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When General Sherman passed through Bulloch County, Julia Beasley Hagin hid her valuables in this teapot and buried it. Later retrieved, it is now a prized possession of her descendant Margaret H. Frosser.
Allen M. Beasley III - Camp Wallen, SC
George R. Beasley V - SC
William A. Hagin V - Camp Near Bull's Gap, TN
Allen M. Beasley IV - Camp Fanigan, FL
William A. Hagin VI - East TN
Sarah E. Collins I - Calhoun County, GA
Allen M. Beasley V - Camp Near Jacksonville, FL
William A. Hagin VII - Northern VA
Sarah E. Collins II - Calhoun County, GA
George Robbins Hagin I - Col. Missouri near Atlanta, GA
George R. Hagin II - Camp Wayne near Atlanta, GA
George R. Beasley VI - Army of East TN
George R. Beasley VII - Line of Battle Army of East TN
George R. Beasley VIII - Right Wing of The Army (TN)
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Julia A. Hagin II - Bulloch County, GA
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George R. Hagin VIII - Camp Near Chattanooga, TN
George R. Hagin IX - Near Augusta, GA
M. Annie Keller - Burke, GA
John Madison Hagins I - Shamokin, PA
John M. Hagins II - Shamokin, PA
Sarah E. Collins IV - Calhoun County, GA
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ELIZA GROOVER
Groverville Thomas County Georgia
June 6th 1854

Julia dear Cousin, I received your letter a few weeks ago and would have answered it before but I am going to school and my studies require my attention at present for if I do not study when the examination comes on I will come out taken you may know that I would not like to be behind the rest. I got through my Philosophy yesterday and I am going to turn back when the examination comes on we will have to be examined in it and I want to try and learn it better. I think the examination will be on the last of this month. I wish you could be here then for I think we will have a splendid dinner when it is 0 I wish you was here to go with me to school we have got such a nice school mistress. She is a very good school mistress. Cousin Mary Beasley is going to school with me her father brought her to see all her people and when he see the school he was so pleased with the school when he went home Cousin Rebecca went with him and she came back with her. I don't think she is very much satisfied. She is well. She is writing a letter to her mother at this time she sends her love to you all and says she would like to see you uncles James Beasley and family is all well. Also uncles Joshuas is all well. Cousin Daniel Groover came out here a few weeks ago he was at our house, last Friday was two weeks ago we saw lots of fun with Cousin T. He is very funny. We are all well at present. I am very sorry to hear that your father was worse. Father was very sick with the measles last Saturday, but is better. Julia you must excuse bad writing and mistakes and the next time I write I will try to do better. You wrote in your last letter to send you a piece of my hair and I will do so but it might haunt you must send me a piece of yours in your next letter.

Dear Cousin if I was at home I would write you a long letter but it is I tried to write last night but the lamp was so dim that I could not write and as it is time to get ready to go to school I must stop by saying give my love to all the family except a few yourself Father and mother and the children the same so I must come to a close. Nothing more only I remain
your affectionate cousin until death write us soon as you can.

Eliza Groover

(A lock of hair was with envelope addressed to Miss Julia A

Beasley Mill Ray Ga)

SISI RAWLS

Bulloch Co. Feb. 26, 1856

Dear Cousin I have set my self Down to Drop you a few lines to

Let you know that we are All well and I hope that after these

few lines may find you an all well. Dear July as I cant come
to bring the patterns I will send them by Tony you will find
the lapel notch on the side you must sew to the dress and you
will let it come to A point in the back and front and it will
fit take up two pleats in front. July mother says if nothing
is the matter when Church is up at the Creek. She is coming
and you must come home with her and I will give you A whipping
for what you wrote to me. I am going to stay on monday to stay
all week I will clos

by saying that I am your cousin

Sissa R Rawls

WILLIAM T. BEASLEY I

Thomasville, Ga Apr 17the 1858

Miss Julia Beasley

Dear Cousin

I received your letter Wednesday which give me much pleasure to
read it. I had been so long since I wrote to you that I had
given out ever receiving any answer from you. the letter had
been at Grooversville a week or two before I received it. I
have left Fathers I am living near Thomasville I am overseeing
for the widow Fondren and I have a great charge on my mind now
and a heap of business to attend to. There is one hundred and

forty negroes on the place and there is no white person on the
place except my self I am living rather a lonesome life at this
time but I hope that it will not be so long I expect to get
married on the 6th of next month if nothing happens more than
I know of now at the present time I wish it was so that you
could be here then I asked her father and mother for her
wednesday last they consented to it very readily I also went to
fathers that day and they were all well as common and the
family connections was all well as far as I could hear I had to
go there back the same day and I did not have to stay long
enough hear much of anything I did not have any idea of getting
married this year when I came here but I became tired of
keeping bachelor hall and I now come to the conclusion that I
will get married and so if I can't enjoy myself better I have
studied a great deal about it and I think that there will be
more pleasure in coming in at night and having some one to sit
down with than there is in coming in sitting down by my self
when I have to eat. I am right by myself and I have become
disgusted at it being used to so many at fathers I will drop
the subject at what it is at I am enjoying good health at this
time and I hope these few lines may find you enjoying the same
blessing I hope that you will continue writing to me and I will
do the same direct your letters to Thomasville. I am getting
four hundred dollars this year I believe that I am about up
with my business at this time my crop looks tolerable well and
I thing that I have got it in tolerable good fix but I have
been bothered a great deal to get it so it being so much larger
farm that had been use to I must come to a close so nothing
more at present only I remain your affectionate cousin until
death

William T Beasley to Julia Beasley

WILLIAM T. BEASLEY II

Thomas County Ga May 15 the 1958

Cousin Julia I received your kind letter on monday last
for which I was glad to hear from you and hear that you and
your lovely companion were well I was somewhat surprized to hear
that you were married but I do sincerely hope that you both may live a long and happy life together. I was married on the sixth and I have enjoyed myself finely ever since. I married Julia A. Standlian. She is a pretty a figure as you ever laid eyes on in your life. She has a tolerable fair complexion black hair and black eyes and she is the prettiest girl I ever saw in my life when she is in good health or at least I think so and I reckon that you think the same by your husband or if you do not I think you ought to I have not seen apart of the hands to day. I will tell you something about my crop corn looks flourishing and cotton Just tolerable I lack about seventy five Acres of being done chopping cotton I have got five hundred Acres in cotton and between five and six in corn, Julia sends her love to you and says she would be very glad to see you give my love my relation and especially to your father and mother and except the love for yourself I must come to a close for nothing more at present only I remain your cousin until Death

W T Beasley
Write soon

NAOMI [THORNE] I
Scriven County Oct 16th, 1859

Dear Cousin,

As I have a good opportunity of sending---I thought I would write you a few lines, we are all well at present and hope this will find you the same. I have not much of importance to write to you, only plenty of protracted meetings going on, or have been going on, there is one going to commence at Douglas Branch on Friday before the fifth sabbath in this month, you and Cousin George must be sure and come up then come with pasture. You write what sort of weke they had at Macedonia. I went to the association Saturday and Sunday. There was a great many people out and some of the ugliest people I ever saw. I went on Sunday at Oak grove and at night in the week, the house was crowded all the time that I was there. I saw them baptize two infants. It looked as much like foolishness as anything that I ever say.

William and I arrived home safely that evening last Sunday. You might start from home anytime after dinner and come up if you would try soon, no more time to write to night, my candle is nearly given out, your affectionate cousin Naomi. Write soon excuse bad writing and spelling for I have wrote in great haste.

(Addressed to Mrs. Julia A. Hagins At Home)

NAOMI I

January 29th, 1860

My Dear Cousin,

According to my promise, I seat myself this afternoon to write you a few lines informing you that I am well at present and all the rest of the family. Stephen was sick last week with a very bad cold. But is now well as common.

I have nothing new to write to you, we got up here that day I saw you a little after these. Dark and got a good wetting in the bargain.

I have been going to school two weeks. Our school is not so large as it was last term. All the employers stop their children to work in the first part of the years they say they must have something to eat as well as education. There is 37 scholars in school at present, and nearly all boarders. And there comes a new one every two or three days. Tell Uncle David to send George, he can get board cheap at some very good places to board at. I guess you have heard that John Barbour is going to get married to Mrs. Bess sometime in next month. They are going to give us a large supper, and the infair will be here. He is going to give us all the things for his infair and infair: a meal where the host set a table with many foods and
delicacies and kept it filled for all who came to partake,) bring them to aunt Dicy to put it in order all of us young folks are very anxious for it to come on, it seems a very long time to me, but do not know how it is with them. I expect that they are more anxious than we.

Aunt Dicy says you must tell your Father, he must see her puppies, and send them up by Mother when she comes up, she will be up about the last of next month. Uncle Tom says that he would not take $100 for the one that they have now, if Uncle Tom leaves his horse or seat or anything, the little dog will not let anything touch it, until he comes to him, and if Mother does not bring them she will send for them.

You must write to me and let us know how Aunt Becca is. Aunt Dicy is very anxious to hear from her. Write to me all the good news from Bulloch, for it affords me great deal of pleasure to hear from my native place, if it is run down more than any other county. Give my love to George, and accept the same for yourself. We would be very glad to see you up this way if you can come up with Mother. Write how Clifford is if you know.

Your affectionate Cousin,
Naomi

PS please excuse bad writing for I written in great haste and have now got to write a composition for in the morning

R. E. LEE (REBECCA) I
August
Blakely Geo/the 22nd

Dear Cousin,

I resume my (ink blots) your very kind letter of August (ink blots) I was happy to receive one from you it had bin some time and I was satisfied for you had bin so prompt to write it seem to me I wanted to receive one from you I have bin out in the country for the last five weeks I came home Ernest since that time came home som ten days ago received five letters you may agree that was quite a treat I would of written to you before this I only (ink blots) have one day (not legible) came one year (ink blots) to stay sum ten days will go up to Mr. P. Lees & sum time there I expect to go up to the Association in Terrell Co commencing on the 8 Oct. I havent one thing interesting to write times is quite dull we have so much rain we all havve to stay home their is Church every Sunday we can attend her at this place & the Country it is rather A could time in all religious denominations there is revivals protracted meetings to convene Soon I expect to attend one or two if I am well I received a letter from Cousin Jimmy Mikeal and He was Married I cant believe it & he said he heard I going to Marry soon I have known idea how he heard such a thing I think if it were so I should know something of it myself

Buc & family are all well except coals my Health is tolerable good Family the same I did visit Bulloch in the spring I gained ten lbs in five weeks. I must close for I have got fore more letters to write & short time to write in you must write to & will try to do better I like to hear from you all if cant see you I gess it will be out of my power to go to see your this winter my love to you & Cousin George and all inqu1ren cousins write soon

R E Lee

DAVID BEASLEY I
Crevin (Scriven?) County
Wednesday Morning
Sept 19, 1860

Dear Wife When I got here yesterday I found George had got worse on Monday knight and was very wick when I came and a friting for Me but the fever Moderated down and he Slept that most of the knight but Touchy in his arms he appears this Morning nearly as well as he was on Monday Morning When I Left him I send the Buggy home by Allen and if you feel like you Can
Come I think you can get Charity Waters to stay until you return then George Hagin and Wiley to come with you and come on the camp from the fifty to the sixty the camp passes there at one O’Clock and who ever that come with you come on and meet you at the sixty and if you feel so bad that you can’t under take to come tell George that I wish him to come to morrow I feel to hope that he might not have the fever so Severe no more but I there is no Fitten the Doctor Admits that there was two much quine in him When the fever Risse on Monday night and that it was the cause of being intrested as he was I hope these lines will find you more comfortable than you was when I left you.

Yours truly
David Beasly

R. E. WILLIAMS (REBECCA LEE)
Blakely, Georgia November the

Dear Cousin Julia
It has been sometime since I have heard from you arising of the last so I will write you some lines I hope you will pardon me for not writing before this I have changed my name from Lee to Williams and married October 23 now happy at home one mile from Blakely ?? there before I shared ?with two Children. I (not legible) I believe I have Kind husband & A ? one two I shall fail to come to see you all this winter hope to live see you all often I shall feel disappointed if you should not come to see us ? be so happy to see him & now I have got A home I enjoy it so much I havent one thing new to write wee have had even heavy Frost & is quite cool this after noon in hopes Chills & Fever will wear? Buds wife is sick & has bin ever since the last of September she was confined here Another Daughter it was A fine babe at first it is the poorest little object now have to it with a bottle I fear Mary never will enjoy good health gain Bud is not well his oldest child is sick she has bin up in Clay Coun going to school in the Country he was sent for yesterday to ?? her he brother her home this morning I fear she will have fever spell my health improved know I am not so well at this time came from ?esaspen we have to set up part of each night with the babe wear Cousin pleas write me soon as you get this & will promis to do better for the future I must go it getting late & I have got to Buds I will write to Aunt soon hope she will come to see us give my best love to all the Realitives Cousin Georg & each all the love A Cousin an write soon.

