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Dear Cousin Florence: -

You will be surprised to hear from me after our long silences. I hope you and your sisters are well and enjoying life.

I am well but extremely busy. My dear father is still with me, but is very feeble. I dress him every morning and he comes to table for his meals, by holding to objects as he walks. He told a caller yesterday that he was old and fading away. I think that expresses the situation very well. He is fairly comfortable - not nervous, and never complains. He seems serene and contented. And his mind is clear as ever, so I have many things to be thankful for. Father is now $87\frac{1}{2}$ years old. He has lived such a clean honorable life.

I must tell you now how thrilled I'm

been for two or three weeks. I finally found a young Jordon cousin in Kansas City, Mo. who had inherited my great grandfather, Benjamin Jordon's, family Bible. I asked for a loan and he sent it to me. My great grand mother was Sarah Thirza Polhill. They put the births, marriages, and deaths of their parents in also so I found the date of birth of my great-great grand mother, Thirza Eliza Lawton. I remember that you wrote asking me for that date once. I wonder if you found it? Here it is, Thirza Eliza Lawton born Sept. 17, 1787. She was born at Black Swamp the Bible says - I suppose on the Mulberry Grove plantation. I am having certified copies of this Bible record made. Father has enjoyed seeing this old Bible, for he remembers his grand father well.

Please write to us. It does Father so much good to hear from some one in South Carolina. Write soon. Love, Lily Steph