

[Gov. Elias Carr, Old Sparta, N.C.; note "Recvd in due time & answered
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Ridgeway, N.C., 6-14-99

Dear Cousin Elias:-

At last I have gotten
the Overby notes in a straight way.

I enclose you the papers: they are self explan-
atory. My additional security applies only
to 2nd (& lost) note; & almost all the balance
\$250⁶² is due on lost note. Overby was
anxious to redeem the land before his several
executed mortgage to us on the additional ^{20 acres} &
now he is of course more determined than ever to
pay. If he lives, I can make it. If he dies
we will have to take the land & original
security & the additional 20 acres. They both
will not bring the bal. due - even with the 90%
off. If you want me to handle it for you
send me back the Curd deed of trust - and the

letter of J. H. Kerr, which I shall want to
file as memo. ^{If you want them I will mail you the Overy notes.} It is a great wonder
you didn't lose the whole thing. The tempt-
ation on my part was great to close out, at
all hazards ~~was great~~, but policy & yr interests
dictated the course I took.

I had a nice trip & stay in Asheville.
You see the boys complimented me.
Everything seems like coming my way - a
good & growing reputation - not rich, but making
a good living for us poets here who want nothing
laying by something every day. All I need is
health. About the time I get ready to line,
I fear I shall die. I leave for Baltimore
tonight or tomorrow. Write me yr wishes
in this O. matter. I will hold & finish or turn
lose if you are tired. Always glad to do my
best for you.

Yrs truly J. B. Wms.