

Clayton Rhodes

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Sent: Tuesday, December 24, 2002 10:12 AM
Subject: RE: Cater letters

Clayton:

You're welcome.

I borrowed the originals of those letters from Jewell Cater Hallmark in Harpersville. She still lives on the land owned by the area Caters, e.g. Francis Porcher Cater. I'll mail scanned copies to you when I'm back in Washington.

Happy holidays to you and yours.

Best regards,

Lee

*Lee's reply to my thanks for
the letters.*

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Sent: Monday, December 23, 2002 10:40 PM
Subject: Letter to Francis Porcher Cater (1826-1884) from Silas Bohun Cater (1813-1877)

Letter to Francis Porcher Cater (1826-1884) from Silas Bohun Cater (1813-1877)

Wetumpka December 27th 1857

Dear Frank

I sincerely hope that this will find yourself, with Father, and all of your family well. With the exception of Julia, we are all in usual health. This day week Julia was poorly in the forenoon, but felt so much better in the evening that she concluded to walk to Church with my Wife and self. On returning she showed some symptoms of fatigue, but did not complain a great deal. She went to bed soon after returning. About mid night she roused us up by wrapping on the floor over head. My wife was up and found her quite ill. I immediately went to work to assist her, and sent for a Physician. She came very near going off. Her heart would cease to beat, and her pulse would stop and vitality would almost cease. This continued at intervals for more than an hour. Finally she was relieved, but she has been much reduced from the severity of the attack, and this is the first day since that she has been able to leave her Chamber. Poor Julia. I fear that some of these violent paracisms will take her off.

I sent up Father's Pants, and Drawers by Wm. Hunters Waggon. This was the only chance I had. They will be left at Hunter's Mill.

I hope that you have all spent a pleasant time of late. I have had a good deal to attend to but have had a good deal of annoyance and am not making money enough to pay for my time and trouble. I hope that Business may improve towards Spring. The Cotton market is still quite fluctuating. Last week the market was from 9½ to 9.90. Many farmers are holding on for higher rates and will not sell, and a general feeling of disappointment pervades the whole community.

Father and I Give our love to Sister Caroline
 x all the family.

Your affectionate Brother
 Silas B. Cater