Yours as ever
R E Williams

REBECCA E. WILLIAMS II
Blakely Geo Feb 28th

My Dear Cousin

I fear my self due acknowledgment hope you will ? me. I received A Letter the first of January & commence one in ancer something prevented me from finishing it I was taken sick & I have not seane A well day since have not sit up many days or all day at A time my health has improved for the two last weeks I have not seane Dr. Bass? since November I intene if all well to go up the next time he comes round.

I read yours February the 16 last night proud to hear from you all sorrow to hear aunt was sick hope she is better before this I woule be so proud see her & all the family & if I live I will go see you Josiah said he will go next fall if he lives hope sum of you will come to see us the Cars runes in 20 miles of Blakely will get to Fairt ? gains by June well I havent anny thing new to write I have stayed home t g?ntree untill I have forgot all I dont know I think I will try & get out to morrow misstake the Methodist quarterly meeting commences tomorrow in Town So I will go & hear their Big man preach, Bud & family was all well yesterday I spent the day there Josiah he Bords there he Works for Mr. Buchannon he is not satsiside says he rather be plowing Willison Todels family was well last week Sophania Davis ?Todel as she was has got A fine son she was Marrie while I was in Bulloch my family are all well.
except my self give me love to all the family & will write
Aunt next week you must excuse the (ink blot)ar it is done in
a hurry I will try to do better my love to Cousin George &
all the Relations (next lines not readable) your self Pleas
write soon

RE Williams

RACHEL LEE I

Blakely Geo. May the 11

Mr. David Beaslev
Dear uncle

I received yours of May the 6 I am ancious to hear from you I
? by a letter from Jimcy Lester that Aunt was quite sick. I am
truly sorrow to hear of her illness was so hopen to hear she
was restored to her common Heath ? & I prey she may be restored
to her health Again my health is quite feable at this time I
belive it has graudely grown worse every since I came home
Brother & family is all almost well Brothers health is not good
I herd that Blakely is good known sickness at tall there has
been quite an excitenent here for the last month on the ? of ?
? it is in twelve miles of Blakely They have got Gards out at
every landing of the river think probly they may prevent its
going to Blakely. I have nothing interesting to write we ? ?
whether ? Brother has at last the horses some corn & Bill his
corn is quite young crops from ? rice will be veryy late he
had to palant it over on the cont of hevy rains he is ingaged
all the time he is still Clark of the Cort and he is Clarking
for Mr. Buchanan of this place so he is ingaged day & night he
sais he writes to you has not receve but one letter from you
since we came home. Dear uncle pleas write to us often. We
will be more ancious to hear. Brother 7 family joins me in
love to all give my best love to Hunt Rebecca. tell her I
regret much to hear of afflication.

Rachel E Lee

RACHEL LEE II

May 11
Blakely Georgia

Mrs. July A Hagins My Dear Cousin

I received yours of April 28 last night I was proud to hear
from you all Oh how I sorrow I was to hear of Aunty's illness
hope she may bestand? to you all Cousin Julia I know the sting
of losing A Mother I know you all would miss her yes more than
you can imagin when my poore Father dyed I felt like we were
all lost & than our poor afflicted Mother was taken & we were
left all alone sister & my self to take care of the little
children Brothers was quite sail so we had know one to look
two for protection you know I have seen trouble I do feal my
consio clair for I know I never mistreated one of the Children
done enny thing for them I could & I am yet spaed for what I
know not I have seen the time I did not want to live eny
longer & yet cousin I believe long since there is nothing but
trouble for me I look have nothing elst but trouble I often
thing my case is worse than enny one well I will quite sayin
enny thing about my troubles I feel some time if I have some
one to tell my troubles two they could console me some My Dear
sister Mary was quiet comfort to me it seems if I were left
Alone it seem to me I miss those who are gone more since I came
home than I did before & here is sisters little children they
look so lonely I have not bin to see sister Rebecca yet I do
not know when I will get the chance to go if we do not go
time this summer or fall I shant get to see them this Spring got them in the notion to go think can
do much better tho are doing in ? Cousin July I was ? on
veasterday ?? one hundred & thirty eight hands so you know I
have not enjoyed good rest since I came home Brother & family
are all rite not well give my best respects to aunty tell her I
will write her soon give my love to Cousin George & all the
family & family connections that may inquire after write often
if you miss me
Rachel Lee
I will enclose this with uncles.
REBECCA E. WILLIAMS III
Blakely, Geo July 9th (1861)

Dear Cousin I this evening take (the next two lines are not readable due to ink) had just come to hand? two weeks ago happily I was to read one from you I had come to the conclusion that Aunt Sisys dead and something was the matter when I read your letter and learned you had such A nice sweet babe. I could account for your not writing I would like to see it I was sorrow to hear of Auntys illness hope she may be restored to good health Again I am anxious to see her & all of you hope sum of you will come to see us this fall I know if I live it will be out of my power to visit you this fall the Cars run in 20 Miles of us in six Miles Peter Lees & the Depot is there so if enny of you can come Just let us know & we will meet you there with Pleasure we have had the hottest & dryste wether I ever saw we have no right to say one word in this settlement tho we have suffer bad for Rain sum?laises here in & in Calhoon they have not had good season since February you may gess it will be hard time here next year Mr Williams has tolerable good crop he will make A plenty ore he thinks so if we can get rain from this on & the rust does not trouble his cotton he will make good cotton crop some People Corn has burned up & fell to the ground well Cousin July I have nothing to write times is dull or is with me I stay home all the time sum of the People in Blakely seem to enjoy the drouth well they have A dancing school for the last tow months the Mistorynary Baptist Church Confrac for the two last weaks in opposition sum will dance one day go & Join the Church the next day they are babbisen the little Children & the Meeting is going on yet well I will quite by saying all the family & family connection is well as for us I know pleas write soon. tell Aunt I will write to her my love to all F E Williams

ETHEL D HAGIN I
October 21th (1861)
Camp Hendry Sav 6a

Dear Brother and Sister I seat myself this evening for the purpose of letting you know that I am tolerable well at present hoping these few lines may reach you the same and all the family George I have nothing of importance to write you at the present any more than we are all very well satisfied so far we have bin all of us a little unwell but is now improving I expect that we will move from here in the cours of too or three days out in the white bluff road whear it is higher and better water and all so moor pleasant some too miles from Savannah I would like to write a longer letter but I am too lazy for a camp life is the laziest life that I every lived we have to drill ?? hours every day and cook our beef and bacon and so you must know that is not much I want you to give mother and the rest of the family love and respects or if you pleas and all so all of my inquiring friends that I wot you to write whether you have received them notes or now if they have not you must push them up I must close my short note by remain your affectionate brother until death you must excuse bad writing and spelling

ED Hagin

GEORGE ROSS BEASLEY I
Camp Hendry Sav Ga
Oct 23 or 5th 186?

Dear Sister

I take my pen in hand to inform you a few lines to let you know that I am well with the exception of a bad cold I received your Letter last night and was glad to hear from you all but Sorry to hear that Mother was wors again I hope that these few lines will reach and find you all well I have nothing of any importance to write you tell Mother not to fret about me and I will come as soon as possible we have got a boy to cook and wash for us their is three or four of the boys sick with the bad colds we have had tolerable good weather untile now it has sotin raining and look like it will continue to rain some time I would like to see you all again we got four recruits yesterday and expect some more in a few days I will send the bad wool and buttons the first chance I get I give J. U. Row
the money to get them and carry up but he did not get them I received the pants and socks you sent buy him I had my degaratrype takin in them and sent it up by Cousin Wm Lee he left here this morning I want you to Send me Some butter buy I. Newsum I must come to a close so I remain affectionate brother until death

George R. Beasley

DICY MULFORD I the
Ga Scriven County Nov 5 1861

Mr ethel Hagan
Dear Neffew

I seat my self to inform you that we are all wel at present except Nancy Jane. She has the Soar throat the rest of the connection are generally wel at presant but hoping those few lins will find you in the best of health ethel I have nor herd from you Since I Saw you in town you must write to mee how your fathers family is and how you brother William is if you have hearc from him since I Saw you we havent recevd no letter from him since we wrote we hear that there is a gra deal of sickness among the Soldiers but I hope they will nomore of them get Sick we think it is very bad to be sick at home and it is Sert inly worse to be in tents where you have no mother nor friend to wet nurse you my Son that is on tybee has bin blest he had not bin Sick since he left home and I hope it will be please god to bless him and all the rest of our Soldiers with good health the rest of the winter we hear that Samuel Lowel died with the yellow fever but I cant Say that is so for I dont know you must write to me when you wil come I must close my letter you must excuse bad writing and wors speling and if never See you any more ethel I hope wil all met in heven where parting is nomore

Dicx Mulford

Livuna?
Sends her best respects
to you

WILLIAM ALLEN HAGIN

Letterhead of this letter is imprinted with sketch of a cannon in front of a flag with a field of stars in the upper left and a wide white stripe centered between two narrower dark stripes. Under the sketch are these words: Sold by J. W. Randolph, Richmond. These words appear to the right of sketch:

"Stand firmly by your cannon,
Let ball and grape-shot fly,
And trust in God and Davis,
But keep your powder dry."

In larger dark print:
Confederate States of America.

Centerville, Va November 15th, 1861

Mr. David A Beasley Deare Friend I seat myself this morning to write you a few line which leave me well and I hope when they reach you you will be enjoying good health I received your most kind letter yesterday evening and I was glad to here from you but I was sorrow to here that your wife was dead and that you had the fever I have nothing worth ritting to you at the present time. we are doing nothing here only throwing up breast works round Centerville and there is no news here only the eighth that was and the cost of south carolina that was telegrafted here and that we lost 100 men therethere is no riting here here that we can here of nor we dont think that there will be any here soon if there be any here this winter we have never got our tents yet the case of it I dont no for they are at the junctiun but we may get them after a while there is a good deal of sickness in our Company yet and William Rigdon died last weke he had not bin from the hospititle but one weke be fore he died two or three days arte he had Come in Camp we had a general review and the manuvers was performed in doubt quick tim we were prormd but one oe fore rigdon had to leave rants on the account, of being taken soo bad and he never was able to be up any more Robert Slator is not ded he is in Culpepper he is in A hospititle there and has bin ever sense the 8 of September and has never bin in his senses untel three weeks ago Jack Warters came from Culpepper last weke and told us
where he was and how he was getting along I thought that Sator was dead my self for I saw him taken of off the car and the flys had blowed him then and I thought that he would not live the night through but he is alive yet and there is a chance for him to get harty again nuthin moore at the present time you must rite soon as you can I remain your affectionate friend

W A Hagin

REBECCA E. WILLIAMS IV
Early Co Georgia
Jan the 30

Dear Cousin I Again take my Pen to write you a few lines I real I am due you acknowledgment hope you will pardon me for not writing I receved yours in September, have many excusses if I ?? se one was bad health, one was the excitement it was war war all the time & I did not know what day Mr Williams would go tho he is not gone yet two of his Brothers went to Western Va one of them came home in October Sick he died at our hous. they belong to the 13 Georgia Regiment & that Regiment is at Savannah. Brother left Savannah this week. Several of the Early Garde was sick when he left he speaks of going back soon for A muse & if he does & gets sick hope uncle Davy will go to see him he saw uncle Davy at Milledgeville & told him of Aunts death if I can & do sympathise with you all for I know the loss of A Mother 0 I would like to see you all. Again I often think of you tell uncle Davy he must come & you all if can. I hav got as many children have two boys one will be seventeen months old the 11 of February John Edgar Usence.

the other one will be two month the last day of this month we have not named him he is A fine boy the first one is walking & talking can run all over th yard I am very well my health is better than when I left Bullock the rest of the family are well & all the family connection are well so far as I know hope these few lines may reach you all well you wanted me to send sum recreats for doing I take the Dogwood put it into A bag then in to A little of water then put in some Bluevitearn I strane the water then put in your Cloth Boil it half hour then are it half hour soon untell it is as black as you ant it. I have wanut & gallberry & the Dogwood all together & it makes the pretiest die I ever Saw Dear Cousin you must excuse this badly written letter & mistakes for my babys are crying I will try to do better pleas write soon I will be more to my promis give my love to all & except A large portion for yourself kiss that sweet little girl for me know more only your true cousin untell death

RE Williams

THIRD LIEUTENANT
Names of Candidates

For Third Liut
Solomon Hagin 14

We the superintenders this days election do certify that Solomon Hagin Received fourteen votes it being the whole number pold this 9th August 1862

George R. Hagin, Capt
F G Hodges, first Liut
Cuyler Banks, J. P.

