

[To Mrs Elias Carr, Sparta, N.C.]

Mollie expects to remain
until April, or May. Cousin
Gimmie Williams, seems much
interested now, in infant
wardrobes. Ellen is spending
some time with Cousin
Mary, in Warrenton. Aunt
Mary Ann keeps pretty close
at home. Expect you have
heard that Mr. Doc Massenburg
is married to Miss Pannic
Boyd. Cousins John, and
Temp were at the wedding.
Reckon Aunt Bet keeps you
posted with news from home.
Ma's health I think has improved
and when gardening weather
comes, hope she will be inter-
ested in her garden. She, with
the rest, join me in love to
all. Write soon.

Yours with much love,
Bettie W. W.

"Fountain Hill,"
March 14th 1872.

Dear aunt Ell.

The bad weather
has kept us all "fairly installed"
nearly all the year - and still
looks very threatening. Had it
been pleasant weather cousin
Al could have had completed
in this time, a very comfort-
able house for Aunt Pollicie - he
has two out rooms joined.
Aunt Pollicie is with grandma,
at Uncle Whit's. we expect them
down, when the weather will
admit. Smallpox seems to
be the topic of the day, rumored
that it is at Warrenton Depot,
and Walker's Hill, near Shady
Grove. Though I do not credit

either report. Mr. Graham
has a fine school this session -
six of Mr. Duggers old scholars,
besides other new ones. Did you
make your visit to John's? &
what does she call the surpris-
ed boy? (To the public I mean) for
every one nearly, that I told, had
almost the audacity, to doubt
my veracity, concerning the
stranger. Sallie is very busy, re-
plenishing, and renovating
her wardrobe, to take a trip to
Granville - she finds the
"Home-Shuttle" a great help
her for her fingers work almost
"stranger," to needle and thread:
when a school girl, had the
good fortune, to have Ma, &
Pattie to help her, now they tell
her, she must learn & she
has made right good progress.

I went to Warren-ton, to have
my picture taken, but did not
succeed in getting one. - Never
saw an artist that could
take me. I was at Cousin
Nick's burial - thought Cousin
Martha, bore his death with
more fortitude, than Cousin
Mollie did. Rees house is
nearly completed - guess she
will move, some time in
the spring. Next Saturday, &
Sunday, is Quarterly meeting
at Shady Grove - expect the
weather will be too inclement
for grandma to go. I expect
you are all feasting on fresh
fish, and oysters. Would like
so much to join you.
Tempe Thorne, went down the
country with Mollie - she will
return with her father, and