

will please write me in  
your next about it. I do not  
reckon Uncle Tom will go  
down this Spring, to his place.  
Mollie went there, immediately  
after her marriage - she had  
no wedding - Cousin "John  
Buck", and wife, ~~were~~ all the  
company they had. Aunt  
Mary Ann, and Cousin Cor  
had taken possession of her  
new place. Though Cousin  
Al has not left yet - house  
not completed for him to  
move. Cousin Cor's children  
still with Uncle Whit. Uncle  
Ed has had two letters from  
Whit, he is at Cousin Lucy's -  
she is now well, was not when  
I wrote you last. All join  
me in love to you all. Write  
soon. Good-bye! Yours with love,  
Bettie W.

Cousin  
Billy Davis, his wife, and Miss  
Mary Smith  
have moved to  
Raleigh, D.C.  
Allen Young  
died in Cape.  
And Corbin  
Belay Neck, about  
the same time.

"Fountain Hill,"  
Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>, 1872.

Dear aunt Ell:-

Your highly es-  
teemed letter reached the last  
week - was glad to learn that  
Button, and Johnie had recov-  
ered, the rest well - And you  
all so much pleased with  
Mrs. Twitty.

Cousin Al Alston  
had the sad calamity of having  
his house burned down last  
Tuesday night - saved aunt  
Pollic's room furniture, and  
that in the parlor - we  
have not heard the partic-  
ulars concerning it, though  
I know what we have learned,

it must have been carelessness  
in the cook - we were so very  
sorry about it! I understand  
Cousin Al, and Aunt Pollic  
both bore it with great  
fortitude - they are staying  
for a short time at Cousin  
Arch Williams' until he has  
an out-house comfortably  
fitted up - The weather continues  
so very inclement, must  
make Aunt Pollic, feel  
doubly gloomy - The fire  
was observed by the servants  
about ten o'clock at night -  
after they had retired.

Cousin  
Nick Alston is now very ill,  
been sick for three weeks -  
Uncle Ed is with him all  
the time. Grandma keeps  
well - Sallie went up to see

her, and Aunt Bet - last week,  
I shall go up for her next Sat-  
urday. Mr. Morgan's gallery is  
in full blast - and think if  
Saturday is a suitable day, must  
suffer the painful ordeal  
of having my picture taken -  
and will send Button one.  
Rice's house is not yet com-  
pleted - they are at work on  
the out-houses - waiting for Mr.  
Wilson, about the dwelling.  
Rice was telling Ma about a  
kind of white lead used for  
painting, that Cousin Elias  
recommended to Cousin  
Gene - wish you would ask  
him the kind, and where  
we must write for it - as  
Ma intends having her  
place fixed up in the spring,  
would like to get some.