

MISS MARTHA PEGUES.

Miss Martha King Pegues died April 15th at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. H. Young, after a prolonged illness, and a general break-down in health. She leaves two brothers, J. M. and D. K. Pegues, and three sisters, Miss E. S. Pegues, Mrs. Lucy Young and Mrs. Ann H. Browder, the latter of Indian Territory. Miss Pegues was in her 75th year and had been a consistent member of the M. E. Church since childhood.

The remains were interred in the Burgess graveyard on Tuesday, April 16th, Rev. J. F. Allison officiating at the funeral services.

Note—The notice of the above death was handed to us at the time of the death of this good woman, but in some way, beyond our knowledge, it was not published, and we trust it is not too late to extend our sympathy to the bereaved.—Editor Union News.

Death of J. H. Young

One of the County's oldest and most highly esteemed citizens, Mr. James Henderson Young, is dead. His spirit quietly slipped away Tuesday morning, January 18th, at 3 o'clock and his body was tenderly laid to rest by loving hands at the Burgess cemetery Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock to await the resurrection morn. Rev. H. R. Steen assisted by Rev. W. S. Bridges conducted the obsequies, many sorrowing friends being present at the last sad rites.

Uncle Jim was one of the most lovable characters the writer ever knew—always a kindly smile and a good word to those who were so fortunate as to know him. He was in his 78th year, having been born Jan. 5, 1849. He had been a consistent member of the Methodist church for sixty years, a Christian gentleman, a Chesterfield in manner. He had resided in this county practically all of his life and was a member of one of the oldest and most prominent families of the county.

He leaves a devoted wife and five children, Mrs. Will Jenkins, Charlie and Lewis Young and Misses Eliza and Johnnie Young. Our heart goes out to his bereaved family. H.M.H.

REV. D. K. PEGUES, VETERAN MINISTER, PASSES AWAY.

Rev. David King Pegues, aged 89 years, passed away at his home in Hollywood community last Friday morning, October 4th, 1935, about one o'clock after an illness of short duration and was laid to rest in the Hurt cemetery Saturday afternoon with Rev. C. D. Dobbs and Rev. John F. Sturdivant conducting the service and Mr. Brand in charge of burial for McAnelly.

Brother Pegues is survived by five daughters and three sons. The daughters are Mrs. W. D. Keeton of Ider, Ala., Mrs. Annie H. Brown of Scottsboro, Mrs. James Sebring of Bridgeport, Mrs. R. A. Hargiss of Pisgah, Miss Maud Pegues, at home, and the sons are Rev. David K. Pegues of St. Joseph, Mo., Dr. James Pegues of Greenville, Miss. and Prof. Ira Pegues of Hokes Bluff Ala.

The deceased had spent his entire life in Christian service. For many years until his health became feeble he was a local preacher of the Methodist Church, South and was loved by all who knew him. He was a native of Cherokee County but moved to Sand Mountain in this county during the civil war and removed to Hollywood community many years ago and has made his home there since.

A fitting tribute is hard to put in words for this good man, and his life is best covered with the simplicity of words like the simple things of life he liked, "he was a Christian gentleman and lived all his days by the Golden Rule." When death came he knew there was a reward waiting for him, for he had worked for it and laid it away against this day.

The life of Brother David King Pegues was worth much to this county and his community. He always stood staunchly for the things he believed right and he made and builded a home and reared a family that was a credit to his goodness and effort. Truly the words, "Well done thou good and faithful servant" can be spoken to his tired spirit as it leaves this mortal flesh.

MISS ELIZABETH S. PEGUES

The subject of this sketch was born March 20, 1835, and passed away to join the redeemed on Oct. 31, 1921, having reached the ripe age of near 87 years. She had been a member of the Methodist Church for 69 years. Those who have known her through the years speak of her as having been most loyal, faithful and persistent in all her religious duties. She had been a shut-in for some time, but it was my privilege to visit her quite often and her ministrations meant more to me than mine did to her, for I have never come in contact with one whose faith

was more sparkling and inspiring. She was one of God's own who had been waiting for a long time with simply a veil intervening between her and the fair city of the New Jerusalem. Though gone in body she will live in the hearts and lives of others who shall strive to emulate her beautiful life. She leaves two sisters, Mrs. Ann H. Browder, Mrs. Lucy S. Young and two brothers, John M. and Rev. David K. Pegues, Jr., and an aunt of Rev. D. K. Pegues, Jr., Broadway, Louisville, Ky.

Her Pastor,
R. M. H.

Mrs. J. H. Young Dies One Week After Husband

Mrs. J. H. Young died at her home near here last Monday morning at 2:20 o'clock, Jan. 24th, and the funeral services were conducted Tuesday by her pastor, Rev. H. R. Steen, assisted by Revs. Moldridge and Bridges. Interment was at the Burgess cemetery. Her remains were tenderly laid to rest by the side of her husband who preceded her to the grave just one week.

Aunt Lucy was in her 83rd year, and had been a member of the Methodist church many years. The passing of this Christian woman is deeply regretted by her many friends. She was one of the loveliest of characters—gentle, kind and true. Truly we sympathize with her loved ones left behind and hope to meet her face to face when we, too, have "crossed the bar."

Copy of a letter addressed to:

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Mrs. Eliza T. Pegues
Near Prospect Hill
S. Carolina

Wadesboro December 8, 1828

My Dear Aunt

I have been thinking for some time I would write to you but I have nothing in the world to write We have no spinning and weaving going on here and as I thought you would not care about hearing of any thing else I did not write. I have just returned from the fertile land of Montgomery. I went over to see our habitation for the next year. We have a very snug nice house to live in but I think it the most dreary looking place in the world. The Doctor and Mary went on to Chatham from there they will be back about Christmast then I shall leave Anson and Chesterfield perhaps forever. I want to see you all very much but I cannot tell you when I shall be able to do. I am very busy fixing Mary off for housekeeping I am making up sheets. I send b- Lean a frock for little Sal which is all that _____ to send I am very sorry that I have not got any _____ to my little favorite (Mag) but I send her in _____ of a frock a sash tell her cousin Sarah _____ to keep her from forgetting her. I want you _____ please sew up my little basket with the things that are in it and send it up to cousin Leon to bring up to me You must sew it up with many stitches in the piece of cloth that I will send the calico in. You must also write me a letter. I am in a good hurry so I must end with love to all my friends. Tell your Mother I am coming after her when we get settled. I want to see her very much. I shall never forget her be sure and write to me

Yours with sincerity
and affection

S A Pegues

Nancy has been very sick she looks very badly I am afraid she will never get well. She sends houdy to you all. She has left a belt some where if it is at your house please send it. Sew the basket up strong

Yours (truly?)

S A P

Note: The blank spaces show where words are missing at the outer edge of this letter where it is torn. The a and the o in the name "Leon or Lean" are not clear. The original of this letter is in my possession.

Inez J. Murphy (Mrs. James J.)
3405 19th Avenue, Sheffield, Alabama 35660
July 27, 1968

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your love
T. P.

Mrs Eliza J. Peppers.

)} Near Prospect Hill.
S. Carolina

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Sneedsboro
Oct 12

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Jno M. Pegues
Houston County

(Large handwriting- Dr. P. W. Kittrell's)

Miss Margaret A Pegues
Fort Valley
Houston County
Georgia

(Small handwriting of
(Ann E. J. Evans)

