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My Dear Uncle Allen

I received your welcome
letter in due time and you dont know how
much pleasure it gave me and I prize your likeness
above all the presents I ever had and I liked
the Fig leaf better than a peach blossom
for it is more of a curiosity than a peach
bloom as none of the folks out here ever saw one
there is a great many beautiful wild flowers out here
but they are not pretty when they are pressed but I will
send you one called the shooting star they say
we will have lots of fruit this year such as apples
pears &c I go to school now I study geography
reading spelling arithmetic they say Virburg is taken
do you know if it is true do you think it will end the
war I am has left off at the head of her class 12 times and
I 4 times I am in the highest class in school I will
close by remaining your little Nephew Wallace A. Betts

Wall has got a lame thumb and cant write so you
must excuse him this time it is hard for him to write
he is such a scratcher and holds his pen so hard Wall sends
sheet of paper and Spump for you to write to him

Oh Allen Mr Wilkinson I suppose you remember him Soloman
I ment to have spoke about him long ago he is one of our
neighbours he always asks very kindly about you he has A Wife &
6 Children you asked about Dave Taylor well he has been
Married 9 years ago to A poor Shifless lazy thing he lives 100
Miles North from here he is a good fellow to work but has
no calculation to get along he has 5 little Ones he might have
been well off but he dont know how he lost his Farm and
all he had 2 years ago all through A horse trade now he lives in
A Village and works at his trade he is A Stone layer and Plaster
and A good Workman he is a very large Man and looks A good
deal as he did when A Boy Mary Anne is Married A good many
years ago & has 4 Children her Man is rather Shifless the Old
Man went from here to Minnasota Solo is Married and Char-
ly enlisted & Willie died 2 years ago Old Taylor Married Soloman
s Wifes Mother but they did not get along and she got A Div-
orse for him he is well off Henry Woods family live 3 Miles
from here I was over there 2 months ago he was Crazy when
they came out here he got worse all the time he has been in the
Asylum in Maddison 4 years but gets worse instead of better
she has got 6 Children Livery she gets along first rate you know
Harry Wood the Country Mixer there is A great many that I
knew at home but I dont see them much for I go but little
but Soloman is A Nigh Neighbour and one I and Jim feels like
A Brother Mother thought every thing of him he has Married his
Caste Walter Cameron now more from State except love

We have got the Stone & it is neat it has a hand with a full
blown Rose in it, the hand points upward above the finger is a
Scroll with your name cut on it the Inscription on it is Jean
Wife of Alex Cameron died Jan 22 aged 56 years & 2 months
A Native of Paisley Scotland with a line below your but not
Forgotten I have got a Weeping Willow and I will set it out
at the grave next Spring I hope you will be spared to visit
it once I expected Walter out this Summer but I guess the word
come but I cant tell you how well I would like to see my Bro
thers and you the most of any one I dont know as I ought to
say so but I dont think they feel to me as I do to them Josey
never writes to me Walter has been very good about writing
but Mary never does but Allen if they only knew how much
I prize a letter they would all write I have not heard from the
point for a long time,

Crops look well at the present time Jim has got another
pair of young Colts they are pretty I wish I could send
you a dish of Strawberries & Cream there is de great many
ripe now Give love to all my Cousins out there and accept
all good share to yourself the Children send love and kisses
to Uncle I am sorry Cousin Dan is so poorly but hope he
is better by this time I must close so Good Night and
may God Bless you is the wish of your loving Sister Kate

Write soon give love to your Wife when
you write to her & if you know anything
about Alex let me know when you write
Kate