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Dear Father and Mother

Have you forgotten you have a daughter Sadie? I wrote to you about two weeks ago and have'nt received any answer and beside I have been here nearly two months and have'nt got but two letters from you. Uncle has gone to Mo. To his brothers he was here a part of the time before he went. He had us bring his trunk here and he went back and forth he had to be at his place till he got things fixed so he could leave. Aunt Jane was burried on Thursday two weeks ago yesterday. Uncle went home with Edgar and stayed all night then came down to his place next morning on Saturday afternoon he came here and stayed till Tuesday when he went to Paducah and came back to his place & Mrs Fergusons Wed he drove here Thursday morning and got some of his things and asked us to come out after him at night. I drove out for him and he stayed here till Saturday. Thos and I went with him to Metropolis and he took the night boat for Paducah and started for his brothers on Monday. Edgar was to go with him. The old Doctor still has his room he cooks for himself and looks after the house the kitchen was left with everything in it the dinning room and hall are just as they were. The front room was fixed for Uncle the things that were in it are left and the room is fixed as comfortable as possible for Uncle should he want to go there. Aunt Jane requested that Laura should have her clothes and what was in her room which was no more than right she had earned them waiting on her. Uncle had use come out and get some of the things he had'nt any use for.

He gave us a bedstead a good feather bed bolster & a pair of pillows a pair of fine pillow cases two bolster cases a sheet two quilts both are new a six pound comfort and a bed spread and straw tick that was a bed complete. He gave me the washing machine, a six & a five galon far four galon crocks six yards of toweling. He gave me six plates ten bowls a large meat plate a cream pitcher seven little dishes four cups and saucers.

Then he gave me a glass berry set, a butter dish, a large water pitcher, and give tumblers all the last were glass a cake stand too. He gave me a cedar water bucket and told me I might have half the glass cans he had.

We are going out on his place. I guess that's wrong we are going out on our place in the spring. He had Tom and Mr. Ferguson go to town with him. Mr. Fg has a deed for 53 acres of his place including the house where he lives with a mortgage of eight hundred against it. Tom has a deed for 45 acres including the house where his brother lives with six hundred and seventy five against it both are to pay six per cent interest and have five years to pay for their places. The houses are about alike. Ours is a little the newest but one room the smallest it was put up while I was here before then beside their places they each have some land that Uncle says Mrs F and I are to have a clear deed for at live death they are to farm this land from now on with out paying rent unless the income from what is left of Uncles farm is not enough to keep him then if it isnot enough he will ask some rent of each there is sixty acres of the part that is to be mine joining the fourty five acres Thos has as the land was sold by quarter sections but there is 115 acres of it it over runs the 10 acres eighty acres of the whole 115 are in cultivation the balance is in woods.

Thos likes our part the best because the land is better and more of it fit to cultivate. Mr F likes his best because his house is right along the road ours is back from the road so both are suited. Both Mr F. and Thos are proud of their chance Mr F seems to think it all right that we should have our place. Both mortgages are less than the land is worth but Uncle said he did'nt want to give it to them clear they would get along better if they had some thing to work for. The peddler I told you about that came from Trenton to Paducah stayed here one night. Mrs Parker was gone. Mr Parker told me I could have his board his give me 75ϕ in trade for him and his horse I got a pair of linnen towels that was all he had that was of any use to me of course they are nice for that. I had one in my box but some how I left it home.

Uncle wants you to have Jonty's picture taken and send him one I want one too. I wish you would have his taken than have yours taken together and have Jimmie Elmer (torn) Howard taken together then I could have one of each.

The \$675 that is against our place is to be put at interest at Uncles death for our little Jonty so he told me don't he deserve to have his picture when he wants it?

Love to all

Affectionately Sadie