Sneedsboro Oct 11 1837

My Dear Cousins Margaret and Sarah

According to the promise I made you of writing to you I now sit down to fulfil that promise although I have nothing very entertaining to write. I have been going to school in Wadesboro this year to Mrs Hall and had so many studies to attend to that I did not have time to write you sooner. My studies were Botany, Philosophy, Rhetoric, Grammar, Geography, the use of the globe, of reading in Worcester history, and parsing. So you see my dear cousins that my studies kept me very much engaged. I expect you have heard that Betsey Streater is married. She married Mr. Wall. also Patsey Streater and Mr. Commodore Long. also John Adams and Nancy Hinson, daughter of Brooks Hinson. they were married last thursday and had an infare friday. Brother and Myself were invited to the infare Brother went but I did not. I was at both the other weddings. Nancy Jane Curtis and Myself were the candle holders at Patsey's wedding. after supper the started up a play called needles eye and I believe they kissed every minute. nearly every person in the house played except Miss Mary Flowers, Nancy Jane and Myself. I looked at them kissing untill I got right sick. I thought if I had been in the girls places that I would have scoured my mouth with soap, sand, and shucks, after letting such ugly sour mouthed things kiss me. Brother and Joseph and Tommy Flowers took a hand in the play. Some of the young ladies called on Albert Streater and he had to kiss her and if you ever saw one scared frightened person in your life he was one, his eyes looked as if they would pop out. every person in the house laughed right out when he kissed her. poor old Mrs Utley died last Sunday morning. She had been sick 2 or 3 weeks. We thought every day that she could not live till night She was very unwilling to die She said that she had no hope in this world or in the world to come. they sent for father to pray for her one morning. he went. and when he got there he asked her how she felt about living if she thought that she would live. She said that she did not know but she recconed that she would die like every body else live till she died. father told her that it was a very awful thing to go in to eternity unprepared. She said that she did not know she had never tried it nor she did not know any person else about here that had tried it. Father asked her if she thought that she was prepared to die. no she said she did not nor ~~wax~~ she was not a

going to tell a story and deceive no person about it. poor old lady she suffered more than any person I ever saw in my life. for nearly 2 weeks she never taste a mouth ful of anything but cold water. We have regular circuit preaching hear every tuesday and at Shiloh on Sunday our circuit riders are Mr Mc Daniel & Mr Ker. We had a campmeeting in August. it was not so good as the one we had last year. Our preachers were the circuit riders Mr AB Smith from Wadesboro and a Mr Hill and old man I never saw before. and another Mr Smith a stranger and Mr Ogborne from Chesterfield. Mr Derrie Mr Rush, Mr Johnson from Cheraw Mr Robinson and the presiding Elder Mr Hamby. we had very bad weather at that time Betsey Streater's husband professed to get religion also Winny Streater. Mr William T Smith has died since the campmeeting. father received a letter from Ala Stating the death of his father. now My dear cousins I must close as it is very late with begining asking you to answer my letter as soon as you ~~recieve~~ recieve it. you must look over all mistake and bad writing. Give my best love to My Dear Aunt and uncle and also to Aunt King and all the children. Kiss Cousins Martha and Betty. and excep My dearest Cousins the most sincere love of your Affectionate Cousin

Ann E. J. Evans

Mother and Grandmother join me in love to all the family -
father is out fox hunting with a right hot fever on him.

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Ann. C. Cousins

Received
Oct 12 5

Wm. M. Lyons Esq
141 New York

Miss Margaret A. Lyons

Fort Valley

Mountain County

Georgia

~~1847~~

Miss Anne

1847

love

(Outside of folded letter)

Sneedsboro
Aug 17cts

Mrs Eliza Pegues
Fort Valley Houston Co
Georgia

August 15th 1837
North Carolina
Anson County

Mrs Pegues

Dear Madam it is with pleasure I take my pen in hand to address a few lines to you. before you left us we promised to write to each other, and I thought you would write first, but finding you have not written or rather I have never received any letter from you I would remind you of your promise. I have never heard from you but twice since you reached Georgia. I then understood you were dissatisfied, I often think of you and wish you were back again, though we had but short acquaintance ___ one year I felt when you left us I had lost one of my best friends. I often flatter myself with a hope of being neighbour to you once more, but I have almost despaired of ever enjoying that pleasure. Father sometimes speaks of moving to Georgia, but I think he has but little idea of ~~that~~, ^{it}, Brother John and brother William reached (faded out) March but bought no land. they explored the Chickasaw (and Cherokee?) countries but liked (not as well?) as Georgia. They were very much pleased with the (? ?) Houston and several other counties in Georgia, but (land?) was so high at that time they concluded not to buy until next fall or winter. I expect Mr. Hamer will move next winter and perhaps brother William, but I think it very doubtful whether Father will ever move or not, but one thing I know if he never moves and I never see you anymore I shall never forget you, and I hope you will remember me go where you may, but this subject is too painfull to persue it no longer.

There has been a wedding in the neighbourhood since you left, Miss Betsy Streater to Mr. James Wall. they were married 20th of July. I believe Mr. Streater's family were very willing to it, but Mr. Wall's bitterly opposed it. (? ?) report says Miss Patsy Streater is to be married shortly to Comadore Long. I expect they would have been married before now but Patsy has been very sick, and likewise almost all the family ___ that family has been sick ever since you left last winter. Old (? ?) Mother P itcliffe (?) has lost nearly all her negroes She lost old Milly (?) and Ginny both the same week I believe or in a very short time, ? ? people in this neighbourhood are all generally healthy except that family. our family have all enjoyed good health except brother John he has had a very severe spell of Fever but has got well again (? ?) our Camp meeting at Shiloe comes (to a close?) this morning.

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 Streater she has (___ ? ___) prettyest (___ ? ___) you ever saw (?)
 name is Mc Gr ___ ? ___ , I wish you could see my (___ ? ___) I know you
 would say he is a beauty but I must stop my foolishings I am writing
 to married folks. Do excuse this if you please the girls keep such
 a talking and they bother me and have caused me to make many mis-
 takes and blots I am ashamed to send it, but I have not time to
 write another. Father is now sending to school to Mr Wall Mary
 Kittrell is boarding with us and going to school (___ ? ___)
 rite amusing to hear sister Eliza and Mary talk about Mr. Wall they
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 must close. Farewell my Dear Dear ever Dear Friend, and may the
 Almighty bless you where ever you go is the sincere prayer of your
 sincere friend

Mary Flowers

Note: Mrs. Eliza Pegues was Eliza Tabitha King Pegues, wife of
 John Murray Pegues. This letter, dated Aug. 15th, 1837 does
 establish the time that this Pegues family left Anson Co.,
 N. C., as being in the winter of 1836, and moving to Fort
 Valley, Houston Co., Ga. This letter should be compared to
 the letter of Ann E. J. Evans (daughter of Ann Hicks Pegues
 Evans Kittrell) written to her cousins, Margaret and Sarah
 Pegues, addressed to Fort Valley, Houston Co., Ga., and
 dated Oct. 1837.

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August 16, 1968

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3405 19th Avenue, Sheffield, Alabama 35660

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Mr Wall they call him the philosopher, they frequently
talk of your children and say they loved them all but
they loved Margaret the best they sister Eliza joins
with me in love to you, and all your family. do keep
Margaret and speak for me and write to me as soon as you

receive this I am very anxious to hear from ^{you} it is
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 Dear ever Dear Friend, and ^{may} the almighty bless you
 where ever you go is the prayer of your sincere Friend
 Mary Flowers

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4th Nov
 1841

Friends
 Aug. 12 1841

H. Kington Jr
Oct 14: 1850
Dear
Dear Sir we arrived
here safe and sound
I had the trip fine
the Agent by whom
us at the depot
and took us out to
Lopins last night
this is a pretty
country fine looking
land better than I
expected to see
I can't tell you
any thing more
at yet
to me
my respects
self as
to give
do all
and

From Dr. Deane



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OCT
14



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE-THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

J. H. Young
Scottsboro
Jackson Co.
Ala.

why have an understanding with Price (Beice) that you were either
to buy or trade for five years. Spring Creek Cherokee Cty Ala purpose
of mind in you long before you Oct 15th 1851
Clarke to move to that place. You say "that you were decided by Price
Dear Sir others", it seems to me impossible that any person of

Yours of the 9th of July I recd about 3 weeks after date and it
should have been answered before this but for circumstances beyond
my control among them the extreme illness of David with pneumonia.
I answer it to correct (to say the least) several mistakes and mis-
statements in yours. You say, that you never thought of inducing me
to remove until you last visit to Clarke when you wished the old
Lady to come up with you when my family decided She could not unless
they were to come also ? . Now Sir a plain statement of a few
facts (which you have hardly forgotten) shall put down this State-
ment and brand it as false. You surely have not forgotten that on
your first trip to Clarke that you staid a night at Clannahams not
far from Choctaw Corner when you told him that you had come to move
me up to Ringold & enquiring what he would take for a mule to aid
me in moving You must certainly recollect telling Mr. Campbells family
that was your intention and the same to Mr. Davidson and family,
have you forgotten also of wishing me to dismiss my school sell all
but one Bed and go right off with you. We were then living near Mr.
Davidson. No Sir - you have not forgotten these things! Or if you have,
yours is a very convenient accommodating memory indeed! Only to
treasure up such as suits your convenience - I'll try to refresh
your memory in two or three other particulars. On your second trip
you still harped upon the subject of removal, that you wished to
take the old Lady along with you and that we could get ready and
move up in the fall or winter. You cant have forgotten that you
wished to send her on before you some where on the way by Steam
Boat consigned to some one as you would a bale of goods. When I
objected and told you She either went in your company or she did not
go at all you returned without her. On your third and last trip
the Song still was remove, why! Sir you had not been in the house
half an hour before you began the subject. you stated that you had
found the very place for us healthy, good lands that would produce
25 to 30 Bs of corn to the acre, excellent water and as healthy as
any part of the world, recollect you not? that I positively and
unhesitatingly refused to go! My family one and all you well know
opposed it from first to last! This you cant have forgotten. With all
these facts before you, how can you consistently with truth say
that until my family had decided to move you never thought of it.
Why has it been the theme of your letters from the time we came to
Alabama to the time of our ill fated removal - you say that you had
not purchased nor determined to move to the mountain until we
determined to move. how does this agree with your statement made to
my friend Dr. Baldwin who enquired whether you had bought the land
or no you said that you had and told him that the Land would pro-
duce 25 to 30 Bs of corn to the acre. have you forgotten telling
Mrs. Price in Wetumpka that you had been trying for ten or fifteen
years to get the two families together and that you had at last
succeeded, if as you say you had not determined to move to the
mountain until I determined to come up, why urge me so earnestly
as you did? Why say that you would furnish the groceries (and
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Dear Cousin

