

J. M. Williams
1898
File with other
papers

Ridgeway N.C.
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Cousin Elias:-

I come again
with statement book for
1898.

I thought we would have
gotten something nice this
time, but the low price of cotton
ruined us.--

I have rented already for
1899 for money bonds - & we are
going to get much more - than
heretofore.

Ottoway & Ed - who have rented for
a 500 lb bale - have signed notes for
40 \$ each. & Old Anderson gives note
for \$20 - this makes \$100.

I went down & made them
sign the notes - Everybody said
it was risky making the issue
but I made it squarely - gave them
only a little time to sign or leave -
And I bluffed them.

I may get the 10¢ from Fred Perry
again or not - I can't say tell -
Anyway we are one good for \$100.
& that is moving up compared
to what we have been doing.
I trust you are well - With love
for you Cousin El -

Yrs truly

J. B. Jones

You will see the bales of cotton sold
at different prices - they come at
different times - I got all I could
from Gardner & Jeffers.