

fully resigned to death. Cousin
Ben Ballard, took cousin Martha
north. Thinking the physicians
there, might possibly restore her,
and the effects of the medicine
caused her death, a week or two
after her return. Cousin June
speaks of going back to Cousin
Martha's to live next year - and
will rent his place to a Mr.
Madden, if he concludes to go -
know Recie prefers remaining at
her new home, if she could.
Cousin Jimmy S. still at Mrs.
Gunn's. How is Mrs. Twitty? My
best love to her. Would like so
much to join you all in
eating oysters - know they are fixed
up in the best "style" - Ma's health
tolerably good - she, Pattie & all,
join me in much love to each
of you - Write soon.

Yours with aff.

Bettie W.

Dec. 19th
June Clemente
came down to
day-laid Grand-
Ma was well.

"Fountain Hill" N.C.
Dec. 17th, 1873.

Dear aunt Ell,

Your letter handed
me yesterday, was indeed a pleas-
ant surprise - and to show that
it was highly appreciated, I will
answer to-day; although there
are several others who claim
my attention. Many thanks
for your kind invitation to
visit - you Christmas, which I
would certainly do, if it were
possible. Cousin Bettie Perry, is
anxious for me to visit her
Christmas - it being only twenty
miles, maybe, can get that far -
she is Cousin Charles Perry's
wife. Sarah Clemente is with

no - said Grandma was not very well when she left, (last Sunday) had taken cold some way - but am in hopes she has gotten over it in this time - Ma will go up to see her as soon as her buggy gets home from Halifax - Phil went down in it - a few days since. Beck Davis is in Warrington with Nellie - she intends going to Johnico Christmas - Nellie says she will be at your house about the 1st of Jan. as she wants to see Walter Christmas - The "Fork" has been quite gay for the past two or three weeks - at the close of Mr. Graham's session, they had a large party - Beck, Nellie, Reie A. and a good many others from a distance attended - if the night had not been so

very inclement the crowd would have been much larger - they had a beautiful table - every thing in the greatest profusion - wish so much Button and Johnie could have been there, know they would have enjoyed it - Harrie came with Lena; and the "little fellow" was perfectly carried away with the music, dancing and good things - And dear little Elias too, is large enough to have enjoyed it! Kiss him for me. Aunt De has not gotten over her chills yet, every few weeks has them - Expect you have heard the deaths of Aunt Margaret Burton - and Cousin Martha Ballard - and M. was sick for a long time - you remember, she was per-