I received your kind letter and was glad to hear from you all we are all well at this time Mother stood her side very well home we got home before night Charley come to a pretty sandy place in the road and laid down broad side with me I never was frightened much worse in my life Mother never got well for two or three weeks George was married on the first of November James wife has had a son but it was born dead she had been lying very low but was on the mend when he wrote we are anxious to hear from her again and expecting a letter every day Mr Dively says tell you he has sold his wagon and steer and dont know when he will bring us over to see you all again tell Aunt I am a going to send for her when I have my frolick and that will be some time in January she must besure and come we have but one horse now but I will send John after her about the middle of January she must let me know whether she will come or not ^{she said} she could borrow a horse to ride horses are scarce here ~~she~~ ^{she} must be ready when John comes as he will ride the only horse I wont want him to be gone but one night she must stay two weeks or more tell Aunt I want her to ride as high sheriff and be in good practice for I dont no but what she will have to go as far as in my case as them sort of women are scarce here we have a small factory here there two looms up in the same house a piece of Jeans in one and a dress piece in the other Mother is weaveing the Jeans and lawa the dresses Mother sends her love to you all Margaret grows ^{fast} as she can and is fat as a g pig. Give my love to all and accept a portion to you a self you must tell ^{me} I remain yours intly

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Mrs. Martha Segues

Gaylesville
Alabama

Copy of a letter addressed to:

Choctaw Corner Ala
Feby 6

Miss Martha K Pegues
Gayleville
Cherokee Co
Ala

Choctaw Corner Feby 5th 1851

My Dear Miss Martha

I have been in possession of your letter under date of Nov 13 1850, for some time and have been weighting for something of interest to write you in answer untill I fear you will think that I have forgotten My promise, a little over one year has gone by Since I had the pleasure of Seeing you all in which time I have often thawt of you and thawt of the pleasant days and evenings that I have Spent with you. I am Still at the Choctaw Corner with one addition to My Stock of Children, My l--- now nearly one year old and is a fine Blu__ eyed Boy named Luther, the other children is all Still fine growing children and the three oldest is going to School Christopher and John can Spell and read verry well, Milton has just commenced going this year. Christopher and John often talks of you all and in past _____ Aunt Pegues and John Pegues We have had (some changes?) in our Settlement Sense you left, _____ of Pine Hill lives near us and we are now (ing?) for Brother Armstrong and his family to Move in the Houses where you lived Brother Armstrong is to preach for us as the present year The most of your old acquaintance among the young ladies is Still Single one or two exceptions which I will name Jane Boutwell Mary ___at(?) and Catherine Walker, Jane Boutwell Married a Methodist preacher by the name of Carstraphen Mary Pilot to John Wynn and Catherine Walker to Jesse Drinkard, and to Cap the Marriages I must inform you of Brother Gilmores who is Married to a Miss Slack from Miss. There has been a good Many families Moved from our Settlement to Texas the present Season among whome was two of My Brothers, Thos and Joseph and by the by I just recollect that Joseph has been Married Sense you left to a Miss Oneal, Father and Mother is Still living at the Same place and is Enjoying as good health as is usual for people of their age Mother wishes to be remembered to Grandmother King and Aunt Pegues. Sister Malinda is Still living near Me but not at the Same place She is well and has another son named Joseph, Sister Hillyer Sinds her love ___ you all and requests that you would write to her at this Office, and She will write you in return, I have nothing else of interest to write at this time I wished to be remembered to Grand Mother King Sister Pegues, Elizabeth, Ann and all the rest of the Family and you will please accept of My best wishes for your self, wri__ 66 Me again and let Me know how you and _____ So I will close for the present by Subs(cribing?) My name as your friend and obedeant Servant

Elizabeth Hearon

Notes on letter to Miss Martha K. (King) Pegues from Elizabeth Hearon

July 2, 1967

The original letter is in the possession of:
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3405 19th Avenue
Sheffield, Alabama 35660

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"Elizabeth and Ann" were sisters of Martha's.

I do not know if the terms "Aunt" and "Grand Mother" signified a blood kinship, or if they were only terms of affectionate respect.

I have underscored letters that are not plain and have put blank spaces where the words are either faded or holes in the fold of the letter.

I do not know Elizabeth Hearon's maiden name, so do not know the surname of her brothers.

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July 6

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Spring Creek Cherokee Cty Ala
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Dear Sir

Yours of the 9th of July I recd about 3 weeks after date and it should have been answered before this but for circumstances beyond my control among them the extreme illness of David with pneumonia. I answer it to correct (to say the least) several mistakes and mis-statements in yours. You say, that you never thought of inducing me to remove until you last visit to Clarke when you wished the old Lady to come up with you when my family decided She could not unless they were to come also ? . Now Sir a plain statement of a few facts (which you have hardly forgotten) shall put down this Statement and brand it as false. You surely have not forgotten that on your first trip to Clarke that you staid a night at Clannahams not far from Choctaw Corner when you told him that you had come to move me up to Ringold & enquiring what he would take for a mule to aid me in moving You must certainly recollect telling Mr. Campbells family that was your intention and the same to Mr. Davidson and family, have you forgotten also of wishing me to dismiss my school sell all but one Bed and go right off with you. We were then living near Mr. Davidson. No Sir - you have not forgotten these things! Or if you have, yours is a very convenient accommodating memory indeed! Only to treasure up such as suits your convenience - I'll try to refresh your memory in two or three other particulars. On your second trip you still harped upon the subject of removal, that you wished to take the old Lady along with you and that we could get ready and move up in the fall or winter. You cant have forgotten that you wished to send her on before you some where on the way by Steam Boat consigned to some one as you would a bale of goods. When I objected and told you She either went in your company or she did not go at all you returned without her. On your third and last trip the Song still was remove, why! Sir you had not been in the house half an hour before you began the subject. you stated that you had found the very place for us healthy, good lands that would produce 25 to 30 Bs of corn to the acre, excellent water and as healthy as any part of the world, recollect you not? that I positively and unhesitatingly refused to go! My family one and all you well know opposed it from first to last! This you cant have forgotten. With all these facts before you, how can you consistently with truth say that until my family had decided to move you never thought of it. Why has it been the theme of your letters from the time we came to Alabama to the time of our ill fated removal - you say that you had not purchased nor determined to move to the mountain until we determined to move. how does this agree with your statement made to my friend Dr. Baldwin who enquired whether you had bought the land or no you said that you had and told him that the Land would produce 25 to 30 Bs of corn to the acre. have you forgotten telling Mrs. Price in Wetumpka that you had been trying for ten or fifteen years to get the two families together and that you had at last succeeded, if as you say you had not determined to move to the mountain until I determined to come up, why urge me so earnestly as you did? Why say that you would furnish the groceries (and that was the object that took you to Mobile) _____ Hendrix would supply the dry goods and you were to sell them and share the profits

