

State of Tennessee,
Jackson County
September 3, 1837

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 she 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 towards
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.
Cray 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
doubt he thought I bought it from his father. It was a valuable tract of land
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 run
near us which makes navigation advantageous to us. The land that I hold are worth
between two and three thousand dollars at a low calculation. I have me a gristmill
built on my spring branch and has been running a still about 16 years and grind
my own corn and stills it myself. The reason that I did not move to that country
when I came home I found that I could purchase the farm that I now live on and
the reason that I never have wrote to you was because you talked of moving from