

and let the worst be known I can stand any ^{thing}
but being impose on and that I can not take
from no man, Mother joins me in love to you
and Family, so good by for the present and
believe as ever your sincere Friend and Brother
untill death

Robert G. Hammack

P.S. Let me hear from you as soon as this
comes to hand

Dear Brother Green Bottom May ^{the} 12 1855

This day mother received your
letter which caused both of us to shed tears
to think your feelings have been hurt by my
neglect in not writing to you before now
please dont blame mother about it for she
is so infirm that she cant write nor can she
get up out of her chair without help she
often ask if I had answered your kind letter and
that she wanted me to answer it and let you
hear all the news from home, and I had promise
to do so But thinking you did not want to hear
bad news from home I put it off thinking
there would be a change for the better But
there is none nor there never will be as long
as mother lives I must say that we are at
Lynchburg here and have been ever since last
October, I must say cause by Jesse H. Wynn
our Brother in law one of the damnest men that
ever walked on earth He has meddled himself with
mine and mothers business, he is living here now
and has been ever since he was married and will be
as long as mother lives I have not spoken to him
since last Christmas nor I never intend as long
as I live, he says he wont pay Mother one cent

Boad for the time he has been living there
and this makes the third year he has been living
here You may judge from that what he is
You know Brother as well as I do that Mother
cant support no one laziness and more than that
he has Family of negroes here which he wants
Mother to support for nothing. She has led
some of the boys astray which they are sorry
for to this day but they cant help their selos
they found out their error too late. You said in
your letter that you wanted to know about caroline
and the rest of the negroes caroline is single again
her Husband left her about two months ago for
what cause I dont know unless it was that he
proved to be no count any how she has been
married four years and had no children by
him She is well and only one child and that
is good stout Boy and one that is hard to beat
as I told you some years ago they call him
Doctor Minor The rest of the negroes are all
well at this time Mother has lost none since
the last one I wrote to about Her Name was
Lorenier Tell sauney that Clairy ^{is well} sends her best
love to him and says her only wish on earth is
to see him once more and tell him his only sister

is dead She departed from this life last July
age ten years old She belonged to me I was
offered five Hundred Dollars two months before
she died Mother wishes me to say to you that
she has not forgotten ^{you} nor never will that you
feel as near and dear to her as you ever did
and would be as glad to see you and your Family
as she would be to see any thing on earth She
says you must come to see her and be sure to
bring your Family with you, she is very
anxious to see her little Grand Daughter and often
wonders why you did not send the likeness you
promise to send, Brother do come to see us and
bring your Family with ^{you} I assure you will
be well treated for I do say that you have
got one of the best Mothers that ever did live
As to myself you will find a friend sure I
cannot forget your kindness to me when I
was out with you some years ago, I love you
as a Brother and ever shall, dont think I took
offence at those Valentine for I gave them very
highly I must close by saying that I will tell ^{you} more
about Jesse H. Winn and his Family whom I write
again I am trying to bluff him off every day and
if I dont get him off soon I shall write to you