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At Home Nov^r 21 1853

My Dear Friend

I now take my pen in hand to answer your letter which I received some time ago but have neglected to reply to ^{it} untill now. this leaves us all in the enjoyment of tolerable good health, and I hope it may find you all enjoying the same inestimable blessing. I have nothing of interest to write. your relations ~~in~~ in this neighbourhood are all well I believe with the exception of Mr Davidson and his wife they have both been sick but are better. I saw them last week at Mr King's the old man has joined the Methodist church. he joined about two weeks ago. Sister Eliza has been very sick but was better last evening. you wished to know what had become of sis Martha. she married about three years ago to Jacob Williams. he has been dead nearly two years. he took the consumption about five months after his marriage. sis Martha is now living with us. she has a little daughter two years old. she is the prettiest and smartest child I ever saw in my life. she has blue eyes fair skin light curly hair. and ^{is} fat as a little pig. so you may know she is prettiest. your aunt Charlotte is still living at Mr Campbell's. she is very anxious to hear how you all are getting on. whether your father is teaching school or not. you must write to me and tell me how many bears you have. and when you are going to be married come you need not be afraid of telling me your secrets tell Anne Betty

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receive this give my best love to your Mother & Father and all the
rest of the family and receive the same from your affectionate
friend and well wisher

Emma Armistead

Copy of a letter:

Dixons Mills Ala
Mar 20th

Mr. John M. Pegues
Bluepond
Cherokee Co
N. Alabama

Dixons Mills March 18th 1854

Dear sir

I received your letter some time ago in fact shortly after it was written, and intended to answer it early, but I was desirous of making you a small remittance, and could not conveniently do so until now. I wished also to see some of my friends at Camden and induce them to do the same but it has not been in my power to go over there yet, but I expect to go there this Spring.

When you left this part of the county, I was in hopes (from the inducements that were held out to you, that it would be an advantageous move to you, and I am truly sorry to learn it has proven otherwise, I thought as you were trusting to both a relative & a brother Mason you surely could not be deceived, but Sir I have long since learned that the love of money makes more rascals than all other causes added together. A man that _____ take (?) advantage of the necessities of you _____ purpose of speculating is a mean man indeed.

My family are all well at this time, but we have had last fall and through this winter many cases of chill & fever. I am now living on the Nanafalia road about three miles west of the Cross roads. We have four children, the two oldest boys, the other two girls. I am still practicing Medicine, but on a less extensive scale than formerly.

For the last two years I have also been farming but have as yet, for the want of open land, realized but little from it.

Inclosed I send you twenty dollars, which you will please accept as a present from me. Write to me soon after you receive this.

Caroline joins me in sending her respects and love to your family. I am sir your friend and obt servant.

A. Baldwin

The 2nd of July, 1967

The original of this letter is in my possession, and has been copied by me on this date, per my ability to read it. There is a torn place in the fold of the letter and a few words are missing.

The John M. Pegues was my Great-grandfather. I have not yet found proof of to whom he "trusted" his money. A living aunt of mine, Miss Eliza E. Young of Scottsboro, Ala. says the name of the relative was Gaines.

Inez J. Murphy (Mrs. James J.), 3405 19th Avenue, Sheffield, Ala.

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love to your family. I am sir your friend
and ob. servant.

A. Baldwin

Wm. M. ...

Mr. John M. Rogers

Bluespaw

Cherokee Co

St. Albans

COPY

July the 6th 1863

My Dear people

I received your Kind ~~letter~~ and welcome letter last saturday the 4th. was glad to hear from you all and hear you were well. I also received one from Mr Browder the same day. he said he was not well was at the hospitall at Jacksboro in the uper part of this state. I Know he is not able to stand camp life. I am always uneasy about him but I have one consolation he said he was bound to meet me in heaven. he writes so Kind and affectionate. no one knows how painful it is to be separated from a kind husband but them that trys it.

we can get no news from Vicksburg now and I have not heard from brother in a long time. the drill master belonging to the 80th Regt. come from there a week ago. he said that Gillespie had not lost a man and Brother belongs to him. this man had a list of the Killed and wounded from all the regiments. Wesley Browders son was wounded. we heard since that he was dead but I dont think he is (or it is so)(?). I am sorry for his friends and all that have friends engaged in this unholy war. May God speed the time when it will end, so we (?) friends can come home once more.

it is almost dangerous for a southern man to travel here on account of the bushwhackers. not long since there was aged southern man killed in three mile of me by them. he was shot of off (sic) his horse while on his way to town. the soldiers are after them and have caught some that they suppose was engaged in the deed. Brother you wrote to know where I lived. I live 4 mile west of Cleveland. persons wishing to come to my house can enquire there for Wesly Browders he lives on the harison(?) road. I live half mile from him. if you wish to come you would do well to stop if you come on the cars at McDonnals station and enquire at Teas store for Wes Browders. I would be glad to see any one from there. there is so many soldiers at Cleveland strangers might be taken up or you could stop at Black fox station 4 mile below here and enquire for Triplets mill and get directions there. We are all well. May has been sick. She had two hard fits the doctor said caused by worms. I could write more if I had room. write soon tel me all the news all about the neighbors. your child and sister, A. H. Browder (Note: the following additions were written upside down on pages 2,3 and 4)

Mother you wrote about your garden. I have a pretty one too but there is several weeds in mine. I have to go to the cornfield the garden and the house to work. I have a peace of cloth in the loom and am fixing another for dresses. Brother I want you to come see me if you can. I am so lonsom

Note: This letter was written by Ann Hicks Pegues Browder to her Mother, Eliza Tabitha King Pegues, and to her brother and sisters. The brother who was in the Confederate Army was John Murray Pegues, Jr. The brother, David King Pegues, was the one A. H. Browder wanted to come visit her. This letter was preserved by a sister, Lucy Strother Pegues Young.

The original letter is in my possession and has been copied per the best of my ability to read it.
Inez J. Murphy (Mrs. James J.), 3405 19th Avenue, Sheffield, Ala. 35660.
June 7, 1970

Out Post Rover, Tenn May 26th 1863

Dear Cousin. I received your kind note day before yesterday & hasten to comply with your request. that is the soon part but I shall not promise a long one this time but I will write soon on account of my last one being so long on the road. You said you had not but one letter from me since Mr. Browder came home. Now Cousin Lucy I know I have written 3 since then and started them to you & if you have not got them I dont think you ought to blame me for it & I dont believe you will know that after I write them and (Start?) them if they do not go. then I can not help it. I am sorrow to know the Yanks had got in that section for I hoped they would not get to distant that portion of the country. I was glad to hear of your wedding all of the objections I had to it were he was a little too old but may bee She was going by the old adage that it was better to be an old man's darling than a young mans slave _ but if there is many more Such battles fought as there have been in Virginia at Murfreesboro & at Vicksburg I am afraid it will be as an old preacher predicted a few years back over in Jackson Co he was blazing away & in his discourse he remarked ~~the day is coming~~
Oh yes! My brothern & Sisters the day is coming & will soon be here when there will be Seven women hanging to one mans coat tail & here will be poor old uncle tommy with a roundabout on ___ now when you get to talking about making peace you will have to apply to Some person that has a great deal more power than your humble servant. as to that sweetheart I will try & start him out as soon as possible (Father has been out to see me he Started home yesterday) morning) I want you to take care of my Sweetheart down there. I know that if I had not thought She was a fine girl & a Smart one too I never would have written to her & I thought She was as good looking as any I Saw while I was over there & in the words of the poett Just as sure as the blackberry grows on the branch I am going to come to See her if I get a chance. _____ Billy told me he was going to write to Miss L _____ about a month ago but I dont believe he has done it yet. I hear the canon roaring this morning but they are a good piece off the briggade that david belongs to has moved on up to wards murfreesboro I think there will be a fight up here before long well I am acting under Brigadier General Russell Major General Martin & Gen Wheeler chief of cavslry they are all them subject to Braggs orders Col Russell is commanding our briggade at present write soon give my love to the family & rec a portion yourself

Miles

Note: The above letter was written to my Grandmother, Lucy Strother Pegues Young (Mrs. James H.) before she married. The letter was written by her first cousin, Othneil Miles Lyon, son of Rev. Mason R. Lyon and his wife, Margaret Ann King. Margaret Ann King was a sister of Eliza Tabitha King Pegues, the Mother of Lucy Strother Pegues Young. The original of this letter is in my possession on this date, August 17, 1968.

Inez J. Murphy (Mrs. James J.)
3405 19th Avenue, Sheffield, Alabama 35660

State of Alabama

Jackson County, August 25, 1866.

No. 9.

This certifies that Martha St. Peques has passed an examination in Orthography, Reading, Penmanship, and English Grammar and she is hereby authorized to teach in any of the public schools in Jackson County for the term of eight months from date.

