

checked love, but  
retired from Florida  
they were Jack & family  
Dear Annie Julia &  
Annie, We are  
having a very  
happy morning  
with other news,  
Send Bye  
your love  
Dad

Atlanta, Ga. March 20  
69 Highland Ave.

Your truly acceptable letter came to me on Sat. aft., & before I proceed any further, I will draw your attention to the heading of this, you will see our address is changed, the agent would not repair our back fence, & we wanted to plant the garden, therefore we must have only one block from where we were, we have more room here, & pay less rent, I am right next to Maggie Wood, we often carry on a conversation, each standing at our bed room windows, the Reddie Millinghams live across the street. I do not remember anything about the arrangement between Mother and Mr. O about the town property, but Mr. O says I must write you, that he bought the house & lots from Mother and paid taxes for them up to the time she was Legum, and that he sold his claim on them, to Mr. Croft, Now Addie you know how strange your Uncle is about some things, & I am going to be candid with you when I asked him to explain to me about the house & lots, so that I could write you exactly how it was, he refused ever so many times, and said he didnt want to be mixed up in any kind of law suit, and would go to tell me



anything to write you, but after waiting until  
this afternoon, I insisted on his telling me what  
to write, & he told me what I have written.  
now I will tell you what I remember about  
~~the transaction~~ with Croft, as near as I  
can remember, he sold the house & lots  
to Mr. C. for \$250.00 (as I told him  
he gave it to him) the Durban lot which  
was an inferior lot, bought \$700.00 at the  
same time, I always told your Uncle that  
I knew just from what he told me, that  
Croft was a villain, he insisted on Mr. C's  
staying with him & not going to Mrs. James  
Krupp's, as he had promised me to do, & as  
soon as he got there he made a hot  
whiskey punch & gave it to your Uncle to  
drink, that is where the trouble came in,  
you will understand what I mean, it is a  
~~hard thing to write that way about one's~~  
husband, but he is your Uncle, & I know it  
will not be repeated, & you see that ac-  
counts for Croft getting it at his own  
price, by your Uncle's account he kept him  
supplied with something to drink all the  
time he was there, he took it for  
kindness, but as soon as I found it I knew  
he had done it to serve his own purposes,  
I wish he could be made to pay well  
for it or give it up, I am not ashamed  
to confess that every time I think of it,  
it shakes my blood vessels. Thursday morn-  
ing got so dark last one. I had to stop, but will  
try and finish this before time to put on dinner.



If Juddie could see Mr. Elliott again & let  
him know how it is I would be ever so  
much obliged to him, as Mr. A. had seem in-  
clined to do anything, but I think if he had  
an idea we ~~would~~ get anything, he would  
be more interested, he got me to write to  
Mr. Elliott about the place Jenkins, & ask  
him to do what he could, to recover all  
that was possible for it, I wrote him a  
correct statement of that, telling him of  
the heirs who had claims on it &c. I  
asked him to address his letters to Mr.  
O. instead of me, as I had written by  
his request, Mr. O. was in Wash. D. C. at  
the time, but we have not heard from  
him since, he wrote me two letters before  
that, offering to do any thing he could  
for us, with pleasure, as he is a lawyer  
he would be the best one to attend to it,  
& if Juddie or yourself could see him & just  
state the case to him, & put every thing  
in his hands, I would thank you, You know  
dear Addie how much we must needs pay,  
I have to be compelled to accept of every  
cent I have from my children, some of  
them have families of their own & need  
the money for themselves. You have never  
written me, how you came to me to get  
the surplus tax money, & what the taxes  
were on, &c. I would like to hear. Do you  
think we will ever get anything of our estate &c.



I think I have made every thing clear to you now,  
so just drive about & do the best you can for  
us & yourself too, I am glad you saw Paul, he  
used to be a good boy, tell him I send my  
kind regards to him & to Cupid too, I do  
not know who Robert is, (write us) Paul  
is about ~~40~~ years old, tell him I lost all  
of their ages that I had written down,  
they were lost in our Beaumont house, but  
I know about how old he is by Rob's  
age, he is about 10 years older than Rob.  
I am so glad dear Addie that you have  
pleasant neighbors, & hope that God will  
bless & prosper you & yours, hope your little  
one is better, Gen Emma L. & myself correspond  
regularly, she wrote me that dear Lister was  
better, Julie Williamson has been here too, & she  
lives across the street from me, they have a  
lovely home, Douglas writes, that if Le does not  
change his mind before about the 30<sup>th</sup> <sup>can</sup> he  
is going to 'step off', Le is to marry Miss  
Florence Davis, I have never seen her, but hear  
she is a very sweet sweet girl, he will  
take her to the Washie Clark home to live where  
he has been living for a year or so, have every  
thing fixed up nicely, all of the children  
here are well, I have not time to go into  
particulars today, All join me in sending  
much love to each & all, this copyist sends  
very much in New Orleans, she has a good  
time generally, plenty of money, but I can't say  
too poor kind, she still gives Olive all she  
wants &c. says her Mrs. Cook & Mrs. Stone & Aunt