At anlection Held this day in the 48th District for a Third Liut The following person voted to wit. This August 9th, 1862

1. A E Miller
2. Robert Miller? Miller?
3. Samuel Duten
4. William Chitty
5. Jame Henbury
6. Berrien Johnson
7. William Waters
8. C B Turner
9. W B Hart
10. A T Hart
11. H F Miller
12. G R Hagin
13. F G Hodges
14. James E Hagin
ETHEL D HAGIN

Camp Coming: Feb 6th 1862

Dear sister

I sat my self this morning to inform you that I am well at present hoping these few lines may reach you soon and find you well. I am sorry to hear that George was so very sick. I am sorry to inform you that I can't come home for I would be the gladest in the world if it was so that I could come to see you all. But it is out of the question to come home for we are not allowed to go any further than Savannah at the present for we expect an atact every day now on Skidaway or Savannah. I have no news to write any more than our boys is all the mend at this time there are some 8 or 10 now sick but will soon all be well. I think Sister I sent $50.00 Dollars by Mathew Miller to George and you never stated to me whether you received it or not and if you have I want you to sit down in my book what money you have received from me. Just say George lent me so much money and what amount of notes he has or mine so that everything should be strate for neither one of us have our lives insured and not that only but it is the wright of doing business so that if either one of us should die they should be no room for a dispute not that I am afraid of losing any thing. Sister tell George that their is no chance for me to come to see for if he was dying I don't know that I could come for we are not allowed chance at all not as much as the tittest bound slave in Bulloch or any where else in the southern confedarcy but we must try and bear it all for our liberty will be worth more then twelve months bondage to us or any twelves you must give my love and respects to all the family and all my inquiring friend to your father and family all so and to Miss Easter and the rest them I must close your most affectionate brother.

Ethel D. Hagin

Charles sends his love and respects to all the family. Sister the first chance I get am going to have my likeness taken and send it to you. Nothing more yours until death

E D Hagin

DAVID BEASLEY II

Milledgeville Nov 24 '1862

To Julia Ann Dear Daughter

I have received yours of the 21st just saying that Madison was better. Best which I was glad to read that he was better though it was the first that I had heard of his being sick though I hope all has been done for him that could have been done for him. that you could all do for him there? It would have afforded me much satisfaction to have been with him in his affliction and my feeling is awful at this time not sensing what his situation is but he with the rest of you is all in the hands of God where I would wish again to be and if he is still sick and considered dangerous I will come home often as I can after I hear from you again. my health is improving slowly though I have talked some since coming here which has increased my cough but I hope to be better of in a day or two. Cowen James Jones is here a member from Early County. he has lost his wife she dyed on the 27 Oct. it is reported the Small Pox is here but I do not know whether it is so or not though it is scattered to a great extent over the state. I wish you to next write me and let me know how Madison was taken and when and what Doctor is attending him and if he gets up try to have him take care of himself so as not to take a Relapse I am very anxious to hear from him again. Write soon yours Truly.

David Beasley

(Addressed: Julia Ann Hagin Mill Ray Bulloch County Georgia)

THOMAS A HAGIN

Bulloch County, Georgia Nov 24 1862

Dear Father

I sat myself tonight to write you a few lines to let you know that we are all tolerable well at this time except Harriet. She had a fit last friday night but was better yesterday morning and is up about as usual at such a time she was not at home at the time Mrs. Lanier had gone to Ben Wilsons
that day and She had gone with her, and had it there. I have not seen her since I did not know it until this evening. Allen came and told me about it. I was going there to day I have had company all day that prevented me from going but I am going tomorrow to see her with the rest of the family. George was still mending yesterday evening, since Allen and Aunta stayed here last night uncle Allen went to the station to meet Jackson George went with him to station it was about midnight when they got back Jackson says that Ellick and family are all well except some of his negroes has the fever Jackson said he saw a negro hung in Dublin last Friday for poisoning his master. Ellicks overseer was drunk and got into a fight and got shot but not hurt much the ball struck him in the forehead and glanced off without doing any damage the man shot at him three times and struck two other men but did not hurt either of them much it must have been a narrow escape for Jackson said the people was crowded around them so they could hardly be seen a few steps off. Aunta says that George take very good care of himself and she says if he will stay there and as he has this far he will not take a relapse but she said that he seemed very dull the evening after he went from home and she was afraid that he had a fever but after he got rested good he has been lively enough ever since. He said after he went back that if he had stayed home that he did not believe that it would of been many day before he would of been laid up sick again. So I think that he sees the necessity of taking care of himself and will be more careful than he was before Aunta says he talks a great deal about home and the children and all of the things and says he knows just how everything is going on while there is no one there to see them as always has been before it bears with great weight on his mind, and well it may be for the time will never be no more as it has been and I see it plain enough now. I hope these few lines will find you well as common, enclosed I send you a letter from William I broke it open and read it we had not heard from him since you left and I did not think you would care as we knew it was from him. I received your letter this evening and was very glad to hear from you but sorry to hear that you was unwell but hope you will be better soon so nothing more only I remain your most affectionate child. T. A. Hagin Write soon. (T. A. Hagin - son of Jeptha and Nancy Hagin)
WILLIAM A. HAGIN II  
Richmond, Va March the 10th, 1863

Deare Mother I seat myself this evening with pleasure to write you a few lines which will inform you that I am well at the present time I received your kind and welcomed letters one on the 12 and the other on the 14 inst and I was very sorry to here that you had the chicken pox in the family but I am in hopes that it will not last long Mother I have got the cloths that you sent me and I was very glad to get them all though I have moore than I have any use for at the present time but I can send them to Richmond and they will be safe ther until I want them Mother you must not think hard of my not keeping some of the cloths that you sent me before fore they was not fit to wear her in cold weather so I beg to be excused for this time

I remain your loving Son

W A HAGIN  
(Mother: Ann Nancy HAGIN, wife of Jeptha)

WILLIAM A. HAGIN III  
March the 15th 1863

Deare Sister

I have seated my self with pen in hand to answer your most kind and welcomed letter which I received on the 12 and on the 14 of this month which found me in good health as usual Julia I was very sorry to here that George had to go of and leave you aloon but from what I hird Lieut Knight say I think that he is ha? before now and I was moore than glad to here that Uncle Isham was mending Julia I would be very glad to see you all again but there is no chance as I no of until the war ends Julia I am moore than glad that I can say that I am better satisfied now than I have ever bin since I was twenty years old and I am perfectly willing to stay here untell this war ends all thoug I have a grate deal of hard ship to under go but I think that it is my duty

W A HAGIN

WILLIAM A. HAGIN IV  
July 16, 1863

Camp Near Dark Ville Va

Mrs. Julia A HAGIN

Dear Sister

It is with pleasure that I seat myself this evening to answer your most kind letter that I have just received that was dated June the 21st I am not very well at the present I have arisen from my left hand pains me very bad so that I can not use it at all But I do hope that this will soon reach you and find you in the best of health I have nothing that is worth writing to you at the present time we left Maryland three days ago and we are now 15 miles north of Winchester we are resting today our loss in Pennsylvania and Maryland is supposed to be between fifteen and twenty thousand and the yankey say there loss is forty thousand or once we tuck a grate many prisoner over there our men parolled at Gettisburg seven thousand one day and eight thousand the next and send five thousand to Richmond that refused to give them paroll so you can give sum Idea of the prisoners that was taken it was the hardest fight that this army ever has had yet there was two hundred and thirteen killed and wounded and missing in our regiment and the last morning we had one hundred and fifteen for duty you can tell how our regiment suffred in the fight there was ony four beside my self that was in our company that did not get hit in the fight Julia as my hand hirt me so bad I will not write any moore at this time so I remain your Brother until death

W A HAGIN

ETHEL D. HAGIN III  
State of Georgia

Bullock County

Before me

(Not Legible)

William Watters

Justice of the Peace for Said County Personally appeared

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William Eason of Said County & duly Sworn the following affidavit viz That on the 4th day of October 1861 this deponent and Ethel D. Hagin of Said County who hadt Since that time Deceased did on the day aforesaid viz the 4th day of October 1861 make a final Settlement of their own business Except a Saddle that was lef in This deponents Possession by M M Eason who was at that time in the Confederate Ser Said Service Saddle being Some time Previous taken in Possession by the Said Ethel D hagin and as the Said Ethel D Hagin was going into Service this deponent ?? Said Ethel D Hagin that he intended to get M M Eason a Substitute and that he would want his Saddle when he got home & that he the said Ethel D Hagin must not Carry Said Saddle off When the Said Ethel D Hagin of his free will & accord made the following Promise viz that he would When the Said Ethel D Hagin of his free will & accord made the following Promise viz that if this deponent would let him take Said Saddle that if M M Eason Should get out of Service and come home & need his Saddle that he would Return it at any time an if it was wore or damaged that he would put a new Saddle in its Place or mak full Satisfaction to Same Sworn & Subscribed before me this 1st dav of August 1863

William M Eason

Wm Waters J P

ALLEN M. BEASLEY BROTHER I

1863

Camp Davant August 13

Dear Sister

I seat myself this Evening to drop you A few lines to inform you that I am well except A very bad coal an cough I have a cough now about an weak but it A little better now there are about twenty five of our company sick but I believe they are all better except one or two I have no news to write to you I am in a hurry for the mail will leave here in A few minutes So I can not take no pains this time you must rite soon so I must close I remain your true and affectionate brother until Death

Allen M Beasley

FS we have got a new lieutenant eli Hodges was elected third lieut day before yesterday by 17 votes

GEORGE R. BEASLEY II

Camp Duvant October 21th 1863

Dear George

I embrace this opportunity offinally writing you a few lines which will inform you that I am well as is common I hope that these few lines may reach and find you and family all well I have nothing of importance to write you more than we are under marching orders I don't think we will be fare from this place it is the opinion of a great many that we will go to (Ink blot) uncertain when we will (Ink blot) I had rather go any where than South Carolina for that is a place that I never want to have to stay at I hate the name of South Carolina we are doing nothing ondly fixing for moving. anyhow looks like we will have to go out. I dont think so yet when (we) get started then I will beleave that we are going to some place whear the enemy can be found but I hope that it wont be in South Carolina for I would rather go to tennessee or, va. but I am to bad off to go in them place if George or any of the rest of folks Starts to Savn, on Sat Wish you would get my gloves from home & Send them to me by who ever comes to releave Uncle Jeptha Allen told me to tell you to have him a ?pain kout but I thought of it when I was home I dont suppose it is any yuse to write to me until you hear from me I will close as I have nothing more at this time I remain as ever yours truly.

GRB (George Ross Beasley)

BRANNEN I

Savannah oct 22, 1863

Mr George Hagin

Dear sir

I send you a few lines to Inform you that I have your commission & want you to come saturday or Sunday as I want to make my return of the paper soon

yors Respectfully

Wm A Brannen

Envelope addressed: George Hagin (Ink blots cover what appears to be Esq) Bulloch Co, Georgia
November 8th, 1863

Dear Sister

morning I will un to you a few lines this morning as I have not wrote in Some time. I have nothing interesting to write for this place dont interest me much it is undoubtedly the worst place that ever a Georgia Soldier Stopt at to buy anything those South Carolina People wont Sell anything hardly but ground peas their is more of them hear than I ever saw before in my time Our duty is very lite at this place & I think it ort to be for we have done our Shear of duty Julia we have had a fine time for Sleeping out it hasent rained Since the Sun day before we left Camp Davont we have faird finely on our march the ladyes gave us a diner on the last day of October our & officers gave them great prais for it but it wasnt much of a diner all though it was a great treat to us I never saw as many potato on one table before in my life it was lined from one end to the other & little meet & the peas & rice cook to gether you never saw the likes it was their in large tubs & look more like it was cooked for a pasel of puppies than for men to eat but the way Some of them made it flys was ?? a little and quit I didnt try any of the hoppinJohn as the boys called it but I made the bake pork get further & after diner was over their was a good deal of speaking & one or too very good Speaches delivered a private in company (F or H) beat all the officer in my opinion & a great many others say that he delivered the best address of any that Spoke this leaves me well & I hope it may find you enjoying good health Allen is well & getting a long finally you must write to me as Soon as you get this for I dont know how Soon we may leave hear & I want to hear from you very bad you must direct your letter to Pocataligo 5th Regiment Geo Cavalerie in care of Captain McCall nothing more at this time

G R Beasley
Dock coming to this Company & he Seamed to be very well pleased with the 7 tell him to come for this is a Splendid company if he will come the captain will give him a certificate & he can go back home & stay until after he is eighteen so nothing more only I remain your brother.

G R Beasley

ALLEN M. BEASLEY BROTHER II
Green Pond SC 1863 dec 25

Dear father I take the opportunity of writing you A few lines to let you know that I am well at this time and I hope these few lines may find you all well father Mr Chitty told me that you was a talking about sending me Another horse but you need not send it for this one I have is as good as I can get I think that she will quit fretting so you need not send nary one without you needet this one home if you do you can have her but if you dont want her I will keep her A while longer if very cole here now I have nothing of importance to write to you at this time So I close for this time I remain yours truly.

Allen M Beasley

P S I send two Jugs by Mr Chitty one is yours and the other is Mikeells George has not sent his yet there is in old letter? Mitter? box you can get it from mine send some more surrupt when you can.