John J. Beeson
County Superintendent,

L.P. Tree Oct 17th 1862

My dear Cousin

Many Changes have taken place since we parted - I have been afflicted & sorely grieved - but none to equal my last Sad Sad loss in the death of my dear beloved Husband who died 22 June last - he died perfectly resigned - his health had been bad for the last 8 or 10 months, still I was in hopes he would be spared to me a few years more - but the Lords will must be done - I am left in my old age without Son - or Husband & my Sons in Law W^m Powe & Joe Robins are both in the army - Each of them commands a Company from Wilcox Joe Robins a Cavalry Company & W^m Powe an Infantry - we scarcely ever hear from them, they are in Tennessee or Kentucky in Gen Kirby Smiths division I think -

Cousin Eliza I wrote a letter to you some time this Spring - (say some 4-5- or 6- months ago I do not recollect the exact time) - the letter contained twenty dollars for you sent by my daughter Sarah & my self. I requested you to answer it immediately - but no answer had yet been received - my own dear Sister Sarah Meager gave me two months ago twenty dollars

To Send you & I have waiting to
hear whether you received my letter
or not as it is so uncertain about
sending money by Mail in those exciting
time - Do let me hear from you
very soon - as I told Sister I would
not send the money until I heard
from you.

as soon as I get an
answer from you I will send you
the money which Sister requested me to send
Say 20 dollars

give my best Love
to Cousin John & Each of your Children
may our good Lord bless
Each one of dear family is the sincere
of your affectionate Cousin

Elizabeth H. Gregg

To
Mrs Eliza Piques

Writing paper is very scarce - as well as
other things

E H G

(This letter has a piece cut out of the first page which accounts for the blank spaces on both sides).

Nov the 25th 62
Lyonville ala

Dear Cousin

_____ Mother has me to answer your letter _____ which she has received _____ she would of answered _____ first one before now but she was waiting to hear from david so she could tell you where he was as it happened he came the day that your last letter got here and he is here now he has been sick ever since August his company left him sick in Lousiana and as soon as he got able to travel he came home he will stay here untill he gets able to go into service again we heard from Miles yesterday he is near Murpersboro Ten I expect you have heard from him before now he said in his letter before the last one that he going to write to y_____ wrote home he got _____ days he did have _____ to you before now _____ she intends to go to _____ soon as she can bu _____ power to go now the people on the other side of the river are looking for the yankees back there again befor long We were glad to hear from Cousin Ann and cousin John I want you to write us more what cousin Johns cap- tains name is and the number of his regiment Mother says she can not tell you when the war will end but she says she does not care how soon it does end but she wants it to end in favor of the south I tell you when I think it will end I think when Old Abes term expires the war will come to a close I do not care how soon it ends that is certain neither do I care how many ends it ends with so it does end for I want to see my sweetheart he has been wounded once but is going it again I know he will kill his share of the yankees if he does not get killed himself if he does I will kill every Yankee I hear of whether I can see them or not I think I will be over to see you about Christmas if you will come home with me write soon as you get this Mother sends her love to You all give my love to all and receive the same your- self

Your affectionate Cousin
Laura M. Lyon

Note: This letter was written to Lucy Strother Pegues, a first cousin of Laura Margaret Lyon. The Lyon family was living in Jackson County, Ala., and the Pegues family was living in Cherokee County, Ala.

Names referred to in this letter:

"Mother" was Margaret Ann King Lyon, a sister of Eliza Tabitha King Pegues.

"David" and "Miles" were brothers of Laura M. Lyon.

"John" was John Murray Pegues, Jr., brother of Lucy Strother Pegues.

"Cousin Ann" was Ann Hicks Pegues Browder, an older sister of Lucy Strother Pegues.

The original letter is in my possession.

8th December 1968

Inez J. Murphy (Mrs. James J.)

3405 19th Avenue, Sheffield, Alabama 35660

Dear Cousin, I know as soon as you read this letter you will know that I wrote it but I have wrote it at Mothers request & She dictated her part of it. I thought that I would drop you a few lines. I am Sorrow to tell you that I cannot come over at present. I Start day after to morrow to middle Tennessee I am in for the war. Now I belong to Capt Henry (Bunns, Burns)? Company & to Colonel Russells Regt of partisan Rangers We will Start to wards nashville there is too letters due me from Cherokee if neither of them have been written when you get this if you will write & direct to this office or Bellefonte I will get them You are one that I am Speaking about & you know who the other is I am afraid that I will not get to come over untill this war ends if I am alive then I want you to be ready for I am coming after you to come & Stay awhile with us. this leaves us all well - I dont want you to forget what you promised me in your letters Well I believe I will halt for the present write Soon

I remain yours & c
O. M. Lyon

(Note: The second page of this letter has an oblong piece cut out of it, evidently with scissors. IJM).

Lyonville, Ala. Sept
24th 1862

Dear Neice, I received _____ your letter of June _____ the 8th this week _____ and I was glad to hear from you _____ and I will try and Keep up corespondence as long as you will write to me. As to the Yankees I Suppose you have heard all the particulars about them during their Stay in Jackson ere this. I heard from David Week before last he was at port Hudson on the Mississippi River in Lou. he was well and hearty -- I was not surprised at hearing of John Volunteering for I knew that his parents were too good southern pe _____ from it. I know _____ I want my boys _____ yankees that _____. times I feel like _____ some myself _____ hard here. Spun thread Sells for 7 dollars. when you write tell me what it sells for over there. The mail rider will soon start across the mountain again and then it will not be so much trouble to send a letter. tell Sister I think She might come over She has plenty of house-keepers to stay at home whill she is here. I intend to come over as soon as the mail Starts across the mountain again Write Soo. Give my love to all the family and receive a portion yourself.

M. A. Lyon

Note: This letter was written to Lucy Strother Pegues by her first cousin, O. M. (Othneil Miles) Lyon and his mother M. A. (Margaret Ann King) Lyon. The "Sister" referred to in this letter was M. A. Lyon's sister, Eliza Tabitha King Pegues. The "David" referred to was David Mason Lyon, brother of O. M. Lyon. The "John" referred to was John Murray Pegues, Jr., son of John Murray and Eliza Tabitha King Pegues. The Lyon family was living in Jackson County, Ala. and the Pegues family was living in Cherokee County, Ala.

The original letter is in my possession.
8th December 1968
Inez J. Murphy (Mrs. James J.)
3405 19th Avenue, Sheffield, Alabama 35660

In Camp (2 miles North of Shelbyville Mar 10th, 1863

Dear Cousin I received your letter of 7th of January a few days ago I had begun to think that you was going to quit writeing to me but I am glad to say that it is not so. I will have to acknowledge the conn.(?) about that letter you spoke of for I did not answer it as soon as I ought to but I have written to you twice since - You said you would excuse me this time - well I think you ought & another time too if I should be guilty of such a trick again. At least I know you would if you could see me writing this one. I am sitting on a wet chunk by the root of a tree with my feet in mud shoe mouth deep & writing on my knee - this is the muddiest country that I ever saw - I think that the girls ought to think a great deal of the boys that have volunteered for if it had not been for the girls I know I never would have volunteered - if it was not for them I would not want to live for I never could see any pleasure - I see plagued little as it is - I know I have Suffered more this winter than I ever did in my whole life before - I have not Slept under a tent as much as 2 weeks this winter I have been going all the time through rain and Snow & it never rains but what I get wet - notwithstanding all that I have had very good health all the time. I have got up in the morning when my blanket would be froze to the ground at other times there would be puddles of water under me - but you must not understand by this that all of our troops fared in this way for they have not I dont expect there has been any fared so but our regiment -- well Cousin I expect you have heard as much of this as you want to So I will quit it - now cousin Lucy I want you to write to me as soon as you get this and tell me all the news - direct your letter to Shelbyville, Tenn & if you write soon I will get it I wish I was where I could hear from you more often

I remain yours & c

M. Lyon

Note: This letter was written by Miles Lyon to his first cousin, Lucy Strother Pegues. Othneil Miles Lyon's mother was Margaret Ann King Lyon, a sister of Eliza Tabitha King Pegues. Both of their mothers were daughters of David King and his wife Tabitha Ledbetter. Lucy Strother Pegues Young was my grandmother.

The original letter is in my possession.

20th October 1968

Inez J. Murphy (Mrs. James J.)

