

in our circumstances - able
to lay by every year some-
thing for "a rainy day" or in
other words for the time,
(should it ever come) when
~~then~~ I should be unable
to work - or if my dear
wife should be left a
widow - She is young
but never than I am -

Now, give our love
to your wife and children
tho' we have never seen them
and tell your Father and
Mother that we never forget
them, nor cease to remember
them in our prayers

Write to me again and
believe me yours affectionately
W. H. McGuffey -

10/4/72
#169
Written to T.C. Harris
Staunton Va. Nov 4th 72

My dear nephew -

We are exceedingly obliged
to you for your kind letter so
full of information dated 15th
of Sept -

We rejoice that your
Parents (our brother and
sister) at their good old
age enjoy so much health
and comfort and that you
and your wife and children
are all well - Right of them!
Well you are quite a patriarch
tho' comparatively a young man
What is your Father's
Do - ? still North Washington?

We had heard of the
Shenandoahs of Dr E P Thomas
Indeed we saw his card
in a Shenandoah paper - Well!
he is a "green fellow" - that's
certain - He has superior talents

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to: nephew (T.C. Harris)
from: W.H. McGuffey - U. of Va.
October 4, 1872 (169)

I should like to visit the
old Homestead in Cortsville -
for if the old settlers are
mostly dead - the places
remain the same

I am pleased to learn
that, with you, times are good
How strange that when
I lived in Cortsville nobody
suspected that there was either
coal or iron to any extent in
the county - tho both were
under our feet in abundance.

My Family consists of
my second wife, Laura
Howard - one of the best of
women - Solomon says that
"a good wife is from the Lord"

I have had two of the very
best - better than I deserved -

I have only two children
living, and four grand
children - Two Stewarts -

My children and two
Hepburns Henriettas children
on Stewart, Miss Wash
and died on the 26th of Sept
They resided (as you probably
know) in Dayton Ohio - the
lives Mary and the child
are "well off" - Mr Hepk
urn (Henrietta's husband) is
President of Miami University.

They have two children

Hepburns address is "Oxford
Ohio" - My own family is
only, your sister Louisa and
myself - she has plenty to
eat and plenty to wear, and
her health is upon the
whole comfortable and mine
is perfect - I hardly experience
from year to year any
physical discomfort neither
toe heek nor corns on my
toes - she are comfortable