

Platte Co Mo

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My Dear Cousin

Becoming wearied with your long delay in answering our letter or thinking it highly probable that it has been thrown out of the way by mail we without hesitance attempt in our feeble man to write another hoping it will fair better and if it should reach its place of destination it will be answered immediately. we are all well with the exception of hoopingscough the prevalent and I believe the only disease in the neighbourhood but if it continues to rain as it has doubtless there will be much sickness. we recieved a letter not long since from Jackson the connection we enjoying good health. ~~Exeter~~ Mother is yet living with her black girl and child. I suppose you have heard that Steve Deavenport's wife is dead and he has married again. we will have an abundance of fruit this year farmers are generally very late, we finished planting corn last saturday. it has been reported here that cousin Joseph had gone to Texas and since Verlinder had ran off and you had never heard from her since