3405 19th Avenue, Sheffield, Alabama 35660

Outside of folded letter:

Bellefonte
Apr 13

Cherokee County

Miss L. S. Pegues
Gaylesville
Ala

In Camp on the Shelbyville & Nashville turnpike 12 miles from
Shelbyville Apr 7th 1863

Dear Cousin Lucy as I did not answer your letter of 27th of
Feb the same time I did the other one of that date I will now
try and answer it though I have nothing of importance to tell
you this leaves me well & hearty I received a letter today
from C. M. Lyon they were all well except from vaccinations
I was out side of our picket lines this morning after corn &
was in a mile & half of 2 Brigades of Yanks I Saw the Smoke
from a house that they burned I can always tell where they
have been by the houses they burn You said that Miss E was
disappointed in not Receiving a letter from me by Mr Browder
I donte See why she was for if I had Sent one by him probably
every man in Hamptons (CO) would have found out that I was
writing to her Some of them would have found it out I know
& as it is no person knows any thing about it & I did not
think She wanted ever person or any person out here to know
there was any corespondence going on between her & myself
I dont know how it is back there but I know that you know it
& I have no objection to it. but if She is the kind of girl
that I think She is I dont think there is many over there that
knows any thing about it. when I receive a letter I dont want
any person to See it dont care who it is from. Billy Proctor
has concluded to do his own little writing maybe he & Miss
Snowdown (?) will get up a corespondence of there own now that
we have got them Started. I believe both of them Seems will-
ing. he is a clever boy & very agreeable & lively one ___
if ever I get back I intend to hunt you out a Sweet heart if
you have none. I say huray for J. M. C.(?) I glory in his
spunk & hope that I may be as lucky as he is Some day if I
ever do. every thing is Still out here now. now no fighting
going on that I can hear of ___ I expect that the next thing
you hear of will be a bloody battle. they are working head
work now I (here-hear?) on. this leaves the boys all like
myself wanting to go home & See their Sweet hearts. Write Soon

Yours as ever & c

O. M. Lyon

P.S. Give my love & best respects to all the family &
receive the Same your Self ___

Note: The "C.M. Lyon" was Othneil Miles Lyon's brother, whose
name was "Chittenden Matthew". The "Mr. Browder" was probably
Albert Browder who had married an older sister of Lucy S. Pegues,
named Ann Hicks Pegues.

The original of this letter is in my possession on this date.
2nd December 1968

Inez Jenkins Murphy (Mrs. James J.)
3405 19th Avenue, Sheffield, Alabama 35660

July 12th 1864

Dear Cousin

It seems useless to write as I expect to See you Soon but I though(t) I would drop you a few lines anyhow. Cousin Lucy I do wish that affairs was So that I could come after you all myself but as it is impossible though I will try to meet you. I came within 12 or 15 miles of you as I came home. By not Stopping I had company across the mountain through the toreyes. If I had Stopped I would have had to come through by my Self & maybe I never would have got through.

I would write to Miss Emma but I have written to her Since I have received a letter from her & from a little (?) information that I received before I Started home I am begining to think that my writing is all in vain. I wish I knew the truth about it. I would like very much to See her. if you See her give her my compliments. Cousin Lucy I symphasise with you in your Sorrow for it is such as I never felt but the advanced age of my own Father & Mother tells me that but a few more Short years can Roll by before I will be an orphan. this leaves me in tolerable good health.

Yours & c

Miles

(On the outside of this folded sheet of paper)

Cousin Lucy never let any person see this line.

Note: This letter was written by Othneil Miles Lyon to his first cousin, Lucy Strother Pegues (my Grandmother). The "Miss Emma" was no doubt Emma Culpepper who lived in Cherokee County, Ala., who wrote letters to Lucy S. Pegues after she moved to Jackson County, Ala., after the death of both of her parents. Her Father, John Murray Pegues died Feb. 28, 1864. Her Mother, Eliza Tabitha King Pegues died June 19, 1864. This letter was evidently written just before the orphaned children of John M. and Eliza T. King Pegues moved to Jackson County, Ala. The children were Martha King, Elizabeth Susan, John Murray, Jr. (served in the Civil War), Lucy Strother and David King Pegues. Another daughter, Ann Hicks Pegues had already married Albert Browder.

The original of this letter is in my possession on this date.
1st December, 1968

Inez Jenkins Murphy (Mrs. James J.)
3405 19th Avenue
Sheffield, Alabama 35660

Guntersville Ala.
July 22d 1863

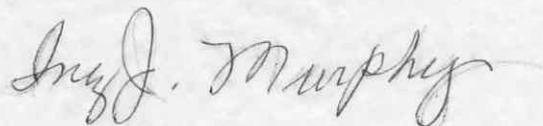
Dear Cousin I received your letter in due time. I was glad to hear from you. I would have answered it before now but have been running about so much that I have not had an opportunity. Myself and Seven others were detailed last Saturday for a Scout. We arived here on Monday night after 3 days hard riding. We left our Regt. at Trenton Ga. We will not stay at this place but a few days. I do not know where we will go to. Cousin Lucy I never seen any hard times untill Bragg begun to retreat. I have rode night & day pretty much ever Since & have done without feed for myself & horse untill we both feel very bad. I have been very unwell ever since I left Trenton. I have the worst cold that I ever had in my life. I have ^{not} the headache very bad for the last thrice days. I think I will get to go home Soon. I hope you will excuse my Long^{er} Silence for it is not my fault. You will have to excuse my Short letter for my penn is very bad. I would not attempted to write at this time but was afraid you would give me out. You need not write untill you hear from me again for I can not tell you where to direct our letter to. As Soon as I get Stationed where I can get a letter from you I will write again.

I Remain yours & c

Miles Lyon

Note: The above letter was written to Lucy Strother Pegues, who later married James Henderson Young, my grandparents. The original of this letter is in my possession on this date.

24th November 1968
3405 19th Avenue
Sheffield, Alabama 35660



Inez Jenkins Murphy (Mrs. James J.)

Out Post Rover, Tenn May 26th 1863

Dear Cousin. I received your kind note day before yesterday & hasten to comply with your request. that is the soon part but I shall not promise a long one this time but I will write soon on account of my last one being so long on the road. You said you had not but one letter from me since Mr. Browder came home. Now Cousin Lucy I know I have written 3 since then and started them to you & if you have not got them I dont think you ought to blame me for it & I dont believe you will know that after I write them and (Start?) them if they do not go. then I can not help it. I am sorrow to know the Yanks had got in that section for I hoped they would not get to distant that portion of the country. I was glad to hear of your wedding all of the objections I had to it were he was a little too old but may bee She was going by the old adage that it was better to be an old man's darling than a young mans slave ___ but if there is many more Such battles fought as there have been in Virginia at Murfreesboro & at Vicksburg I am afraid it will be as an old preacher predicted a few years back over in Jackson Co he was blazing away & in his discourse he remarked ~~thaxtixixxomixx~~
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Miles

Note: The above letter was written to my Grandmother, Lucy Strother Pegues Young (Mrs. James H.) before she married. The letter was written by her first cousin, Othneil Miles Lyon, son of Rev. Mason R. Lyon and his wife, Margaret Ann King. Margaret Ann King was a sister of Eliza Tabitha King Pegues, the Mother of Lucy Strother Pegues Young. The original of this letter is in my possession on this date, August 17, 1968.

Inez J. Murphy (Mrs. James J.)
3405 19th Avenue, Sheffield, Alabama 35660

March 28, 1882

Dear Brother & Sisters

We have not heard a word from you in so long a time I thought I would write one mo time & see what has become of you whether you were all ded or did not want to writ or what was the matter we hav not had a letter from you since february thay are all gone from home but I & Hicks & Eliza Ruska is gone visiting the children gon to school. David is runing round corn (?) Eliza galies (?) & runs over the house so I can not writ we had a good frost last night our garden is all up but I do not think it is hurt our cabig is large enough to set out mustard larg enough to eat peas ready to stick we entiley lost the seed of beans last year it was so dry we had to beg all we got. Martha writ to John if you do not he will not writ any more kiss the children for me do not let them forget me

Bettie

(on the back side of this one sheet of tablet paper is the following letter. IJM)

Dear aunt Martha (aunt Martha)

i thought that i would write you one more time i have been going to school i am studying geography and spelling book & fourth grade reader and arithmetic ma and pa has gone to singing me and Aunt bet staid at home and Kept the baby we will soon have onions big enough to eat our irsh potato is up i go to Sunday School every Sunday our garden is just at the door Mrs E Sanders said to tell you write to her she is at our house now May can read in the first reader it has been a long time since we got a letter from you our chicken is dying with cholera i will close for this time John M Pegues to M K Pegues

Note: The above letter was written by Elizabeth Susan (Bettie or Bet) to her sisters, Mrs. Lucy Strother Pegues Young and her husband, James H. Young (my grandparents) and to Martha King Pegues, all were children of John Murray Pegues and his wife, Eliza Tabitha King. Martha King Pegues never married and lived with James H. Young and his wife, Lucy Strother Pegues. Elizabeth Susan (Bettie or Bet, never married, and lived with her brother, David King Pegues. The "John M Pegues" who wrote the letter was a son of David King Pegues and his wife, Jerusha Gullatt (Ruska). The "May" and "Eliza" and "Hicks" mentioned in this letter were children of David King Pegues. The "John M Pegues who wrote the letter to his "aunt Martha" was also a son of David King Pegues and Jurusha (Jurita?) Gullatt.