A. M. Beasley

ALLEN M. BEASLEY BROTHER III
Camp Wallon January the 7 1864

Dear Sister I take the opportunity to write you A few lines to let you know that I am well at this time but George is not very well at this time he has been in the hospital two days but got better and come out this morning I am very sorry to hear that George and sissy sick but I hope they are better before now it is very bad to be sick in camps for they dont have nothing that they can eat nor nothing to by and hardly now nobody to attend to two them I hope that few lines may find you and family well so I will close as I have nothing of importance to rite I heard the other day that elick marters and ann lainer is married and harmon rings and ann lee is married so nothing more at this time.

I remain yours truly

Allen Beasley

Envelope: Lt George R Hagin
Comp F 2 Reco

GEORGE R. BEASLEY V
January 21th 1864

Dear Sister

I received your kind letter and was glad to hear from you this leaves me and I hope that these few lines may find you enjoying the same good blessing I have nothing of importance to write at this time more than we have some fine weather again after so long stormy spell I hope bin getting along Splendid up to this time but are know commensing doing a good deal of heard duty they have put us to cutting large trees in front of a batry which goes very hard with us as we havent done any work in some time I havent Seen Allen in some time but he is well he has bin off on picket about fifteen miles from Sav the hole company has bin on picket for the same length of times Julia I cant get the money for the Davis note unless you will write me the amount Lieutenant Hall tells me that he believe that he lost it & act me if I knew the amount & I promised him that I would let him know as Soon as I could find out from you I received a letter from Cousin Lizzie Collins She said in her letter that Cousin Rachel had got a letter from her husband & he was & is now in the hands of the enemy & has bin for several months Julia I know you as left in trouble but it isnt yours to grieve your self to death for this war cant last allways it undoubtly must end some time if not in our favor our prospect looks very dark at this time but the darkest time of a knight is just before the day I must stop nothing more and I remain your GRB
Deare Sister

it is with pleasure that I seat my self this evening to drop you a few lines which leaves me in good health and I trust that it will find you and family in good health. Julia I have nothing to write to you at this time as every thing is very dull here in camp and we seldom ever get a paper that has any thing in it and as for letter there is hardly any such thing only as they cum by sum one that comes from home we can get letter from any of the boy by mail that goes home on furlough but from no one else so there must be sum fault in directed of them we have got several from Knight since he left I wrote to you the other day and sent by Jack Waters as he was going home on furlough but he was going by richmond and McElveen will start to morrow and he may get there first so I thought that I would write again to you and tell you to send me one pair of drawers and one pair of gloves if you could get them by the time that they start back

So I remain your brother

W. A. Hagin

ALLEN M. BEASLEY BROTHER IV

CAMP FANIGAN MARCH 26 1864

Dear Sister

I seat my self this evening to in form you that I am well and I hope these few lines may reach and find you all I received your letter yesterday which I read with much pleasure I have not much worth writing at this time only the enemy is near at hand and no telling when they will get away I was near enough Jacksonville to see the steeples the other day and I saw several gun boats there I send you a piece of my hare in this letter and George will send a piece of his to Julia we have a peavy of hard duty to do here I never have had such duty to do

since I have bin in service we have to go to duty every third day and some times oftner and we have to hold our horses all the time and when we are on post we have to set on our horses and it is to hard to set on horses so long I think it dos them at great deal of danger line has bin no fighting here since we got here so I will close for this time I will send my likeness when I get the chance to have it taken so I remain your brother

A M Beasly

WILLIAM A. HAGIN VI

East Tenn April 2nd, 1864

Dear Sister, it is with pleasure that I seat my selfe once more to drop you a few line in which leaves me in good health and I trust that they may reach you in due time and find you and family the same. I have just received your most kind and welcom letter which was wrote on the 15th of march and I was very glad to here from you and the rest of the people

I have nothing to write that is interesting at the present time as I know of I have had sum hard marching to do that last 5 day and wet and bad roads to march on and it was raining or snowing every day since we started from bulls gap where we are now we are in nine miles of bristol Va and we think that we will not stay here not more than four day when we left the gap it was reported that they yankeys had all fall back in the direction of knoxville to reinforce sum other point and we have not hard yet where we have startyed to we here sum report that we are going to richmond and sum to kentucky and sum to other places so we dont know yet Where to I would like very much to leave this part of Tenn for there is the lowest graded people here that I ever saw and I never want to see such again. there was four of our company that went out in the country and was taken prisoner we supose on the 10th of March and I was sent out to look for them and find out where they had gon to with ten men and I could not find out any thing at all about them as we were passing one little hut I hird one young woman cursing and the next house I stoped to get directions and we had not
stoped long before sum of the girls begin to beg for tobacco and I begin to think strange of that but before I go back I found that all of the girls in that part chewed tobacco and the houses that they live in is not larger than your smokehouse and don't look half so well and I dont blame them for being union for they have nothing to fight for

I will close your Brother

W A Hagin

Write soon

Direct your letters to Bristol Va.

SARAH E. COLLINS
Calhoun County Georgia
Apr 06th 1864

Dear Cousin

I seat myself this evening to answer your kind letter which was gladly received I ashame for not writing Sooner but I have had many things to engage my mind that it has been almost impossible for me I was out of paper ? will forgive me I will try to be more promt after this leaves me well as common I truly hope those few lines will reach and find you in the best of health. I was glad to hear that Cousin George is at home. I know it must be a source of great pleasure to you. Cousin Julia have no news of interest to write. I have been to too parties this week I am now invited to a large wedding next Wednesday night. I have been to a wedding since I written to you last. Cousin John Jones to Miss Arabella Lee was married in March. this marriage that is to be next week is Sandifer Lee Arabellas brother he is not old to go to the war he is seventeen years of age I think the boys ought to be taken down a little they are too large for their pants. those parties I have been to this week, it was rite amusing to sit & look at them play. the boys would not play anything that did not have kissing in it. Little boys would pull the young Ladies by the neck & kiss then I tell the girls they are glad of a Kiss even from a little boy Today has been set apart for fasting & prayers I kept the day before I have just returned from church.

Cousin Julia come to see me its no use to stay at home always. let me set a time for you to come. we are going to have an associon too? here in three miles of us in October be sure to come then. I was sorely disappointed when the 32nd Regt went to Florida.

Uncle Josiah Jones was at home when the Regt left Potaligio & I was going back with him. I got a letter from Columbus while Josiah was at home telling me to be sure to go back with him & then before we got off I got a letter stating that the Regt was on its way to Fla. I cant go to see him now. I would have to go so far on the hack Cousin those scraps you sent me is very pretty I must close write soon & give me all the news. excuse bad writing and spelling.

I remain your true cousin as ever Sarah E Collins

ALLEN M. BEASLEY BROTHER V
Campe Near Jacksonville Florida April 26

My Dear Sister

having a few idle moments I feel I could not better imploy them than in giving you a hearing frome me I am glad to in form you that george and myself are both well at this time sincerely hoping these few lines may reach you with all the rest of the family in the enjoyment of good health I received your letter Just as I was close riting fathers and it is the first time I have heard from since Matthew miller come I have nothing to rite to you at this time so I will close I remain yours as ever
A M Beasley
rite Soon
Mrs. Julia A Hagin

Dear Sister it is with pleasure that I seat my self this morning to inform you that I am still amongst the living and able to do the duty that is required of me. I have nothing to write to you that is interesting at this time not more than which you have learned before this time. We have bin still for three or four days but we are still in line of battle behind our works there is apart of our army moving by here now but they will not go far as the enemy is doing but little at this time and I dont think that they will be able to do much shortly as they have got such a whipping and lost so many of their troops. Our army is in fine spirits and anxious for the yankey to continue the fight. Our army is in the best fix for camp life now that it ever was. The whole army is supplied with small tent flys, blanket, chopaxes, frying pans and paper and envelopes. That we got of the battle field. Julia we got in the fight on the sixth of this inst and there was & if our company wound and one missing. R. Rowe is missing and I am afraid that he is killed. Dickerson, Scarborough and W. Bowen was wounded the worst but theirs was slight all of the rest that was wounded is still doing duty. Joseph was slightly wounded on the arm all of these was wounded on the sixth. I was hit three times the last fighting that our corps was in. I was Struck on the hed twice on the sholder once but they did not hurt me very bad the lose of our army is not so grate as it looks like it would be the first two day fight was the worst on us and I am certain that we killed two of them for evry one that was killed of ours and since then we fought behind breast work and we quit strawed on the ground with the yankey with out much los on our side. I will close for this time for I have wrote enough tell mother that I am well.

I remain Your Brother until death
Willie A Hagin

Mrs. Julia A Hagin

Dear Julia, it is with pleasure that I seat my self to drop you a few lines which leaves me and James in good helth and I trust that this will find you and Brother in good helth. I received your letter and I was very glad to hear that you are well. Julia I have nothing to write to you that is interesting at this present time. John Grover is in our division. He belongs to the 9 Ga Regt. Wm. Procter saw him yesterday and talked with him. Jedli Waters said that he had a fine time with Miss Molly Lee when he was at home and he told me about the candy pulling. They will be married at Mr. Easons. Julia wish that you would let me no where to direct letters to. Go to your Brother George. How I would like to here from them. Nothing more.

I remain your Brother
W. A. Hagin

Sarah E. Collins II
Calhoun County, Georgia
May 27th 1864

Dear Cousin

I seat myself this morning to write you a few lines in answer to your of the 20th and which I have just received. I am glad to hear you are all well. this leaves me up and well. I have been to Sav and Red Bluff since I wrote you last. I left the 19th. the 5th Regt. relieved the 32nd at Red Bluff the 17th and I was very sorry our Boys had to leave there. I did not get to see cousin George his co was the first that crossed the River & could not get to see him. I saw Willie Hall I was very sorry that I did not get to see Cousin George—for I am anxious to see him. I did not get to stay with Columbus but five days but I feel thankful that I had the pleasure of staying with him that long, it was the most heart rendering
thing in the world for me to start one way and him the other. I have heard from Columbus once I got home he was at Charleston but was not stationed. I am so afraid they will have to go to Va I dont know what to do I am glad Cousin George & Cousin Allen got to go home I know it must of been source of great pleasure to (Entire line not legible) Cousin Julia I have no good news to write there is a great deal of Sickness about now. there was two Ladies buried here in three miles of us yesterday & a good many more sick Some of which I think will be sure to die, there is nothing but trouble both at home & abroad. I looked out when I passed the 50? mile Station going & coming to see if could see any one that I know. I would have been glad to of met up with you. I never got to see all the boys uncle Josiah was in the Hospital Sick with the meassels. I never had them & could not go to see him. Columbus met me in Sav, he had nothing to do while I stayed I thought once that we would try to go see you but ther would not of been any chance of getting from the Depot. So I give out the idea of coming. them five days was the happiest five since the war with me. uncle James Jones married a widow Lady by the name of Ross ? a lady with one child. he left Last tuesday for the war all the militia officers and civil officers are gone. we dont know what trouble is I am afraid yet still it locks like I can hear up under any more than I have already. Cousin write soon & often. I am your true cousin as ever Sarah E. Collins

Envelope addressed: Mrs Julia A Hagin Bulloch Co Georgia Millray PO

GEORGE ROBBINS HAGIN I
Camp Georgia near Atlanta June th 1864(torn off)
Millray PO

Deare Companuon

I am well at this time and very well satisfied hear and I hope those few lines will soon reach you and that your family again enjoying the best of health July, I have nothing of any importance we are in a good place for a camp and can hear the for the canion royering 3 days past the Govner visited hou Camp and said that we would be of more benefit General Jonsan between Etta River and Atlanta in less he fell back on us and unless he does we will not get into a fight. Soon July I heare that Joseph Hagin was wonded arickend in the arm slightly. Mack took Watkins prisoner and carried to Andersonville and was reacknard-ized to bee the they deserter I hope that he will be shot soon I have not heard from Dock yet but if we are turned loose here soon I will goto see him we again ted by comision my position is Lieut the Hagar is Capt and we are in the first Georgia betalion and under Lt Carnal Armer Julia you must wright and let me know the news so I must come to a close I remain yours forever until death

GR Hagin

direct your to Camp Georgia near Atlanta 1st Retalio in care of Capt L E M Williams

GEORGE R. HAGIN II
Camp Waine Neare Atlanta June 12th 1864

Deare Companion

with much pleaser I take the opportuniy to inform you that I am well at his time hoping that you and famley in Joving the Same Julia I have not any thing of any portance to wright more than we are turn over to Genral Jonsan until further order from the Govner and are under marching orders now and to have one days rashins. Julia I wrote to you a few days ago and have not heard from you yeat but want to hear mighty bad and if I can I will come home as soon as I can get off I must come to a clos so nothing more at this time yours forever

G R Hagin

You must wright Soon Direct your letters to Camp Waine first betalion Company D in the care of Capt Williams Giver me all the news

