

Leach Creek Washington County August 23rd 1824

Children

Having not received any letter from you since May was a year now, which makes me uneasy I wrote you an answer soon after I got it as you said something about bills coming in here last fall in October. But as he did not nor having yet come nor no letter giving any reason for his not coming. And also I was up at Blounts Dille last May court there and saw Walter James who informed me that William Jones had wrote to his father in law that Isaac Jones and Zachary Jones were both dead, with your neglect and the news I hear from your State gives us great uneasiness of mind about you all.

I believe in my last I mentioned that Ben Wilson had sold his plantation here and crossing here with us last summer, which he did for the want of the man who bought not paying him. And last winter he went down to where he live to look at the cuntry and said he liked it very much. But before he moved he was taken sick over the river at W^m Lyons Store and did not get home alive again. He died the 2^d day after he left home at a house on the road home - on the 16th of January 1824. But before he died he had fitted up Bilys old cabin and had got into it and Blaskes lives in it now and his children and has tended the field this summer. But

his son so the oldest was taken sick last fall with what
I believe to be the nervous fever and lay almost all winter
nearly bed ridden. But in this spring past his fever fel
into one of his thighs and has drawn his thigh up so that
he cannot walk without a stick and then in making
his steps it brings his head down as low as his waist
But the fever left his body when it fel into his thigh
so that Clarche has had and I suppose she will still
have a very troublesome time, and the man who purchas
ed the place stil fails to make payment for it, but
Clarche and the rest of his children have worked hard
this summer, and it appears that she will not get
much, for we had here last spring so very wet a
time that it drowned almost all that got planted
as soon as the wet season was over it set in with
such a drowth that there appears the worst prospect
for corn in this neighborhood I believe I ever saw.
She has been talking of buying Bill, twenty acres
here if he and she could agree about it, therefore
she wants him to come and see us if it would
suit him, she and the rest of his children are as
well as they commonly are

Soon after or about the time I wrote my last
letter to you I had some information about a
county of land from the state of Virginia to me for
my services in the revolutionary war, and the man
who gave me the information has been writing
to his friends at Chillicothe about it and have got
an account that there has been draw 2666 $\frac{2}{3}$ acres

in my name and for the rank I bore in that Service
which warrant was sold by a man of the name of Abraham
stated to be the son of Joseph Britton & was
Britton to a Col^o John Evans in or near Chillicothe I
am about to try to make it appear that I am the
Joseph Britton that served in the revolutionary war
and if I can get my business accomplished I have
some expectation that if I should live and have my
health I probably will be out into the State of
Ohio, but at this time am not able to say when

I left here yesterday was a week ago and
said he left all at home well, we have not had
any account from David D, lately only there
is an old Gentleman who has a suit in one of
the courts in west Tennessee who had been there
last winter and was sick some few days and
while sick near Sparta David saw him he saise
and talked of coming here with him, but he did
not call for him and neither do nor we have had
no account of him since

If it doth not suit bill to come in here I wish
him or you some of you to write and let it here
whether any thing is the matter or why we are
all so forgotten by you all,

I have mentioned the bad prospect for corn
this season I understand the bad prospect reaches
down below Knoxville and up the country
farther than I have any account. But I say
that about where he lives the prospect is good

I must make this letter serve for all of you. tel Mr John
B. Fass I wish to see him and Peggy but at all events
I want to hear from them, Also give my respects to the
Sister Belley Jones and the widows of Isaac and Lachael
and their children, And I conclude by wishing to be
remembered to all inquiring friends, And your Mother
is as she generally is as to health Beckey Nancy and
Vansand is also as usual Abraham wont stay with
me but has his washing done here and I have not heard
him complain as to health, I have my own health as
well as I generally have but feel the weakness of Age
not able to do much

I am dear Children
an aged father
Joseph Britton

Wagonville St.
Aug. 25

Samuel Jones

William Britton

Springfield

MS 17

Samuel & Mary Jones
William Britton
John B. Fass