The original of this letter is in my possession on this date.

October 31, 1968

Inez J. Murphy (Mrs. James J.)

3405 19th Avenue

Sheffield, Alabama 35660

March the 26 83 (1883)

Dear Brother and Sisters

having written to you before Christmas and rec no answer as yet I thought I would write again for you are my dear Sisters and Brother and I feel it my duty when we have no other way of conversing to Let you hear from us occasionally whether we hear from you or not it pains my heart to think you have entirely forgotten and forsaken one that Loves you and wishes you well and if I never see or hear from you again I hope to meet you in heaven above where the secrets of all hearts will be disclosed.

I have nothing interesting to write more than we are all well Mr Browder and Davie is ploughing want to finish planting corn this week they planted some Last week have nearly all their cotton ground Listed I have planted my garden partly have peas onions mustard and Lettuce up we can raise all kinds of vegetables here Ellen and Mary have gone to Elizas this evening they only Live a mile from us they have two pretty Little girls Mary and Lucy

I want you to write to us and tell us what has become of George Browder where he is living tell him howdy for me tell him to think of me some times as one that has always Loved him and never will forget him until I cease to Live I would be very glad to see you all and talk with you could tell you many things that my pen fails to tell but dont know that I ever will have the pleasure of seeing you all again on earth but there is one thing sure I never will forget you. you will all ways have a place in my memory the children often talks about you they can all recolect you but Walter we have preaching near us once a month our Preachers name is Boyls had a quarterly meeting Last saturday, sunday the Elders name is Smith both good preachers

Martha why dont you write to me what is the matter you have never written to me but once since I Left there I am going to write to you all whether you write or not when so I can Last year we had nothing to buy stamps with but I hope nor dont think it will be the case with us this year if nothing serious happens I will close for this time hoping to hear from you all soo, I remain as ever your affectionate Sister

A H Browder

Our Love to you all

Note: This letter was written by Ann Hicks Pegues Browder to her sisters, Martha King Pegues and Lucy Strother Pegues Young. The "Brother" was James H. Young, Lucy's husband. Ann H.P. Browder was living in Texas (could have been the part that is now in Oklahoma). The Brother and Sisters were living in Jackson Co., Ala. The original of this letter is in my possession.

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Dallas Tex. Mar. 27 (1884)

Mr. J. H. Young and family

Dear Friends. I rec. your welcome letter several days ago. Was truly glad to hear from you and that you were enjoying good health. I have had elegant health for the last three years. I have been sick a little too, but not long at a time. Last fall I had the Dengue fever, but never got down with it. Although it liked to have killed me.

And you've moved to the Cave have you? Got tired of the river I ~~suppose~~ presume? Well do you like that community better than the river? How far are you from town? I don't believe I know enough about old Jackson to locate you. I'll tell you I was such a small kid when I left there that I don't remember much about that country anyway.

I'm such a Rambler. I've been over good portion of Tex. By the way we are having hard times out here. We suffered last year from drouth from here clean ~~to~~ on West as far as the farming section extends. And the prospects bid fair for the same this year. People are suffering right now for rain. At Arlington they havent had a good rain in two years. I'll tell you if it don't rain people in Texas are bound to suffer. I think this year will do me with the Lone Star State. But if it dont rain, I dont being able to get away.

I am now working here in Dallas at \$1.50 per day. Or, I have been. I will commence in the morning at \$1.75 per day. I pay \$4.00 a week board. If it wasn't for having to eat and sleep, I could save some money you see.

But the work is powerful hard, rough heavy work. Handling stone that weigh all the way from 50 to 2000 lbs. I lift some times till looks like I can see the seven stars. I'll have to quit. for its killing me.

I think I'll start out to teaching Penmanship again in a short time. The evenings are getting long enough now, to teach after school is out, before night. So I think if it will ever rain I can make my money easier than handling rock, or clerking as we call it.

Well yes, I should think there has been many changes brought about in the last ten years. I am satisfied I would know ~~xxxxx~~ you all, but there would be plenty of my old friends I wouldn't know.

But you wouldn't know me, I am transformed from the little, poor, ragged, dirty faced, snotty nosed boy I used to be, to a full grown man with beard on my face. I weighed (yester) 159 lbs.

Yes I think I shall visit Ala. the first of Sept. I want to teach here during the summer if theres any prospects for a crop. But if crops are cut short by dry weather I will probably go back there and teach or somewhere else.

October 1888

I haven't heard from Julia in long time. She's in the far West in that drouth stricken country. No, Ella is still a small girl. She is very smart to be her age. I believe she is about fourteen. Either thirteen or fourteen, and I don't remember which. But last summer when I left there she was very small. A little girl grows fast though when they take a start. She may be nearly grown by now.

Mollie is getting over her rheumatism I believe. While I was in Southern Tex. last fall, I gathered some herbs and sent them to her, and she writes me they are curing her. She is in Central Tex. Ella is there also. She has two children, boy and girl. Dr. Stark has just returned from Nashville Medical college. All equipped with diploma. He will be a rich man before long. He's well fixed for living now. Poor old Burke is the same old boy. He's in the West too, making a crop with John Haynes. He wrote me a card the other day that he had fine prospects for crop. Corn large enough to plow. He never said anything about the rain. I would have thought it was to dry to do anything out there.

John Haynes is not making money so fast in Tex. as he did in Ala. Jim Haynes is a widower. His wife died about six weeks ago, of consumption. Poor man he has four little babies.

And you have twin daughters? What are their names? I would scarcely have thought Chas. would remember me.

And Bud Cunningham and Billie Ryan are both married? Well such is life. Pick me out a pretty fairie and tell her youve got a wandering boy in Tex. for her, and that he'll be back there next fall. And I'll try and get married too. Eh?!

Well I believe I havent any thing more to gass about. I told you that Mary and Sallie Hudgins were married. Uncle Pierce is getting along very well since he came to Tex. Has bought very good place, accumulalated plenty of stock - well really more than he needs I think he has 8 or 9 head of horses and mules and some 20 or 25 head of cattle.

Lizzie teaches nearly all the time. Nat is sick. Has been for long time. He's a walking skeleton. Has the chronic Direa. David is grown, Ellis is nearly grown. Jimmie their youngest is dead. What's become of Aunt Martha? you never said anything about her.

Say Jimmie, will you please inquire what a nice set of tombstones would cost, with the age, birth and death on it it. I want to put one up at my Fathers grave when I go back. Write soon and often to your friend as ever Willie Hudgins Direct to Grape Vine

Note: The original of this letter is written in beautiful script and is in my possession on this date. The above twin daughters of my Grandparents, James H. and Lucy S. Pegues Young were my Mother, Lucy Strother Young Jenkins and her sister Johnnie King Young, born August 29, 1883.

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21 October 1968

youngest about - 12 yrs old. Cousin Iry Dear Pa's health
is very bad at present - but hope will care he may again
rest it. I suppose you remember Uncle Boughton
family he was out a few months since the girls are
married William in Mobile. My dear Cousin I must
close as it is time for the mail to leave. Ad
join me in love to all of you. write soon
excuse haste.

Your affectionate Cousin
Sallie J. Gregg

Leach Tree etc
28 July 1856

Friend

Miss Martha Regnes

Waylesville

Cherokee Co. Ga.