G R Hagin
GEORGE R. BEASLEY VI
Army of East Tennessee
I Line of Battle June the 16th

Dear Sister

I this will endeavor to write few lines which I hope those few lines may find you enjoying the same good blessing Julie we have done herd times hear our Squadron was in a fight yesterday evening but didn't get anybody hurt Rest of the Regt was engaged nor hasent bin in a fight we commence shooting the Yankees about too oclock or alittle Later & Shot them & they us untile dark last knight we were in the wodes behind trees and they were in a fiel behind trees I think that I was very lucky to held a very good position for their dindent come any balls near two foot of me & that was closer than Twinte thee but if they never get no closter I will be glad Jo Richardson hors was shot through the thigh & he on him the hors is unfit for duty much her times hear is as bad as I ever want to See at any place Some say the Yankes wont fight it aint So with these they are as brave as ever men gets to be in war they advanest on to us & we shoutong at them all the time but they found out it wouldent do & they turned back to get a little position but I think Some of them was sent to their long home to endure the toils their Send or Direct your letter to Atlanta Ga army of East Tennessee F troop 5th Ga Cavalry care of Capt McCail I will close for this time nothing more ondly I remain your brother untile death
GRB

GEORGE R. BEASLEY VII
Line of Battle army of East Tennessee
June 16 64

Dear Brother

I embrace the opportunity of writing you a few lines which leaves me well & I hope those few lines may find you enjoying the Same good Blessing George we have had a ball hear I was in a hot Skirmish yesterday we was engaged about five hours but know body got hurt one or two got Struck with Spent balls we had a good position we wear in a Skeart of woods & the yankes had to come over a hill to us but they are a dearing Set of yollows they would come Rite out open to us but we made them goo back faster than they came we fought them from about too oclock until dark & both partyes held their ground I expect they will try us again this eaving their wasent any of our Regt engage but the first Squadron I think from the movements of both Sides their will be a General engagement before long for the enemy is advancing & our army is preparing for a stand we hold a very Strong position in the wing but I dont know how the balance of the line is the yankes up hearre fights like dogs our artillery is Shelling them know or has bin but is Stoped at this time I dident get more than 4 hours Sice? last Knight after we quit fighting we had to stay & watch the enemy untile ite was so late that it was day when we got to our horses it was day & we had to saddle up again & has bin until Just about 4 hours ago their is know time for rest nor nothing els but fighting I will close Direct your letter to Atlanta Ga Army east Tennessee 5th Ga Cavalry in care of Capt McCali

nothing more ondly I am yours truly GR Beasley

GEORGE R. BEASLEY VIII
Right Wing of the Army June 1864

Dear Sister

I again take my Seate to drop you a few lines which leaves me well & I hope those few lines may find you the Same my name is known I have bin on the list to leave but we have receive orders to wate until farther orders I was in a fight on the River hear & it was a dangerous one balls was passing in every direction a Striking all round us we charge the enemy twice an drove them from their breastworks twice but at length we had to fall back just at dusk and leave them behind their breast works if they had Sent men enough with us we could of Captuard the hold party & their stores for we had already drove them nearly to their wagon train drove them away from their camp they lost a grate many things
In Bivvac four miles West of Marietta June the 7 & we captured a good many horses & a good many boys got rings watches knives loose canteens and a good many other things but I dident look for anything but the Yankees them Selves I could of got Several things but I dident go their for that purposse thought I dont pretend to Say that I did anymore than any one although I hope I did my duty So far as I was able I believe I was in as hot a fire as there was but the Allmty above preserved me through that danger & I trust in him in all impeding danger I do trust that he will preserve me from that routhless foe who is seeking any opportunity to destroy every one of us the Bulloch troops knot in the fight & I hope they may return with naarm having to fight I will close For we havent got to unsaddle your true brother until death GRB

George Ross Bulloch and wife, former Sarah Ann Lee

(From a picture published by Bulloch Herald)
the sixth of May there is only four left but he says their Company has fared better than it ever has before in a fight for there was only one man missing and three that had to go to the hospital. I hear that Capt McCalister is killed. Sawyer is gone to camp about two weeks ago I think it will kill Liz Lester. She looks just like she was married now. Math is still trying to get his detail yet he thinks he is sure of it and Mrs Chitty had a terrible falling out about that peck of potatoes that they got for the baby. George there has been the most rain that I ever saw in one week the river is very full your Pa old Swamp field is all over flowed and the corn is a bout waist high he has lost a lot of his wheat by the wet weather and some of ours sprouted in the field before it could dry but it all dry and stacked up in the field your Pa done it he said it was good, you mother said tell you that she had been sick. George Pa wrote to you last week if you get the letter you must answer it or he wont like answer the first one anyhow for he has done a little better than I thought he would George ?? you want peas planted in both sides of the corn in the new ground and this piece at the house you must be sure to write me word I must close for this time. I remain your loving wife. write soon and Often
Julia A Hagin

JULIA A. HAGIN II

(Part of this letter is missing and exact date is unknown.) Samuel Groover is round conscripting cattle and is taking all that will way fifty pounds to the quarter and I expect he will be after ours before long and I dont know what to go about it for there is four if not five that will be subject Paas has got four shut up for them, and Groover has gone up to Youngh and is to be back to day or tomorrow. I want to get Mack to go to see Bill Lee this evening to see if he is going back this week I heard that the Capt had Summons him to report there on the 26 and I want to get him to carry this letter as it will go so much sooner and I want you to come home immediately to attend to it. JAH

GEORGE R. HAGIN III
June 27th 1864 Brown Hospittle Atlanta

Dear Farther

I receivd you kind letter of the 13th which I receivd a few days ago and was more than glad to hear from you and to hear that you was all well this leaves myself in vary bad helth I was taken sick on the 23rd and on the 26th I was sent to the hospitile in atlanta I was taken with a sever pain in the chest and the fever never has bin off of me since I was taken farther I would be grateful for you to come and see if you can get me off home the Ward master told me that he thought if I could get Sum of my people to com for I want to comehome very bad I will right a few lines to Julia on the other side I saw George and Allen boath as they went on up George stayed all knight with on his way up Allen Came to see me several time what time they stop at this place I could not right my self and got Wm Waters to right for me he is in the hospitle with me he has bin sick for 10 days he is very bad off with the Rheumatism so nothing more at present

Truly I remain your Loving son till Death
G. R. Hagin

Come farther Come

GEORGE R. HAGIN IV
June 27th 1864 Brown Hospittle Atlanta

My Dear Companion I indiver to drop you afew Lines to Let you now that I am very unwell I was taken sick on the 23rd and on the 26th was sent to the hospitile at this place where they is about one hundred sick. I have riten to your farther to Come after me and you must get him to Come if he will for I want to Come home so bad till I hardly can Live the payse all most runs me crazy I want to see you and Sisy mity bad I never have
got a Letter from you since I have Left home I am very ancious to hear from you my dear you must right as soon as this come to hand I have riten 3 or 4 Letters and has not recived one from you yet you must right without fail So I will Close for the present so Good By right Soon Ses your Loving Husban until Death Direct your Letters to Brown Hospittle Atlanta in Cear of Doctor C. W. Stegal

GEORGE R. HAGIN V
Brown Hospittle Atlanta June 28th 1864

Dear Wife I take opertunity of answering yours of the 23rd and you well was more than glad to hure from Lern that you was all Julia this Leave me mity Low I have bin very bad of but I think I am a Little beter to day than I have bin for several days. Julia I get all the attention that a man Can get paid to me I am very weak at this time I may get the Chance to come home before Long if I keep improving the doctor ses he will try to get me of as soon as I get able to come and I hope it wont be long for I am ancious come I wrote to your farther to come after me if he could and it shouldant Cost him a sent and if he has not started before this comes in hand you must to get him to come if he can after your note that Groover was taken all the cattle one that will way 50 lbs to quarter I want you to kill the Biges of them for your self with out fail it Looks very Strang that it take my Litters so Long to come to you sum of the boys gets Letters in 3 days from the time they was rote they must get mis Layed through neglect Julia I am in hopes this will come in due time and hope it will find you in the best of heith Julia I have bin a earer today if it bothers him too mutch you had better knot get him come lend Wagon to pa your paw I close my

GR Hagin

(There is a second copy of the above letter with the following additional message under the signature.)

through neglect Julia I am in Hope this will come in due time and find you and sise boath in the best of heith I want you to be shure and kill the Bigest one of the Steers for yourself. the Capt has come hear but I hear that Bill Lee has not Come nor Denmark nither I got the paper and envelope and stamp you wanted now how I faired I draw rasing as the rest of the Boys now we got a plenty with Exception of a few days.

GEORGE R. HAGIN VI
Brown Hospittle
July 2nd 1864

Dear Companion

I onst more take the opportunity of dropping you a few Lines to Let you now that I am not well but I am in a Little beter hops than I was I am someting beter this evening than I was this morning I am hier and can't get nothing that I can Eat. I get nothing but a little beef soup and that I can't drink. Some times I get a Little Chicken water to drink and it got so musth tater in it that it is not favorable for a well man to drink Let alone a Sick man. Julia, forgive me I wouldn't want you to come heer but they do come several woman heer to see their husband and if you air mind to come yu can do so all tho I now it is bad Chance for you to Leave home If you do hapen to come you must not fetch Sisey with you so She will not to bother with Julia I am very week I can just rais up on the bunk and that is all I can do. I havent walk a step in 5, or 6, days Julia if you doo come you must come soon as this come to hand I will close for the present I am so Sleepy I cant right now more GR Hagin

Mrs. Hagin I will drop you a few Lines my self I have just finish riting for George he is mity sick and has bin for several days and if I was in your place I would come and see him and as soon as I could I would be glad if you do Come you would Let Frances no it So she can send me a Letter for I havent gotten one from hir since I Left and will oblig your friend by so doing. Wm Waters
MADISON BEASLEY
July the 26 1864 Camp Near Macon

Dear Father

I take my pen in hand to write you a few lines to let know that I am well at this time and all is well but george Waters he is sick with the fever Dear father havent Much knows to write you at this time only we havent drewed know arms yet Nor no rashing but one time and we are all out now almos I seen A great many things I seen some Yanky prisoners every day almost I was detailed to go up to Macon to Meet the train and I saw Some yanky prisoners there and they got the train and went off under guard and I saw A great many in the hospital sick and I have seen them every day almost they is 600 60 out there Clost to our Camp this I must close for time father you must send my cap or have me A hat made out of cloth and send it by George Hedin and send me something to eat. I remain as ever your son

Madison Beasley

GEORGE R. BEASLEY
Camp on the Westpoint Railroad eleven miles from ? to Augusta, Ga

July Dear

I again will endeavor to answer your kind letter which I received several days ago but haven't had A opportunity of answer it & I dont know I Shall get the chance to mail this for I am left behind a foot and cant get up with my company while it turns back from after them yankes that they were following when I heard from them last they then had the yankes surrounded & was fighting them but I havent heard the result of the fare fight their day before yesterday & the malitia whipped them a way & they went on towards Andersonvill I except they are Stopped before that time.

we have a division of Cavalry after them & I hope well kill & capture the last one of them before they Stop I havent heard any thing more from our Regiment since the first of this month. I dont know when I shall find out whear it is for I expect it is forty miles from hear know & may be further for what I know in this time but that they will destroy all them yanks and Ill get back again soon this leaves me well & hope it will fine you & all the rest enjoying the Same blessing Allen was in a fight with the Company Saturday coming ? on with the Regiment after the yanks & the reason I didn't go on was because I was Sent out on the Skirmis line & the Yankees cut me off from my Command & Soon had me sarronded & I had to doge about in the bushes & wait until they went off before I could come out when I got ? the Regiment was ten or twelve miles ahead and still pushing on after the yankes I followed them three or four miles & found that they was going so fast that I never could ketch them and turned back Y is now beating along ttrying to get a Com? wagon but I dont know when I will get their for I am know about thirty miles for their & nothing but & old broken down horses wrde their is now has bin many Soljiers through hear & it is a bad chance to get anything to eat for our Seives or horses but we are not Starving yet & I dont think I will while I stay in country like this August the ? 1864 I am again resting on my way to the rear camp I think I will get their tonight Some time of the ? to me more than I know of at this time I got a Splendid Sadle give to me last knight & it come in a good time for it was needed I hear that a raiding party of yankes has gon to Macon & face (The conclusion to this is the following letter.)

