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MC073: Folder 47: Carolyn Palmer to Thomas Sharp Palmer 1885 September 19

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Granville Ohio

Sept 19th '85

Dear Uncle,

Your letter took me completely by surprise, and you may guess that it was an agreeable one. I did not expect anything more for at least six months yet. Although I have been kept on rather low diet lately as to my financial affairs, yet I know it has done me a vast amount of good. It doesn't make much difference whether I have much or little, it all goes the same way, I can't keep money and there is no use in trying, cant even keep a five cent piece about me for seed. So I give all my money into uncle Macy's hands, and then have to ask him for every cent I want, I am ashamed to be asking all the time, and so dont spend so very much. If it wasn't for this I would not have a penny to bless myself with. I am ashamed to confess this to you but it is the sad truth. I think it is a very unfortunate disposition, and anyone who has it is to be pitied. You people who are naturally economical dont know how to sympathize with use who are not. Cousin Bessie is married to a nice planter in Georgia. She writes me glowing descriptions of him and his home, which is only a few miles from Savannah. She says he was one of the wealthiest men in the sate before the war, but like the rest of them, lost a great deal. He is thirty two years old, and she is only eighteen, I hope the poor child will be happy, for she was far from it at home. I believe it would take an angel to get along comfortably with her mother, and if she will only let her alone I think she will get along nicely.

Aunt Anna is in Farmers City Ill. You need not write to her with any hope of getting an answer for very unlikely she will go a year and a half without answering, as she served us once. Uncle and aunt have been visiting at grandpa's for a week, and will stay a week longer. I am keeping old maid retreat, in their absence. Will send you one of my photographs, they are considering very good likenesses of me. My health is pretty good now, with the exception of my eyes, they trouble me very much.

Give my love to all your family. Tell cousin Etta I would like to correspond with her.

Carrie Palmer.