Wilkesboro N.C. Dec. 26th 1848

Dear Frank

Yours of the 13th Inst. is duly to hand I was sorry to hear that the illustrious "Gripsey" was Stiles in the Land of the living and Glad found You out. I hope no other of the "Nefarious Clan" of City epidemics will Cross your path & that You may have a Fair Chance for Four. Sheps-Run-

I believe Nothing has transpired worthy of notice among us since my last. We Have had the most bland & beautiful warm season of weather that the "oldest inhabitant" can recollects having seen in Dec.r - I put on my "Summers" & was even then too warm - Grass potatoes Turnips & Sprouts are Considerable advance toward another Crop - & the health of our County is Still as good as ever - Many Have lost. Corn & no body is buying -

The Presbyterian Church was let out on last Thursday to old Damron at $1040= a Brick building with Pillars in Front &c We Have not yet Let out the Methodist. Damron wants the Job - and offers to build it Complete Provided We find all the Wood Materials for $525= I dont Know whether he will employ them or not - Some are for Wood & others for Brick and our Subscription list is Still very Small and increasing Slowly -.

Yesterday (Christmas) passed of very quietly here they had a "Fox Chase" in the morning which resulted in the Chasing of a Deer till they lost it and then the treeing of an illustrious old "buck rabbit" this made the "Grand finale" of the day — they returned to Drink a few wash=bowlfulls of egg=nogg & rest during the day. "Mine host" gave us a Dinner at which were invited all the Episcopal brethern & Dr Greis together with His Hon. Wesley Reynolds who is now an Episcopalian We had a "Turkey" done up brown & Miss Lemirah & Kate to set off the table — Dr Greis had services & Mr Purvis had prayer=meeting at the old academy — we had a very good meeting — it was a very wet day — at night they danced at the Hotel till 11 O'clock — Lemirah, Kate, C Gordon Laura Hackett & the little girls were their dancers — the little Boys bursted Balls of Twine — Shot pistols &c till our village seemed quite City=like — & thus passed the day — On tonight (Tuesday) there is a Tea Party comes off at A. W. Finleys to which we are all invited — I am not sure I can go — I would wait & give you the news — but will defer till another Letter — all the Gals will be there & If I go I will hand over individually & Collectively Your Love as requested —

The Social Condition of our County is rather at a low ebb now owing to several Causes — hence there is no weddings among our gals, Jno J Foster takes Miss Foster (Old Mans daughter) on next Thursday 4th January for life — I expect I will be an invited guest — Capt Caudle was married to a Miss McGrady last week Jno Clary & Jim Reynolds were the waiters —

In the directions You left me — You mentioned an ap against Estate Wilie Brown. I fixed it up & then ascertained it must be proven by Yourself before a Justice of the Peace before You can Collect it — hence it must lie here till You return — No one has paid me any money Yet either towards the firm or Your own debts — Owing to the warm weather nothing is bought or sold that brings money — hence it is the Scarcest I ever knew it — I have had some practice lately but I dont much more than Clear expenses — times are very dull — Jno Clary wants to leave for Castleton via Phil^d by 8th Feby — he wants to stop some days there & wishes to know the No. Street &c of Your boarding house — please inform me in Your next —

There were several things I wanted to write about but have been Completely "fleestrated" by having an abominable little old rotten tooth to pull for "Crisy" & it has "nauseated & vexed me both —

I would like to help any way I Could in getting up Your Thesis — but You may as well "Strike out" on something — perhaps You will do better on a subject — You have heretofore Known nothing about — Write a Short Comprehensive One —

I want You to keep me informed of all the "Lights & Shadows" of City life — & I in turn will glean up every thing of interest I Can — Dr Jones & Miss Julia Passed home Yesterday — he said for me to excuse to You for his not Calling —

The Mail is waiting —

P.S. The Friends are all well — No more A. A. Scroggs

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