cotton, last November, December and January, have been so unfavorably from constant rains, showers and severe frost that I have yet seen 40 acres to pick out. The Winter with its heavy exhalations have, so that a good deal of my cotton will be injured and some going destroyed by remaining so long in the fields. Our Markets were influenced at others by political circumstances, with cotton now near being 13% less value than last year, however better than some time past. The depression of the times in cotton markets has fallen heavily upon me, and injured me excessively.

My children have enjoyed good health and join with me in respects to your family. Accept of my best wishes, and may your future of health and wealth succeed you.

[Signature]

[Note: The handwriting is difficult to read, but it appears to be a letter from a time period before the Civil War, discussing agricultural conditions and market influences.]