

"Midway," N.H.
Jan. 16th 1898

Dear Uncle Elias:

Since writing to you I have been making diligent inquiry and have at last succeeded in finding a man who is willing to loan \$600. on the land. You know 150 acres of my interest in my Mother's land has been sold, and this went to pay Mrs. Pate, who has the first mortgage. Some of the money went to pay off two or three judgments against me, so there was not quite enough to pay her

so there still remains
about \$100. due her.
After deducting the amount
of land sold there now
remains about 150 acres
of my interest. You
see from the above
that we can only offer
you \$500. If the land
was put up and sold
publicly, I don't think
it would bring over
\$4.00 per acre - land
adjoining it only brought
that a few years ago.
I am very anxious to
know it settled, and if
you are willing to accept
this proposition please
let me hear from you
as soon as possible.

My town in the cotton
business expires 1st of
March, and I see no
prospect of getting any
other work before next
Fall, so expect I'll have
to come back to for-
ming. I sincerely hope
that your health has
improved since I last
saw you, and that you
may be spared to lead
a long and useful life.
With love for all the
family, and best wishes
for a happy and pros-
perous New Year, I
am,

Affly yours,
C. L. Hinton