State of Miss. Jasper County

July the 17, 1854

Dear father

I embrace this opportunity of wrighting to you to let you know that we are all well at this time hoping this may find you the same. We got to Jasper on the 19 of June after traveling one month and 19 days. We all landed safe. I am stisfide (satisfied) with the country but should be better stisfide if you were all here. It seems lonesome all tho I have friends.

Our oxen give out tha (they) begin to fail before we crost the Miss. River and father left us at Leaf River and hope (helped) us on. The land hunters found no place to move to but father and three of his brothers is gone at this time to Lousana to look them places and has not come back yet. They left home on the fourth of July. Some of them talked of crossing the Miss River but father says if ever he crosses the Miss again he will be compeld to it. This country seems strange to me the hils is so high it looks strange. I went to church in Clark County on the first sabeth in July and I saw some of the largest hills.

Easter Jane has got three teeth and can stand alone. I have learnt to spin. I have spun on the wheel and on

the machine. Give my respects to grand father and mother and uncle and aunt and all the children. I want grand father and mother to see the leter (letter) and I want all of you to wright to me as soon as you get this letter and direct your leter to Davisville postofis Jasper County. I will come to a close. I remain your affectionate Daughter until death.

Margaret Ann Cooley

To Mr. Jackson Butts - Bear den P.O. , Texas

Handwritten. Postmark Davisville, Miss. July 1854.