

Oak Grove Farm, Aug 2nd 1864

Cousin Theophilus:

It has been a great while since I wrote to you, I hear last spring and yet I have received no answer from you. But I am determined to write you another letter "two wrongs never made one right." We are all as well as usual, Mother is still using crutches but she is not as much a cripple as formerly - I hope she may eventually recover.

Our relatives in York and Harford Counties are pretty well, except young J. K. Stump, Tommy Stump's son, who is said to be very low with consumption. His younger brother, William, is said, also, to be delicate, afflicted with the same affliction.

Thus it seems that both of these promising young men may die. We heard about a week since from Uncle Glasgow, Uncle and the boys are well. It is said that Cousin Robert Newton, perhaps, will get married soon. There is no prospect of Uncle or Cousin Hugh altering their condition of single blessedness. I have had considerable correspondence with your brother, Dr J. C. Rogers. In his last letter he stated that his wife, little boy, and himself were well and perhaps would visit us ere long. He seems to be quite a secessionist and apparently admires Jeff. Davis and com-

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federates. Doubtless he is influenced considerably by those with whom he is associated, in the southern state of Delaware. We have not seen the Miss Cooper since their visit out west. But have heard that they arrived home safely; they are unmarried; Levi is still single.

Quite a change has taken place since I last heard from you, in the affections and feelings of the people of our great nation. We now see brother arrayed against brother, the Yankee and southern meeting in deadly combat. The calm and peaceful atmosphere of rural Virginia now reverbates with the loud reports of great cannon. The north rushes to the fray under the "stars and stripes," to battle for nationality and the Union.

And although the north has been repulsed in the late engagement yet may we confidently trust that the people who can fairly elect a president, can support him in his efforts to establish law and order in the land.

For my part I have no doubt but that finally the Union party will be triumphant. That under the guidance of President Lincoln order will succeed chaos; peace succeed war; that the leaders of this infamous treason will suffer just punishment. I had the pleasure a short time since of receiving a letter from Cousin Abner McLaughlin he stated that they were all well

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he is a true Union Democrat.

We would very much like you to visit
us this fall - also Cousins Almira and Duckett.
We would be most happy to welcome you or any
of your family in east at any time.

Give my best regards to Cousin Almira and
Cousin Duckett and tell them to write to me
soon and I will answer punctually. Also to Uncle
Thomas Morgan and family and to our traveling
companion Mr N. Orr when next you see him.

Mother sends her love to you all. We all
join in forwarding our very best wishes for the
prosperity of Uncle, Aunt, and yourself not
omiting out of our western connections.

Expecting to see or hear from you
very soon I remain

Very Truly
Your Friend & Cousin
Thomas M Coulson
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