Sheffield Colbert Co Ala Dec the 25th 1885

Mrs Young & Miss Pegues

_____ as it is rather a ~~lonesome~~ lonesome day with me I
th ___ ught I would write to you I intended waiting untill I had seen
more of the town as I have not been fifty yards from the house since
I come here it is a pretty place and has some fine and costly buildings
and is still building Mr Garrett is well pleased with the prospects
he has been busy this week hauling lumber and putting ___ stable
he has had all the hauling he could do this week with the promise of
plenty more though there are several waggons here there are three
on the Street we live on besides his. people are crowding here fast
there are eleven houses on this Street, I forgot to tell you you we
live on Montgomery Street, and from one to two families in e y _ _ =
_ouse all come in the last 3 weeks the houses _ _ _ 12 feet
apart, three in a block they will be fnce _ _ _ see we live on
the corner I have never spoke to a woman since I left Gustus's (?)
but once my next door neighbor has a cow and I asked her to sell
me a pint of sweet milk I went to the door to get it she asked me in
but I did not go in there are several carpenters at work here that
that I have known a long time than I have known anyone _____ that
Neighbourd the y have been to see Mr Garrett a time or two one of
the wives (?) _____. We could have been crowded with boarder
___ but we only take one for this week we happened to an accident
in getting the bedstead Mr Garrett bought in Scottsboro he took the
two head pieces and no foot piece and never found it out till we got
here and we had to let our things lie on the floor till he wrote to
Mr Horton to snd him the ballance of both bed steads and then he was
so busy he never taken time _____ to the depot after them
u _____ yesterday morning I got my beds up yesterday but have not
got all my things(?) fixed up yet we never broke nor lost a single
thing except the lamp chimney and would not have broke that if I
packed it away but I had in it my basket (?) and was packing things
on top of it when I ___ was leaving Gurleys (?) and the first thing
I knew I broke(?) ___ this is a dull day with me Mr Garrett has
gone to T ___ umbia and I have been by myself all day there was
Christmas tree at the academy last night but we never went the
most of the people here are Jews and dutch I mean the people that
belong here that own property I have not seen any of them only at
a distance. we have to carry water a quarter of a mile Mr Garrett
went off today to get a barrel so he can have it they are working
on the pipes I _____ and it is to be hoped we will have
plenty of water close by Tell Aunt Judy Moore to rest satisfied
about Will for he never goes out in town unless goes on business
and then he don't stay long he says he is going to attend church
and Sunday School at Tuscumbia as there is no church for black
colored here we will have to go to Tuscumbia to hear all the
preaching we hear but it is only two miles. ___ a good road in
dry weather and a bad one in wet weather it is red clay and
Sticks like tar Mr Garrett likes here a good deal better than he
does Scottsboro if we can only get plenty to do and pay for it
and have health I will like to stay here the water is freestone
the town is in an old field of Several hundred acres we can stand
in the door and see Tuscumbia _____ the house and
see all over Florence and Tuscumbia ___ say there is so much
Stirring around here I stay mostly in the house but I am goin to

look about a little some Sunday. I can't go any other day without going by myself and the men at work all over the place through the week the town is incorporated $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles square and there are houses enough to make a good sized town if they was together they call it a city but it is no city it may be some day but it is not now by a good deal.

I believe provisions are cheaper here or equally as cheap as they are in Scottsboro we have not bought anything but one gallon of buttermilk we give 10cts ~~galkin~~ for that a waggon comes to the door once a week with milk at 10cts a gallon. and a beef waggon comes around three ti_es a week this is a great place to sell any things if a pers _____ distance and had a good garden they could make it pay as there is not any gardens in town fruit and black berries would sell like hot cakes in the summer I think I had better stop before I make you sick. Mr Garrett says tell Mr Young to write to him and says he would have sent a letter this time but he thought you would need rest after reading this but I want you all to write soon and write all the news we have not _____ the citizen since we have been here tell Aunt Judy Williams I got here safe and am well and intend to be satisfied if there is any chance tell Aunt Judy Moore Will appears to be perfectly satisfied and she need not be uneasy about him at all he is doing as well as a boy can do _____ Mrs Sherril to write to me I would like to _____ write as soon as you get this

Your friend

Mary Garrett

Note: This letter was written to Mrs. Lucy Strother Pegues Young (wife of James H. Young) and to Miss Martha King Pegues, sisters. This is evidently the first letter written to them after the Garrett family moved from Jackson County, Alabama. This letter is in poor condition and I have had to leave blank spaces where words are missing in the torn spaces.

The original of this letter is in my possession.

20 October 1968

Inez J. Murphy (Mrs. James J.)

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Sheffield, Alabama 35660

The above, Mrs. Lucy Strother Pegues Young was my grandmother and was living near Scottsboro, Jackson County, Alabama.

Sheffield Ala
April the 4th 1886

Mrs Lucy Young

Dear Friend

It is with pleasure I seat myself this evening to write you I hope you will excuse me for not writing sooner when I got your letter we was about ready to move in our new house We moved the 18 of March and have been so busy trying to get my things cleaned up I have not taken time to write to any-one our house does fine though it is not finished by a good deal though it is very comfortable it is so much better than paying \$15.00 per month. I am very well satisfied now that we have got rid of that expense. We are not keeping boarders now. have not got any room and will not work any more on our house till times gets better Times are dull at present but I think will be better sometime this summer the Stockholders met at Montgomery last week to decide whether they would build the Furnace here or at Russellvill and Sheffield gained it so the Furnace is the talk no longer but a certain fact. We have not learned when the work will commence but suppose it will be very soon as the ground has already been Surveyed and a new hardware Store opened last week and a drugstore will be opened soon as they can finish the house. I would like very well to go to that picnic but I don't see any chance now I hope you will get to go and if you do try to eat enough for me I am afraid that pork will go like the tomatoes did but I recon they will have some good light bread and a plenty of it.

I have bought five hens and a rooster I am going to try to raise what chickens we use. We have not bought a cow yet we are paying 10cts. per gallon for milk and 12½ to 20 cts for butter provisions are very cheap here now but I dont like to buy market waggons comes around about four times a week with everything to Sell that a person would want to eat but we dont buy much from any of them we just buy what we are obliged to have I am trying to live cheap I think by living Saving I can Save up money enough to go to that christ-mas tree but if I should fail I suppose the world will still move one or two don't have any influence on anything of that kind the world always has moved and always will whether we go to the Christmas tree or not. I am glad that Centre Point has a good Pastor for this year I would like to be there on the 4th Saturday & Sunday and third Saturday night. there is Preaching here at the Accademy twice a month and prayer meeting every wednesday and Sabbath School ~~School~~ every Sunday evening. The flowers came all Safe and I am ever so much obliged to you for Sending them. Write as soon as you get this and tell Miss Martha to write when I write to you I write to all I Shall expect a letter very Soon.

Your Friend
Mary Garrett

Sheffield Ala
April the 25th 1886

Mr James Young

Dear Sir & Bro.

I wrote to you some time ago to try and send me a couple of shoats but I had no idea what the freight would be but have since learned that it would cost me eight dollars to have them brought here. Now I dont want you to send them at all I would rather do without them as to pay that price. Business is very dull. The Board has met again at this place to attend business of the Furnace Company. I guess they will set the time for the work to commence. the Sheffield and Birmingham R.R. is to be pushed through as fast as possible that is about as much as I have learned that they have done they took up the day yesterday on the R.R. and was to take up the Furnace today. it has been decided some time ago that the Furnace is to be built here and I hope we will soon learn when the work will commence everybody is anxiously waiting to hear when the work will begin.

a very sad accident occured at Tuscumbia yesterday as they were coupling the cars a brakeman fell between them his back was broke in four places and he was terribly bruised he was alive last night have not heard from him today he lived in Florence and was the only son of a widow. I would be glad to hear from you write to me as soon as you get this how is crops up there

Your Friend

O J Garrett

Mrs Young as Mr Garrett has been writing I will try to scribble a few words to you and Miss Martha I went to Church and Sabbath School at the academy last sunday and heard a very good sermon preached by the presiding elder his name is Jones the Methodists preach here every 1st and 3rd sunday the baptist have no regular appointment here they just drop in occasionally and preach I have never been to Tuscumbia to preaching yet I have no way to go my saddle mule is not as safe as he was and I am afraid to ride him it is too far to walk but I think I will try to go next sunday it is right through an old field with no shade at all and if I dont go soon I will not get to go at all.

Well I went down into town the 18th of this month we had been here four months that day and I went down in town for the first time I wanted to see how Jews looked they are the meanest looking people I ever saw our P. M. is a Jew I went to the P. O. and spent 25cts with him he keeps dry goods and asked if there was any mail he said I tink dere is I go see he gave me an apple and invited me to call again soon and not be so stingy with my money next time. I left and went up to a hardware store kept by a Jew and he is still worse I think less of Jews than any people I have ever met I believe they would sell their soul and body for 25 cts I know they will tell any kind of tale to make 5 cts I will close it is not my time (to?) write but thought I would write I shall expect to hear from you soon

Your Friend Mary Garrett