

[TO: Elias Carr, Raleigh, N.C.]

Bryson City N.C. February 18th 1896
Hon. Elias Carr.

Dear Sir.

You are from Edge-
combe County and are well acquainted
with the Runder family who owned property
and lived in Edgecombe and Wilson Counties.
Mr. R. H. Runder one of this Runder family lives
now at Bryson City N.C. I signed his note
when he came to Bryson City to enable him to
buy out a newspaper outfit. He has re-
fused to pay said debt though he has had
the money to do so. He has had his homestead
laid ^{off} and sits back under his personal prop-
erty exemption of \$500 and wants me through
surety to pay the entire debt. He with the other
Runder heirs have recently inherited some
property I think about \$5000 - about 8 heirs
from an uncle and the property lies in what
is now Wilson County formerly Edgecombe Co.
About January 17th 1896. R.H. Runder and wife
with the other heirs signed up a deed for
some property lying in either Edgecombe or
Wilson Co. I think the latter County. I think
the property came to through an uncle who
had died I suppose recently. It was my
understanding as far as I could find out
that the deed recited the land as being now

in Wilson County N.C. formerly Edgecombe Co.
I know that R.H. Pender could pay this matter
if he would. It has given me a great deal
of annoyance. I am the brother of James
P. Kerr and a son of Dr. Kerr who died
in Alamance Co. in 1879. I would not write
to you for I know you are pressed with
business but one in trouble naturally
appeals to his old friends for information.
I know you can either give me the informa-
tion that I wish or can refer me to some
confidential friend from whom I can get
the information without my coming in
contact with the heirs or their friends. I
want to get hold of this matter and any
information that will give me will be
very much appreciated and I will keep
the same strictly confidential. If the
property lies in Wilson Co. a judgment
transferred from Swain Co. to Wilson Co.
will hold down the transfer of said property
It reached there before the deed from
R.H. Pender and wife did.

Respect fully.

Your friend

D. W. Kerr.

Enclose please find stamp for reply.