GEORGE R. BEASLEY
August 5th 1864

Dear Sister I havent had the chance tomale my letter and will write you a few lines more I am at the near Camp too miles
from Atlanta and havent heard anything from our Regt only that they were at Corinth Som Sixty miles from hear resting and recruiting for horses Julia the Malita has had a heard fight for night & Day? commenced on yesterday evening and their has bin a steady roar ever since of S?t arms and the cannon you never heard the like in your life I heard this morning that our Side had driven the yankees back & was pressing them back ? killing a great many I wouldent be surprised if the big fight didnt come off before they Stop for both Sids seems to be determined one to hold Atlanta and the other to take it but I dont think they will get it unless general Hood is a mind to give it to them and that I dont think he ever will do as long as there is any other chance for him I heard that when the yanks Charged our brest works they were Shot down in piles from the State ment given the ground must of bin covered with dead yankes, I hope it is true I must close for this time write Soon I remain your true brother untile death G. R. Beasley

(on the last page of this letter was a list of names, apparently a military report. Those names are as follows: 1. Jones R.A. M. 2. Thomas G. Shafer A.R.O.M. 3. E. B. Whitman Capt 4. Simeon Windecker 5. D.S. Trumbo Lt On some of the columns there were numbers but the headings are missing.)

Envelope addressed to Mrs. Julia A. Hagin with return address Private G R Beasley, F Troop 5th Ga Cavl

WILLIAM A. HAGIN IX
citty road 12 miles below Richmond
August 18th 1864

Mr. George Hagin

My Dear Brother

It is with pleasure that I take the opertuny to inform you that I am well and I trust this may soon reach you and find you all

? at this time I have nothing that is interesting at this time not more than there is this ? fighting here we Mike Murphy of our Company was wounded in a charge the other day ? of the rest of the company was hurt we had to take some works back that the yankey tuck from Rights brigade we had to fight negroes but they did not stand our boys I was not in it I was sent out on a ? that morning and had not got back at that time George I dont get any mail at all from home but I got ? northern maile the other day it was old but interesting and I would be glad to send it to you I will send you one of the letters George I think that I am of the people in bulloch ? if I dont get Sum letter before long I will try and establish my line of communication sum where

The seventh Geo Cavalry is not far from here sum of it past us yesterday evening Cousin James Lee and his ? was alowd there is a good many of ? that wants to get a trans fer to our Company John Grimes wants to cum I saw him yesterday Capt is still at the hospittle he is better? is there I have not herd from him in several day George you must let me know how you like northern letters when you answer this I think that grants plans is plaid out in geting richmond

I will close by saying that I remain

Your Brother

W A Hagin

Write Soon
leaves me well truly hoping these few lines will find you and family in the best of health. I was sorry to hear Cousin George was sick but I hope he is well now & still at home, Cousin Julia you may think a little Strange of my being at Charleston. I came here a week ago today & expect to stay two or three months provided Columbus keeps his position, he is overseeing he has a good hand a bed room a dining room & a room for cooking & a nice negro boy to cook for him he goes to work at seven o’clock in the morning & comes in for dinner, stays two hours & goes back & stays until six o’clock in the evening that is better than being gone all the time I have stayed one day by myself till dinner the boys in the Regt is here Some of them most all the time in the day if I know in time when I am going to start to ? ? write to you to meet me at the fifty mile depot I will not stop there but a Short while I can see you in that time I would be more than glad to see your little Daughter then the Yankeys are Shelling Ft Sumter all the time I am living up Stairs where I can see every Shell that is thrown that is Shells have fell in a Hundred yards of this place But I dont feel at all afraid the window jar Sometimes like they would brake. I will invit you come to See me but I dont except you will come I am living perfectly at home I have every thing that belongs to a room you will want So you All excuse me for not writing Sooner the Railroad has been torn up one thing kept me from writing. direct to C. F. Collins Vol Co F in care of Capt 2ills Charles? I got a letter from Cousin George written the 4th of this month he was well ? on foot his horse was with the Co he did not ? ? horse was I will close write Soon ?this your Affectionate Cousin Sarah E Collins

(The first Cousin George mentioned is Julia’s husband, George R. Hagin and the second Cousin George mentioned is certainly Julia’s brother, Pvt. George R. Beasley, F Troop 5th Ga Cav.)
there is a Right smart forse cen? sentrating here now but we
don't think that we will lay heare long the takes is forgin a
about Atlanta and have got posession of som mills up their pnt
Jamey Hall sees that he help burn the most last friday night the
sit is sad to have bin selling them all the provins for green
20 dollars
backs having them went for one. Julia I have not don anny duty
yet. I refuse to do privet duty and they not make me do ofisser
duty because they had marked absent without leave it put som of
them to some trouble for there smartness and then could not
keep me out of my position and if Macalvin does not make
Captain before long I will be First Liutant and as I am now 2
liut. Julia I want you to take my leather out and carry it home
put it out on the loft and they is a small hide in the tan
paws you must use them as you please. PS Julia I think that we
hour
will draw money for five months and ifen they pay us off
I hope they will turn us lous for this tim we will muster to day
for pay today and I will ?tend for $500 Dollars. Rashins for 70
days and $90 Dollars for five months. You must wright wheather
my wheat has com up not Julia you must have my Cane Roots ?
with it when you make the shugar and dig out the small Cane
around the Pnels for seed Canes. I think that we will try
Atlanta before many days and I do't care how soon for I am
tensioned staying here at this plase. tho we Can by potatoes at
5 and ? Dollars a bushel and flower at 85 cents lb lard at $4
lb Julia you must wright soon and send me a quilt by S Hagin
and a spon. I must come to a Close you must Darest your leters
to Geo R Hagin, Griffin,
Brig 2 Rgt. Co F forided

(At the top of the letter are the figures where he calculated
the money due him.)

Letter stamped Griffin, 6A, Oct 26 and addressed to Mrs. J. A.

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**George R. Hagin VIII**

November 2, 1864 Camp Nere Cu??ja?? Tenn (Chattanooga ?)

My Deare wife I take my pen in hand to let you know that I and
the rest of the boys is well arnd hoping that those few lins
may son reach you and famley and find you all in the best of
health. I received your hand letter and was truly glad to
heare from you and Sisey and to heare that ?Allien has got
home and doing well if Willey comes home I want you to write
and let me now and I will try to come home and see him if can
get off you write to me to know how I go to line a bout(Cannot
decipher the next three words.) we get along tolerable well we
get a pound of beef and a pound mel a day and it is mighty
little bacon that we get Wheny we get any you must wright me
how much corn we maid and how the fatning ?goo hogg is doing
we got here sunday night about 2 hours in the knight and we
marched 15 miles after noon and it is waining hear now and we
have not got no tents nor fly to say under it rain and last
night we are looking for orders ever day to go to Join
Bureught? I saw Jimey Hall and E Newsom and Relations Came
last knight and they sed that the rest of the command was at
Flat sholes on the first ins and they was looking for them last
knight at lovejoy station. I must come to a close for I am
very cold now I remain your loving husband until death.

G. R. Hagin To Julia Hagin

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**George R. Hagin IX**

Near Augusta February 15th 1865

Deare Wife I take my pen to let you know that I am well at
present and I hope that those few lines may find you and Sisey
in the best of health. Julia I rekon that you may sell that
shoot and hire Amous for one month get as mutch for the shoot
$65 D1

as you can I bought the knives and the Coffee pot 22 D1, and 25
c
t
lb salt $31.25 and I paid your paw $150 Dollars for the horse
and if cold think of anney thing Elce I that I could buy I solt dol
the eags $0.00 dol and the meat 5 3/4 and the serope at 21
dollars things is coming down in prices the leather I have not
sold it yet If you can get 16 Dolls apound you must take I
got to the comand monday after I started it tuk me 4 days to
the general sed that he wold reinforce me and send me back a
gin he detailed to sen me after the Screven Company but did not
send us I will tri in a few days to get a furlow to come home I
must come to a close as I have no more time to write. I
Remaine your tru husband until death
G R Hagn

M. ANNIE KELLER
Ga Burke

Dear Friend

Auntie sends you the Balsam of Copivr but is sorry to she
has no Creasote Auntie sends you some Snow-Root, and is sorry
that she has nothing that she could send for Mrs. Hagns-Auntie
says if their is anything that she would like and she has it
she will send it to her with pleasure if you will let her know
what it is
Respectfully
M Annie Keller

Put one drop of Creasote in a teaspoon ful of vinegar put 5
teaspoons of water to this mixture, Take a teaspoon of the
mixture in a tumbler 1/3 full of water ever 2 hours Tepid water
injection every 12 hours

JOHN M. HAGINS I
Shamoken Nov 28/65

My Dear Brother George R Hagns
Your Letter Came to hand in due time Which Stated that Father
was dede & Brother Ethel I was very much surprised to here

John Hagins II

This is part of a letter from John Madison Hagins of Shamoken,
Pennsylvania, half-brother of George Robbins Hagn.
I Will Try and give you some of the Particulars on Something
Else. We had a very Cold Winter Here It dont Seem to Be over With yet But has Bin Very Warm for the Last few days & Ice Has broken Up on a grate many of the Rivers Which was 24 inches So you Can Judge for your Selfe what far Wether there Has Bin Here & it Commences To Snow Here Last Evening & Has Continued all day & is at it Yet but I dont think that it Will last Long as the days are Getting Long & the Sun is getting Very High! Brother you Said Something With Regard to Collecting Some of the Money that was belonging to the Estate But Cant Do Anything as money Hasbin Very Scarce & You Said that there was Sum that Was given Before The War in the Money that was at it & you Can Judge for your Selfe What far Wether there Has Bin Broken Up on a grate many of the Rivers With yet But has Bin Very Warm for the last few days.

Brother you did not say Anything in your Last Letter Whether you Had Fixed the Grave Yard up or Not if you Have not you Will as Soon as you can. I was Very Sorera to Her that There Was So Many of My Relations Was Sick & dying of you did not Say Anything a Bout aunt Sarah Lee I must bring This Sheet to a Close for This time Right Soon & often From your Brother.

J. M. Hagins

SARAH E. COLLINS IV
Calhoun County, Ga.
August 9, 1866

Dear Cousin

I take this oppportunity which affords a great pleasure to think that I can sit down to write to you with undisturbed mind this leaves ?? family ?? ?? hoping that these few lines will find you in the best of helth. Cousin Julia it's been so long since I have written any I had almost forgotten how so you must look over all mistakes and bad writing. I have not heard one word from any of you since the war. I ?? whether Cousin George and Cousin Ethle lived throughout the war or not. I hope so tell them to write me. Cousin I haven't anything interesting to write Hopes are very good on Spring Creek where we living off apiece from the Creek ist very drye and land look like much can be made. the war is over and much happier would it have been if all could have lived through. My Dear Father was slain in a battle. I think he is in a better world than this. he left a housefull of little children, two brothers and two sisters. ?? dos or? two half brothers. one of my sisters has married since the war and done well. I feel thankful that my Husband was spared. I would like to have you visit me there and if you will come let me know when you will come and I will send carriage for you to the Depot. well let me tell you before I close, Spring Creek has bloomed and I have got the flower, one of the sweetest little babes you ever saw he is a little better than three months old. I have seen many children walking no larger than my baby, write soon. your ?? cousin as ever.

Sarah E. Collins

J. M. Hagins III
Shamrock Oct 15th/66
Dear brother

I Hav taken my Pen in Hand This Evening to answer your Letter Which came to hand in due time stating That you were all well But Thomas Who had bin sick for Sometime But is Something better. I was very glad to Her From you once more for I Had written To you & unkel William Lee & to David Beasley & none of them Hav written to me But you & I thought that you Had not gotten my Letters for They told me when I was ther that they Would answer then amedically if I Written to Them. I am Well & family as all the Same at Present & Hope these few Lines may find you & all of the Rest the Same. Brother I have bin very Sick Since I Came back with the diredah Which Came very near Taking me off for a bout ten days But I Hav Recovird from that & is in Very good helth at Present & hope to Remain So far Sickness is one of the worst things That Can be in a Family.

Brother you Stated in your Letter that the Land wold Sell the
Second Tuesday in November or was advertised for sale on that Day. But you said that Land was very low in Georgia at the present time. But I think if it don't bring what you think that it is worth you had better buy it in for the present. For land will have to come up in a gain & it will pay to keep it for a year or two & either rent it or farm it yourself & if you can't raise the money I think that I can help you with it. That is the river farm. The other land you can do as you think proper if you think that there is a chance to make any thin on it. Why you had better buy it for if thing don't get better than they are at present I may come back a gain to live for thing look very gloomy at present. Hav not done anything for the last month. Scarceley although it don't make any difference to me with regard to wages for mine is by the year & my year will not be out until January next but still everything is so high that a man must get good wages or he can live under them conditions. I am in tolerably good health at present. My school was out last Friday and I will not have much to do during the next ten weeks. I had a small examination and picnic dinner at the close. In the examination I had a small class in common fractions that surpassed anything I ever saw and they had only been studying fractions three weeks to a day I gave them a thorough examination and they didn't fail in a single instance. After the picnic dinner was over the scholars all played three or four hours and I joined in their play and I tell you we had a gay time. I am very busy harvesting now. Harvest this season is about two weeks earlier than last. The wheat crop will be all harvested in June this year. Through this section there is a tolerably good crop of wheat. The corn crop looks fine. We have had considerable dry weather and it has enabled farmers to get their corn in a very good condition by harvest. The best corn now is about as late as my ham and some of it is laid by corn grows quicker and is cultivated with more ease than any place I ever saw. It only takes about three or four weeks work from the time they commence to plow corn till it is laid by. I would like it very much if I could spend vacation this summer in Ga. and have as pleasant a time as last. I have written very hastily and you must excuse haste this time hoping to hear from you again soon. I remain as ever your cousin.

