

Talleburg Ohio Feb. 25th 1878

To

Mr. Eli Varner

of the) Dear sir your letter
of the 10th inst. was duly received a few days
since it found us all in tolerable health
all things considered and hoping when this
reaches you it will find you enjoying a season
portion of health. as it is the first letter I have
ever received from you and you wanted me
to give you all the news of importance. The
letter that you stated your sister Jane wrote was sent
about one year ago and the reason it was not answered
was this we could not make any thing out of it
because it was so poorly written. Your grandmother
Varner died the 22nd day of July 1877 after a protracted
illness of nearly 18 months. She was 89 years old when she died
I am in my 87th year since last September and am
not very well this winter I have the rheumatism in
my limbs so at times that I can hardly get about
and have had a very bad cough nearly all winter
Your Aunt Louisa McQueen is living with me and keeps
house for me since Grandmother died your Uncle
Elias Varner is very poorly not expected to live many
weeks he has the consumption and has been running
down in health for several years he lives about 8 miles west

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PART 2 OF OLD PETER VARNERS LETTER

your aunt Emma she lives about 3 miles from here she
 married a man by the name of James Davis she is the
 youngest sister of your mother. your aunt Sidney John
 or Varners your fathers sister has been dead about 25 years she
 died in Monroe county this state she has ^{eight} ~~seven~~ children
~~living yet~~ ^{of them} ~~all but one~~ far from here about 10 miles
~~west of~~ ^{of} ~~Shirley~~ ⁱⁿ ~~Monroe~~ ^{this state}
 your Uncle Peter Varners has been dead 14 or 15 years he has
 2 children living she live close here your Uncle Carson has
 been dead 15 or 16 years he has 5 children living they all
 live not far from here all married but 2 your Aunt
 Louisa has 4 children all married Part of them live not
 far from here one of them live in Monroe abt 40 miles
 another lives in Henry abt 100 miles distant your
 aunt Eline has 4 all living one married your aunt Mary
 Ann Rabe lives here 2 months one year last fall
 she went back to Missouri and we have not heard
 from her since you probably know more about
 your aunt Susan Hull than I do. I want you to
 write and tell me how much land your father owned
 when he died tell me all about this affairs will
 he died and what was done with it if you ever come
 find I convenient to make us a visit I would like you
 do so that you stated that poor one legged man has a
 poor chance to make a living I want you to tell
 me how you are crippled and all about it. It has
 been a tolerable open winter here ~~you may~~ ~~old~~
 weather the thermometer has not been more than
 10 degrees below zero and but a short time at that
 Well as I have told you all of any importance I will do
 By Requesting you to write soon
 St. Louis Mo. 11th Mo. #11

PETER VARNER BOTTOM OF LETTER 1 & 2

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 By Requesting you to write soon
 From your Grandfather Varner
 To E. Varner
 and all concerned

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(Address as before)

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down in health for several years he lives about 8 miles east
 of our home post office address is Ullica Siding or this all the
 rest of your Uncle on your fathers side are dead you wanted to

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