

sending to witness the ruins of  
her "old home." I saw Fannie Green  
at Shady-Grove not long since, &  
hardly knew her, she had fattened  
so much - They expect Col. Green,  
and family, out to spend next  
Summer - also, eight of Mrs. Green's  
Yankee relatives - (ladies) to spend  
the Summer. I shall remain  
with Grandma, until a pretty  
spell of weather, when she intends  
going to Ma's - Ma has been here  
with her, a good deal, lately. Uncle  
Phil, and Grandma both join me  
in love to you all - Remember  
me affectionately to Mrs. Tevilly. You  
must write soon -

Yours with much aff,  
Bettie W

March 24<sup>th</sup>, 1874.

Dear aunt Ell: -

I am now with  
Grandma - Came up last Sunday -  
found her looking much better than  
I expected to see her, as she has been  
suffering with a cold - seems quite  
well to-day - says she will write to  
the boys in a few days - When I  
told her, I was coming up stairs  
to write to you, her last injunctions  
were - Tell Ell, "to be sure to come  
up the country, the last of May" -  
And you must obey those injunctions!  
Uncle Tom, and aunt Martha  
are both having chills - they seem

to prevail in every climate now. Cousin Al was here yesterday, said Aunt Polly would be up Easter - he and a Mr. Harris, that owns Mr. Arch Taylor's place, are consulting upon a trade, but have not yet come to any conclusion. The place would suit Cousin Al so well - being convenient to his land, where he now lives - An old Englishman has purchased Dr. Fields place - or rather, an adjoining plantation (and boards with the Dr.) which enabled him (Dr. Field) to settle with the Perry's, and keep his home. You must write me what kind of a "sorter nice" dress, to get this Spring - and how to have it made. Cousin Emma's

youngest, makes five children for her - I imagine you must be very proud of the size of your "baby"!! Nannie Alston's health is very bad, been confined to the house for nearly three months - Temple Thorne, called to see Grandama (just from there) yesterday - thinks it will be a long time before she recovers, if ever. Miss Ann expects to stay a while with Aunt Polly this Spring - her services are not much missed here, I can assure you! I think Grandama is in favor of Uncle Whit's marrying, if he can find a suitable companion - though I have no idea, he will ever marry. Cornelia Owens, is expected out next Summer - I know it will be heart