

[TO: MR. ELIAS CARR, SPARTA, N.C.]

[1879?]

Oxford N.C.  
June 1<sup>st</sup>

Dear Brother,

I received your letter some time since, and am truly sorry that you refused to take the Guardianship of the children.

I have written to Mr. Catron in regard to the affairs of the estate, and yesterday received a letter from him in reply.

He says that my testamentary guardianship ceases with my marriage, and he thinks it desirable that a guardian shall be appointed, but I know of no one who will take the guardianship. It seems to me that you are the proper person

to take it, but if you do not  
feel it your duty to see that  
your father's children are provided  
for, the property must pass into  
the hands of any one. The Court  
may appoint. My right to the  
estate ceased at the same  
time, so I shall have nothing  
more to do with the affairs of  
the estate, after rendering accounts  
at next Court.

The Warren premises are in your  
hands, and you can sell at  
your own price, but it seems  
to me that it ought to sell  
for a sum sufficient to cover  
your debt, but in case it  
does not, Mr. Eaton will advance  
and continue to sell until  
the debt are all paid. The  
estate must now be settled.  
The furniture in Warren will

all be sold at public auction,  
and of course will go for a  
"new song", but I have made  
up my mind to see it all  
sacrificed. I wrote to Uncle  
John about the Nash land,  
and he is not disposed to buy  
my interest, nor willing to sell.  
And if one can raise enough  
to satisfy your debt, without  
selling his mine, perhaps it would  
be better not to sell it. I hope  
when you go to Warren you  
will consult with Mr. Eaton  
about it, and advise him as you  
think best, for the interest of  
the children. I shall place the  
business in his hands, and the  
estate is left entirely with him  
to settle. I hope you will be  
able to make a fair sale of  
the Warren property, to Mr. Battle.

I am convinced that it will be  
to the interest of the children to  
sell, even at a sacrifice. If  
you will write to me and let  
me know at what time you  
will be in Warrenton, I will  
try to meet you there, as I wish  
to see you, before August Court.

The children are well. Carrie will  
spend her vacation with Jennie  
Hinton, with much love for  
Ell and the children.

Your fond sister  
Bettie Carr.