

I am glad you were <sup>so</sup> fortunate to  
get Mrs Twitty give my love to her  
tell the Boys I will by and write  
to them when I feel more like  
writing my love to Lear and Miss  
The Children for me may the  
good Lord bless you all as the Prayer  
of your Affectionate Mother  
M. A. Kearney

Please burn after reading

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Dear Ell

I received your letter last  
night always glad to hear all is well  
I am now at White with Polly and  
three children and servant myself  
and Sam that makes seven I know  
he has but little but he seemed willing  
to divide with them they were burnt  
out not a change of clothes so I had  
to go and try to do something for them  
Dan and Bet have been very kind to  
them we certainly have had a cold  
winter Sam is complaining this morning  
I do hope he will not get down sick  
hear for I have no one here to do any  
thing for him the weather was so when  
I was in Warren to that they could do  
but little but hull wood he plowed  
some in the garden when he could  
I shall soon have but one horse as  
Fanny will have a colt next month

This is a world of trouble and  
grief I plainly see but when in desert  
trouble O Lord I look to thee I have  
had a right hard time to travel  
but my time will soon be over  
agreeable to the course of nature and  
it is my greatest desire to be ready my  
children are all kind and affectionate  
to me but I dont want to be burdensome  
to any body I know old folks  
company is not always pleasant to  
young folks All is at home having  
an old house fixed in the yard  
it is a wonder she did not catch her  
death staying in that old house  
lying on the floor I heard of her situa-  
tion I was obliged to come and try  
and do something for them I received  
a letter from Lula Yorboos she wrote  
Bully and Tom had gone to Raleigh  
with Miss Mary Smith she got in  
the notion to <sup>go</sup> and would have them  
to go with her I dont know how

long they will remain there  
Lula is a good child she wrote and  
offered me a home in her house  
but O I could not do that I had a  
very comfortable time at Mr Parkers  
and they were all as clever as they could  
be but I thought I had stayed there  
long enough and when I heard of  
Pollys situation I could not feel  
satisfied not to leave I know you  
will be sorry to hear Polly is of  
again she is truly a pitiful creature  
she is so unhappy and cries so much  
that it makes me feel very unhappy  
myself Mary Ann left here yesterday  
she wanted me to let her have a cow  
I told them if there was any there  
she could have one Farmers  
complain of being very backward  
in their farms I am very much obliged  
to you for your invitation but I dont  
see any chance for me to go down