

State of Tennessee,
Jackson County
September 3, 1937

Dear and affectionate Brother and Sister with much pleasure and gratification of mind I now embrace this most acceptable opportunity of renewing our covenant by way of letter and of informing of you that I received your acceptable and kind letter of August the 6th which letter I received the 1st day of September. We are all well except one of my daughters who has been sick some two or three weeks now with something like the ague and fever, and we humbly thank God the Giver of all good for thus far bestowing his kind and loving mercies upon us all, hoping that these few inclosed lines may come to hand and find you all in good health. Your letter gave us all great satisfaction to hear that you was still on mercies side of Eternity and was enjoying a reasonable portion of health with your fellow mortals. You stated that you accidentally and unexpectedly received intelligence from the mouth of Stephen Mayfield of my place of residence. I now can inform you that unexpectedly did I receive your letter also. Your letter informs me that Mayfield told you I bought his fathers farm but that is a wrong information of Mayfield for I purchased it of Sampson Williams and Esq. Gray altho Mayfield may be excused for telling you so for when I bought my farm Mayfields father lived on it and Stephen was small and young at that time and no doubt he though I bought it from his father. It was a valuable tract of land lying on Roaring River about 4 miles and a half from its mouth and about 6 miles from Cainsborough. It lies all in a body together we have the Cumberland River running near us which makes navigation advantageous to us. The land that I hold are worth between two and three thousand dolla at a low calculation. I have me a grist mill built on my spring branch and has been running a still about 16 years and grinds my own corn and stills it myself. The reason that I did not move to that county when I came home I found that I could purchase the farm that I now live on and also the reason that I never have wrote to you was because you talked of moving from where