Yours Respectfully

J. M. Hagins
Dear Cousin

According to promise I seat myself to write you a short letter this afternoon which leaves me well & fathers family also. I have nothing of importance to write you on. I got home safe and have again entered on my daily labor. Mr. Kemp has sold out his stock of goods and is going to quit merchandising and I shall only employen in collecting accounts for him the remainder of this year or at least the most of it. I have already had two or three applications to clerk since he sold out here but shall not quit here as long as I have set in until my present emoloyer has anything for me to do and will pay me as much as any body else. There is a revival going on here in the village at this time and will perhaps continue for several days yet. No one has joined yet but I think the prospect pretty fair for them to get two or three. You must excuse my short letter this but will try to do better next time. You must write soon and do not until you write me a long letter and you will oblige me much.

As Ever

Adam Beasley


Dear Cousin Julia

It is with pleasure that I acknowledge the receipt of your letter yesterday. I was glad to hear from you but sorry to hear that Cousin George was troubled with a bonelfon? it is certainly very painful though I have been so fortunate as to never have one but have seen people with them and they seem to have a great deal of Pain. I regret the sad accident that Mr. James Lee happen to as it is certainly a serious loss. This leaves me well at present though was quite unwell last week. I was troubled greatly with neuralgia in my face and head, but have got better. I have not heard from my Fathers family in about three weeks. I guess you have heard that I have left Grooverville. I am now clerking for Mr. Redding Denmark about twelve miles from Fathers. I am getting twenty five dollars a month and my board. I am very well pleased with my situation down here as Mr. D and Mrs. D are very nice people and are very kind to me. Their family is well at present. Mrs. Clayton Danmarks is very low; it was thought that she would certainly die last accounts she was thought a little better. Mr. and Mrs Denmark has gone down there to day. There is no news stirring; everything is dull trade especially. I must close for the want of something to write. Write soon and direct your letters to me at Quitman in Brooks Co in Care of R.Q. Denmark. As Ever

Adam Beasley

P. S. tell Cousin Minor that she is very slow about writing to me an oblige A.B.
well and he started to Echols County this morning a distance of about forty miles to attend the Mercer Association, to which he was a delegate and will be gone until Tuesday next. I would have been proud to have gone if it had been so I could. But as you may know a person in the business that I am is all most deprived of such privileges and have to be content with staying home and attend to the business for which they were hired. But I will not despair as I know that I have got to work very hard to make a living and confine myself strictly to my duties. Chances are looking rather gloomy for a young man to make a start in this County now and I have thought moving to some new place where it is said to better for a person to make a living but I have now concluded that Brooks is about as good a place as there is anywhere and that I will have to work, go where I will, and I know that I can make some money here if I can have health. Times are dull here at this time, though am selling a good many goods considering the low price of cotton and the scarcity of money. Remember me to your Family and connection generally and write soon as a letter is highly appreciated from home. I often think about the time that I spent there and would be glad to go again. As ever your A. Beasley

Addressed to Mrs. Julia Hagan
Mill Ray Bulloch Co., Ga

STEPHEN THORNE II
Palmyra Mo
Nov 18th 1870

Mrs. Julia Hagan
My Dear Cousin

I guess you think I am a good while in fulfilling my promise. I had my pictures taken last Saturday and inclose one for you.

I am well and still teaching the young idea "how to shoot." My school commenced the 5th of last Sept. Have a very fall and interesting school. It numbers sixty (61) scholars. Plenty for one Teacher don’t you think?

Cousin Julia you must write to me.

My love to you and all of your family.

Excuse this short letter.

I remain

Your affectionate Cousin

Stephen Thorne

P.S. My address:

Stephen Thorne
Palmyra Mo.

STEPHEN THORNE III
Palmyra, Mo
8 Feb, 1871

Mrs. J. A. Hagan
My dear Cousin,

Yours of Jan 27th came to hand better than a week ago and I assure its contents were highly appreciated for I am always anxious to get news from my old native State, Georgia. Any news from any section of the old "Empire State" is always carefully read and ?? near home.

I was troubled some time ago with toothache and rising in my jaws but that is well now and I am enjoying very good health which is Heaven’s greatest boon.

We have had an abundance of snow this winter and during the past ten days it has been melting and the consequence is we are having high water courses and an abundance of mud. This is a very muddy country when winter is breaking up. The roads get almost impassable. Roads here every spring are equally as bad as they were in Ga soon after Sherman passed through the State.

The snow is now about all gone and I hope for pleasant weather and good roads.
The Public term of my school closed the last of Jan and I have commenced a private subscription term. My school is not very full yet but I expect a full school soon.

I am having a good deal fun at present through our paper. We have a Debating Society in my school house and also edit a paper every two weeks that is the paper is read every two weeks. The way it is carried on: at one paper reading the Editor is appointed for the next. Then all that wishes to write for the next paper prepare their ?? and send them to the Editor and he copies and reads them at the next meeting. Everything that occurs in the community is almost sure to come out in the paper. If a young man happens to get upset sleigh riding or calls on a young lady more than twice during the week some writer will get hold of it a picture him off in glowing style. I always prepare a piece pretending to come from James Dupeasy M. D. I pretend to be a very ignorant feller writing to the Editor for information. I sign my name as above and explain the M. D. at the close of my name as standing for Mule Driver. I write some very humorous pieces on the Debating Society and send them through the Post Office and what tickles me they have never found out who Dupeasy is and I am about the last one they would suspect.

Excuse haste and write soon
I remain
Your affectionate Cousin
Stephen Thorne

STEPHEN THORNE IV
Marion County, Mo
April 8th, 1871

Miss Julia A. Hagan
My dear Cousin

Yours of March 22d came to hand a few days ago. Was very glad to learn that the Tableaus at the close of Naomis school was a success.

Those deaths (Mr. Knight and Alexanders) that occurred so suddenly, corroborate the truthfulness of the Apostles epistle, in which he says: In the midst of life we are in death. Mr. Alexander I have been informed was an infidel. Horrible it is to think of one's being launched into eternity under such circumstances there to appear before his Maker to render an account for the deeds done in the body.

We are having some very fine and pleasant weather at present. Everything bids fair for a forward spring. The past three days have been very warm for this season of the year. One can almost see the buds put forth and the grass growing.

Vegetation is at least a month earlier this spring than last. Farmers are very busy preparing their ground and some few have planted a little corn. Although generally they never plant before the first of May. Wheat looks very well. A fine prospect for a large wheat crop in fact everything looks favorable to the farmer.

Farming, as Looke upon, is a great deal more profitable in Mo than among the pine trees of Ga. Here the land is rich and produces in abundance. O sometimes I am almost tempted to quit school teaching and go to farming. I know if I had money enough to buy me a good farm I could make a great ?? money farming.

I have a very pleasant school at present but is not so large as it has been. I have started a paper in the school called the Children's Journal and the children are manifesting a very lively interest in it. The paper is read every other Friday evening. A paper properly kept up in a school is equally as instructive to the scholars as composition writing and it is something that children will take great deal more interest in than they will in writing compositions.

I have quit taking my Savannah paper and don't get as much Ga news now as I used to.
How are the negroes doing in Bulloch? Can a person rely on them when they are hired? Sed me ?? what changes are going your Aug news from Ga is always gladly received.

Give my love to all your family and also to all inquiring friends.

I remain as ever

Your Affectionate Cousin

Stephen Thorne

Write soon

STEPHEN THORNE V

Palmyra Mo.

July 29th 1871

Mrs. Julia A. Higin

My Dear Cousin,

Yours of the 11 inst came duly to hand and I was truly glad to hear from you and family again. I would like very much indeed to spend this summer in Bulloch and enjoy some of your fine peaches and other fruit. Our peaches here will not be ripe before the last of August and then they are not as fine as those reared in a Southern climate. Early apples are just getting ripe. Some have had a few ripe water melons but as general thing people will not have them plentiful till about three weeks. The soil is not as well adapted to them as southern soil and they do not grow so large and fine looking and I imagine not so sweet and well flavored.

Farmers here are done harvesting and some through threasing their wheat. The wheat crop this year is tolerably good about an average crop, the corn crop is very good. Farmers are predicting low prices for corn next winter. They say it will be down to a dollar per barrel that is 20 cents per bushel.

I am putting this vacation in at study and fishing. My favorite fish here is the Bass. I went day before yesterday and caught a very large bass with a hook. It was sixteen inches long. They resemble and are shaped good deal like our Trout in Ga.

There is not much to call news in these parts that would interest you. This is the busy season of the year and farmers are all employees on their farms.

My health still remains as usual, good I will teach again this fall at the same old stand. I will commence the first of Sept again. I will get sixty two dollars a month for teaching.

Hoping to hear from you again soon. I remain as ever.

Your Affectionate Cousin

Stephen Thorne

STEPHEN THORNE V

Palmyra Mo.

Oct. 15th 1871

Mrs. Julia A. Higin

My dear Cousin,

Your welcomed letter came to hand yesterday morning. I was very glad to hear from you again and got the news you favored me with from my native country in regards to my dear elderly relatives of the Beasley family. I do love those old relatives of mine and sincerely wish that I could have the pleasure of meeting them once more before they leave this unhappy world of sins but they are growing far advanced in years the young may die and the old must die consequently if
I am spared to visit my dear old native State again they no doubt will be resting peacefully in their graves to wait the coming of that morn when we shall all have to appear at the bar of God to be judged according to the deeds done in the body. May we all be faithful workers in the cause of Christ and on that great and notable day receive the happy plaudits? Well done thou good and faithful servant enter thou unto the joys of thy Lord?)

I am glad to learn that you have a good school again this fall. Hope you will be able to keep it up the year round. The Debating Society is a good thing and if conducted in the proper spirit will do much towards improving the young and the community at large. There is much practical knowledge to be learned in a debating society that a person can't well learn anywhere else.

I had a pretty full school 54 scholars but the measles broke out in it and I now only have about 30.

We have had a very dry fall up to this week. Yesterday it rained nearly all day and about night blew almost a hurricane.

The farmers are about through planting wheat. Wheat is bringing a pretty good price and they as a general thing are putting in pretty heavy crops. Apples are very fine and plentiful about as fine as I ever saw.

There is considerable excitement about the great fire in Chicago last. The largest fire that ever was known, the whole business part of the town and the greater portion of the residences were laid in ashes. One hundred and fifty thousand persons made homeless in one night to say nothing about the loss of property and their things.

But I must close this. Hoping to hear from you again soon. I remain

Your Cousin
Stephen Thorne

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Mrs. Julia Hagin,

My dear Cousin,

Yours of the ___ came to hand better than a week ago but I have been so overrun with business and things that I have not really had an opportunity of answering it till now.

We have organized a teachers club to meet monthly, and that takes a good deal of my time to prepare lectures & for our meetings. We have revived our Debating Club and Elm Woods Journal to continue again during the winter they both take considerable of my time. All these things to attend to together with school duties keep me busily engaged all the while. I dismissed school this evening. We will take a week's holiday and then commence again first Monday in Jan. I hope to get some rest during the holidays and some pleasure too. Our Teachers Club meets tomorrow in Palmyra. Sons of Temperance have a festival the 26th. The State Teachers Association meets in Chillicothe next week, probably I may attend that meeting, Chillicothe is about 120 miles west of here on the Hannibal and St. John R. R. I have some friends living there and I know they would be very glad to see me and then there is much more to be learned in a meeting of that than a County meeting, for teachers from all parts of the State will be there.

During the past three weeks we have had some pretty cold weather. The rivers are all frozen over and the youngsters have a gay time skating. Farmers are all busily engaged putting up ice for next summers use. The ice is from six to eight inches thick. We have had but very little snow yet consequently no sleighing.

Excuse brevity. Hoping to hear from you again soon. I remain your affectionate Cousin.

Stephen Thorne

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My dear Cousin,

Your kind letter of the 5th inst is before me. I am glad to hear from you again and get the interesting news you favored me with in its contents.

I am still teaching at my same old stand and have a very good school. The Public Term of my school closed little over two weeks ago and I was then thinking of changing my situation but the Patrons were unwilling to give me up and increased the Tuition per month and made me up another subscription school for five months longer and I agreed to teach it consequently I will stay five months longer which will make three years a half that I have taught in succession at my present stand. I have been thinking that I would change my situation next fall. I want to get to a large city and get the management of a Graded School.

We have had some very cold bitter weather during the past three weeks, a good deal of snow which is thawing now. since the weather has moderated somewhat and making a good deal of mud and a sloppy time, but we always look for mud this season of the year.

