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Dear Brother

I have once more seated myself for the purpose of answering your letter for I reckon you thought that I never intended answering it again I suppose you have heard the mill was broke but we have mended it again I have been sick for a fortnight my sweetheart went to Richmond and I have been nearly dead ever since Tell mr whitlock that uncle Henry and mr Tuck went hunting the other day and killed too Turkeys and three ducks we had a very serious accident happened in the neighborhood last friday night mr Sweets wagon turned over and caught the driver under it and killed him marked him in the ground Tell whitlock that I am not going to School no where yet and do not know wheather I will go any more this year or not It is raining here this morning and expect it will rain

all day Tell whitlock that Thom Taylor and Willie were out here last Sunday morning to breakfast Clem says he is going to see Bettie Martin this afternoon but I think he will be disappointed for I think she is gone to Richmond Mr Jones sent to help Pa mend the mill after having such a falling out with Lizzie has gone back to school again I reckon she will speak so much French when she comes home that nobody will be able to speak to her

Pa and ma send there best love to you all give my love to Brother Claude and George also there wives and mr whitlock now accept the larger portion for yourself from your devoted Brother Eugene Colonel

P.S Miss Polly sends her love to you all All the negroes send howdy to you.