

Cedar Valley

Jan 25<sup>th</sup>

Dear Cousin Frances!

I wished to write to you before I left home; but really I was so very busy packing that I could not find time. I wanted to write my dear Cousin and bid you good-bye, please now accept my sincere thanks for all your kindness in the happy year gone by, I shall never forget you; as you have won by your kindness and gentle manners the love of a heart that can never change. I shall often think of you, and strive to cultivate a disposition more like yours, you have done me a great deal of good, by your example I hope, and I am sure I'll never forget it.

We left our dear old home last

Friday, will stay here until Sunday  
then go to Hickory and stay there a  
few days before going to Pa.

Manda is very anxious to live with  
Comin Mam; but I am quite sure  
she would like to nurse for Comin  
Mary, as she is very fond of children.  
she has not engaged with any one; or  
had not when I left home. I received  
your letter, on my way here; therefore  
I could not speak to her on the subject.  
I hope Comin Mary or yourself will  
take her; for I feel great interest in  
her and am anxious for her to have  
a pleasant home.

Give my love to Mary and tell  
her goodbye for me. tell her she must  
not forget me, kiss Tommy and bid  
him goodbye, tell him I hope to hear  
of him as a great man some  
day though I may never see him  
again. Remember me kindly

Cousins Thomas and Glover. One more request - and then  
I say farewell, and that one request is that you will send  
me a photograph of yourself, believe me this is no idle wish  
expressed, to flatter, but a really earnest desire, for there is nothing  
I care to have so much. And now good bye. Think of  
me sometimes as

Your most affectionate

Scott.