It has been a very hard winter on wheat and the prospects for a wheat crop is very slim.

I am well at present with the exception of a cold and cough that I have taken since the weather has moderated and rendererse the ground wet and muddy.

Excuse brevity this time and write soon to your

Affectionate Cousin
Stephen Crane

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Mrs. Julia A Hagin
Palmyra Mo.
March 15, 1872

My dear Cousin

Your kind letter of the 7th inst is before me. I am glad to learn that Cousin George is getting better. Hope he will get entirely well this spring.

I should have liked very much to have been in Savannah Feb and have seen our relations from the South visit part of the State. I have never seen any that you named but Uncle James Beasley.

I am well at present and getting along finely with my school. I have a full school 33 scholars. I believe it will be the most profitable of any that I have taught here. I think next fall I shall try to get a situation as Professor of Mathematics in Richmone Ray County Mo. I have friends there that say if I want the situation they will secure it for Me. I would be very much delighted with the situation as teacher of Mathematics for that is my favorite study.

Cousin Julia, you say, you expect if all rumors be true that I will change my situation before long-why: what have you heard? Its nothing bad I hope a change for the better I hope when it does take place if it ever does.

We are having good many weddings out here too. I went to one last week and had a very pleasant time with the young ladies. I ? pretty well I thought one very pretty told me she had the advantage of me. She said she could change her name I couldnt. dont you think that bringing things pretty near a focus or at least a pretty good start.

We are some real March weather now. Some days are very windy then it will cloud up and snow for a while and then the sun will come out very pleasant and melt away the snow. Some
days come up very near to the old woman's description of the climate in Missouri. she said, "It blewed and it rained and it snowed and it thawed as it did freeze. All this comes same day." Some days it comes very near snowing, blowing, raining, freezing and thawing all the same day.

Well I will bring this to a close. Give my love to your family and all inquiring friends.

Hoping to hear from you again soon. I remain as ever your

Affectionate Cousin
Stephen Thorne

MARY ANNIE HODGES I
Halcendale
May 22nd, 1872

Mrs. Hagins,
Kind Friend:

the presiding Elder is with us this week, and as he cannot stay over Friday requests that we have a family Fish Fry at the River for him tomorrow. I tried to arrange it as to have it postponed but could not. Consequently will have to postpone my visit to your house and I feel so disappointed and so sorry, but if you and Mr. Hagins will come and spend the day with us at the river and take a Fish dinner with us I will feel better reconciled about my disappointment. Send me word by Mr. Beasen that you shall come and bring the children. There will be no one but our family. We will have it out at our landing.

Affectionately
your friend

M. Annie Hodges

If George will bring his gun we will have a little hunt while the rest are fishing

Elia (Hodges)

Addressed to Mrs. Julia Hagins, At Home

STEFHEN THORNE

Palmyra Mo
May 24th 1872

Mrs. Julia A. Hagins
My dear Cousin

was received a few days ago. I was glad to hear from you again and got the news you favored me with in your letter. I am well and still have a fine school. I have a little over four weeks to teach yet and then my school will close and I will be free once more for a little while.

I was at a fishing party last Saturday. It was composed of only a few select persons from this immediate neighborhood but we had a plenty to have a gay pleasant time. I believe I enjoyed myself better than I ever did at a party or picnic before. We fished till we were all tired and then went boat riding to our hearts content. After that we romped and cut up in the wagon (for we all went in a big wagon) till we got home.

Our Teachers Institute came off in Palmyra week before last. We had quite a pleasant meeting. Several distinguished speakers and teachers from abroad. The Hon. John Monteith, our State Superintendent of Public schools was present and we made him President of the meeting. He is a very able and talented man and one of the most pleasant agreeable men I ever met. Any one that had the honor of making is acquaintance appeared to like him very much and spoke of him in the highest commendable terms.

We are having a tolerably wet season now. Vegetation is growing very rapidly and has such a beautiful dark green color that it looks almost perfectly blue. I think at this season of the year, this is the prettiest country I ever saw. Plants, trees and all vegetation look more luxuriant and seem to have more vitality here in growing weather than in any other section of the country I ever was in. Yesterday evening was quite basty and we had a considerable gale. A small tornado or whirlwind passed within two hundred yards of my school house.
It was about fifty yards made tremendous crashing, wrang and twisted off good many large trees and laid level all the fencing in it's course. Excuse haste on this time, give my love to Cousin George and the rest of your family. also (Fold of paper makes this line hard to decipher.) to Uncle Dave your and his family.

Hope to hear from you and family.
I remain as ever

Your Cousin
Stephen Thorne

MOLLIE CHITTY
Augusta, Georgia
December 8th, 1875

Dear Julia & Sissie

I guess you think I have forgotten my promise but not so when I left to come up here I had very little paper and not many Envelopes or stamps so I didnt write to anyone outside of the family only on business I now have a good supply of all and have very little night work to do or that I am compelled to do so I will let some of my friends hear from me I have been getting on very well considering all things Since I have been here & like the work much better now than I did at first but its much harder than the work at Langley I have made between fifty and sixty dollars since I have been here I have bought about all I will buy now until spring I had a real hard time at first only fifty cents to commence with. I met with friends and feel that I have made a good many new friends since I have been here the Lady with whom I am boarding has treated me as kind as a mother when ever she finds me sick or feeling gloomy. she will do every thing in her power for my benefit she is kind to all around her. her husband is also very sympathetic if he can he will do anything he thinks we would like to have done they havent any children. there is only one child in the house there is two other Ladies and one Gentleman boarding where I board.

how have you all spent Christmas? did you have any

parties: we only had two days Saturday and Sunday we went to the catholic early Christmas morning I enjoyed it very much the was perfectly beautiful the Church was well decorated with green vines and flowers and many other hansom things we went before day the church was all lit up with gas lights which made it as light as day. the same night we went down town to see the fire works playing the ? I enjoyed very much tho I was too tired to walk my feet was hurting me

you all must excuse this and write me soon and all the news as you have time to write. (Ink blot obscures the next line.) were soon.

Respectfully yours
Mollie Chitty

DAVID BEASLEY IV
Brooks County Ga
July 11th, 1883

Dear Son
I will write to you a few lines to let you know that I have got back to Brooks I am well I have not had an hours sickness Since I left home I found Sister Hannah in very feeble health I cam back by Bainbridge but failed to see my land you wrote to know when I am going home I dont know yet when I will go I havent been to see Isaiah yet I guess that I will go there in a few days I think that I will stay here until the first of next month Cant say exactly but will write to you about it some other time. You wrote to know what I thought of your Selling I want you to use your own Judgement about it I will close for the present write for I remain your Father

David Beasley

P. S. I think that I will be at home at the general meeting but will write again more about it before I get ready to start.

David
Dear Mama,

I will write you a few lines this morning in answer to yours which I received last Friday. I was sorry that you are all sick. This leaves us all well as common. I have been feeling very good to what I have been but I don't know how long it will last but I think I have been sick long enough to stay well a while now. Ma I don't know what to tell you about my going home. Ella and Mr Thagard says I can't go until Christmas. I am willing to go and let Ida come but If they won't let me know I will have to stay. I will try to help her all I can. I told her that would not be much help if any. Nettie told her Pa that she was going to Grand Pas with Anna. he said then that he could not go. it is raining now for the first time in about three week. it was verv dry the weather is a great deal cooler than it was I wanted to see it turn cooler and I was sorry too. I recd?? had to go back on us one time if she never does again. I was ?? ?? it. Mr Thagard has got Dr. Walker ina notion to go to Bulloch with him christmas and Mr Dean ?? he said today that he did know where would be able to go or not he has heart disease very bad there is not much sickness up here that we hear of I went to preaching last forth sunday and went back wednesday got two members well I must close for I will have to help cook supper we have got some fish Mr Skebler? went this morning and killed two hun dred and 50 with Dimanitos write soon and along letter love to all I remain as ever your daughter

Anna Hagins
Pearly, Ga.
Sept 6, 1892

When I have passes away
From earth to the world unknown
Unknown will nere heart sight
Will nere heart say I miss
Him when from care I am free
Your daughter
Anna H
Pearly Ga.
Sept 1892
a few days but through neglect have put of until now I am getting on very well only I'm home sick and have been three weeks it don't seem like I can stay here much longer but I will try to stay until I see some change in Sister last Thursday, Friday & Saturday was very cold & windy. Sunday was pleasant Monday snowing and sleeting all day this morning isicles to the house even eight inches long all of which is against her she is scarcely able to sit up any cant rest day nor night for Coughing has light chills and fever every few days she is only a frame her attending Physician says she may go through this winter but I have no hope of her lasting through this month yet she may last a long time we cant tell & the balance of her family is quite well and the married children are all doing very well. I dont like this country much as most of the land is low some of it is real good farming land but they can have very little stock on account of the no fence farm four men are not able to keep up their pastures sufficient to raise or keep much stock most of them raise their meat but very few keep more than one cow that is the poor man Julia as I feel uneasy about my things there will you please get Mr Higin to go over there and nail up the house good that they are in and take the cart buggy and Plowstocks to your house as I have lost all confidence in the people that is in possession there had I thought of it I would have ask this through Anna the day that I left there I stayed with Jimmie until Thursday afternoon then came on down here and havent heard one from word from him or any of them since I left there have written but don't get any answer so write me all about how the Old place is getting on if they did have their party and what it was also the news generally has Ida come home yet? did Ella come with her. how are they all getting on I will close with much love to you all, please dont wait long but write me at once and tell me all the neighborhood news how is Mrs Higin getting on. send letter to care of M. E. Chassereau

Respectfully your true friend
M. L. Chitty

Envelope addressed: Mrs. G. R. Higin
Brag, Georgia

NETTIE

Dublin, Ga.
August the 10th

Dear Grandma

I will try to write you a few lines this morning. We are all well an common Irene all last week could not work any hardly She had a risen on her leg just below her knee and a while manage thought she had erysikelan? in it but after a while all the swelling went away and she got so she can work. I hope you are all well. We seen in the Savannah paper where Edna Moore was dead. has aunt ada Sweet and Lila ever come back yet I went to the sing at Snowhill last Sunday none of the rest went Grandma when are you coming to see us. You said you was coming and we want you to come.

Thursday night was a week ago. We had a big wind and rain and it blowed down our big plum tree. and then yesterday evening it blowed it nearly straight again.

Ethel Grinstead and Mr. George Burney married last Wednesday was a week ago there were no one there but Mr & Mrs Grinstead and the Freacher. Emma and Enda was to idas and they went home Friday and Ida came with them She went back Friday we will send the picture some time soon.

I will have to close write soon and tell me when you are coming. Love to you and the rest.

Nettie Thagard

Nettie Thagard was the granddaughter of George Robbins and Julia Ann Beasley Higin.
APPENDIX

BULLOCH COUNTY LAND RECORDS

Bulloch County, GA Plat Recorded in Book G Page 112 Surveyed on Dec. 19-20, 1853. Certified by William Lee, Jr. and Adam Jones CSBC. Part of original Grant of Joseph Cone on April 6, 1794.
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| 1860 Residence of James Hagin is not in the Bulloch County Census and is unknown. He served during the War Between the States. |

**Bulloch County Census Records for 1860 and 1870 were used to identify many people mentioned in the Hagin/Beasley Letters.**
SPECIAL ORDER

Hd Ors Ist Brigade G M (Q M?)

I Captain (T or F) R Huss? Company F 2nd

Regiment together with all the officers and men of said company
Wereby furloughed to proceed with their arms and accoutrements
to the County of Bulloch there to remain till further orders.

II Immediately on arriving in said County the officers in
command of this company will have collected and placed in some
secure place all public arms and accoutrements in said county
for transportation to the proper officer.

III The officers and men of this Company will hold themselves
in readiness to report promptly when called out by the Gov or
the Major General Girard. (Command?)

IV When called out the officers and men of this Company are
espresly required to carry out the provisions of Gen Orders No
23 from Div Hd Ors and to Order 121 from Brigade Hd Ors dated
respectively Jan 6th and 9th under which details were sent home
to hunt up absentees.

C WATKINS? Adj

By Command of

Col F. R. Will??

?? (Illegible)

(COPY OF ORDERS GIVEN TO MEN IN THE UNIT OF GEORGE ROBBINS
HAGIN WHEN THEY WERE FURLoughed TO BULLOCH COUNTY.)
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POSTSCRIPT
"I noticed on an old record book of the ordinary's office this quaint old minute, dated Statesboro, Ga., Monday Dec. 5th, 1864: "This being the day set apart by law for holding the court of the Ordinary; but the Yankees was here and have burned the court house and there will be no court held today."
(Signed) David Beasley, Ordinary"
From "What I remember About Sherman's Raid through Bulloch County" by W. H. Cone in Life in Old Bulloch by Dorothy Brennen. Cone credits Ordinary David Beasley with saving the public records of Bulloch County when Sherman passed through.