

This is a copy of a letter
written to my grandmother Elizabeth
C. Neal, the wife of Samuel Jasper
Neal.

The original is written in brown
ink on both sides of lined paper.

This is the only time that I
have ever known Bettie used as
a name for Elizabeth.

I do not know if there was
a relationship of Miss Emma Rankin
to Bettie Rankin's husband.

This letter was found in
a wooden box in an old chest
of clothes belonging to Mrs. E. C. Neal's
youngest daughter Beane Roe Neal.

over the river until next morning, we staid at Mrs. Barrens, and left my baggage there and came over to Beathan's next morning horseback. I looked in my trunk for that ball of wool I thought I had, but through a mistake it was left at home, if I had it with me you would be more than welcome to it.

Mr. Rankin did not go in to Germantown, the trip would have been a dangerous undertaking now. We all persuaded him out of the

notion of going now. He recd. a letter from his Capt. J. P. Reynolds stating that his property was very much torn up. Mr. Rankin is still going to try and get to see Martin as soon as he hears the Gankers have left. The latest news we recd. was, the Gankers were retreating towards Knoxville. I am very much disappointed in not getting to Germantown for I was so anxious to see them all once more.

I turn now toward home with Brother Jim on his way to Seneca. I am going

to be very busy making
preparations to keep house
by Christmas. — You all
must come to see me
when I get fixed in my
new home. I will be as
busy as a bee.

I have had a delightful
visit and here

With I have not much time
to write, write so much

Give my love to all. Mr

Rankin also sends much love.

Your sincere friend

Miss Rankin

(Probably morning I leave for home)

specimen
of a: hastily
written
note

Please Mr. Guelens Oct 26th

My Dear Cousin Betty.

No doubt

you will scold me well for
not coming back to see you
all again. — I intended to
when I left to return, but
the rain raised the river
so much that it was not
fordable until Sunday, and

there was a very dangerous stream
but we got over safely, it
could be crossed horseback
but not with a buggy. The
evening we came out on
the stage we could not get