

Eldorado Union County Arkansas Sept 5th 1855
Dear Brother

I now take my pen to write to you & will inform you that we are all tolerable well except Harriet she is able to be up but is troubled a good deal with headache I have nothing of interest to write at this time we have had a drought in this neighbourhood which lasted till the 13th of August I think we have made plenty of corn to serve us the next year but our cotton has suffered considerable in the latter part of June it was believed by some that our cotton would make from 10 to 12 hundred pound of seed cotton to the acre but since the dry wether has come upon it I think it will not averidge more then 4 hundred to the acre the drought was only in certen neighbour hoods some people in this state have made good crops of corn & tolerable crops of cotton there has ben an overfl^{ow} in the valleys of the Mississippi which has overflowed many plantations and I understand that people on that River have the yellow fever also in Sreves Port Louisiana

This is the 9th of September our fam^{ly} are all well I enjoy good health myself I expect to start to the Association tomorrow morning which is to be held in Columbia County about 25 miles above here I expect to see Brother D. S. Williams at that place

I understand he lives about 25 miles
from Camden near the Columbian
institute his Lady teaches music
at that place his Post Office is
Loeks store Arkansas Dear Broth^r
A friend & neighbour of mine Request
-sted me to write to you and Request
you to write to me and let me
know the names of the Lawyers
who live in Fayetteville who are
Responsible men and can be
Relied on he wants some business
done Relative to the Settlement of
an Estate in some County above
Fayetteville he married a widow
who once lived in N. C. she was
once the wife of Dr Stedmon
if you will write to me as soon
as you receive this and send to
me the desired information you
will oblige one whom I esteem as
a Friend you need not say any
thing about my writing to you
on this subject it is now late
at night please excuse this short
letter and I will try and do better
the next time so farewell

To Joseph Hollingsworth
Richard Hollingsworth^{The}

1858

Mr Joseph Hollingsworth

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