live at present
with his Grand Father until I
make some other arrangement
They wish to keep him and the
youngest boy who is 4 years old
altogether but I do not know
what I shall do now, I will de-
termine ~~is a~~ during this sum-
mer what I shall do, but am
sure that I shall go to Texas
and if I do in a short time
I will take the 2 boys with me
as soon as I can get the 2
girls ready and off to R. I
I expect to come to Rock-
ing Lane, Tell Col Johnson if

There is anything that I can do
to write me, I think Peachy
Rice's deposition - George E
Senale - Sam Bowman, J. P.
Effinger and others ought to
be taken, but when I come
up, I will see about it, but
I fear it will be several
weeks before I come, I think
John C. Woodson's deposition
ought to be taken, I traded
Mundenhall a house and lot
in Mt Crawford, which he sold
to Mrs Sever, and left the
matter in Mr Bryant's hands
for collection, Mr Bryant rec'd
the money and up to 1862 had
^{now} paid it over to Mundenhall
refusing to do so because the
bond against me bought by
him from Mundenhall, was a
fraud, Woodson certainly

knows all about it, He is not
going to tell anything unless He is
compelled to do it, Jack Dan Pelt
would be a good witness. Mr Bro
tyre ought to be hunted up
Henry Miller, who was living
at Crab Orchard Lincoln Co
Kentucky, ^{at the breaking out of war} ought to found; but
write me again as soon as you
receive this, and let me know how
long you expect to remain in
Harrisonburg, I will try and get
there as soon as I can

Yours Son

A. C. Smith

I rec'd a letter from Wm Phares in
quiring if I knew when his father
was in the latter part of May
1859. I am not able now to say
will write or see him soon
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