

Oxford Fla

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Dear Mother, Bro & Sister

I reced the Bean seed you sent me some time ago and have planted some of them and they are coming up nicely. I have not got land yet and dont think I will before fall I want to see how we like through the summer here. It is delightful through the winter & spring but I dont know how it will be through the summer. though people say it is pleasant always a good breeze. We are on the Peninsula about 60 miles from the Atlantic Ocean and 30 from the Gulf of Mexico

It is claimed to be the healthiest  
 spot of Aila. We are all enjoying  
 fine health. Ella is better off  
 than she has been in years  
 Bay is the healthiest Bay in the  
 World. Raising the horse and play-  
 ing with the calf. We have a very  
 good crew get plenty of Milk  
 and Butter and will soon have  
 plenty of Beans and Irish Potatoes  
 People here would have been shipping  
 Beans and long since ten days ago  
 got for a light frost about 5th  
 of March that killed beans and  
 peas and everything of the kind  
 and people had to plant again  
 which makes everything very late  
 The old saying says it is very un-  
 usual to have frost that late.  
 Tomatoes Watermelons cucumbers  
 and many other things of that  
 kind are now in bloom.

We have a very nice Garden? will  
 soon have Beans Peas and Irish  
 Potatoes. Walter and I have 16  
 acres in corn besides our truck  
 patches. We have plowed over  
 a part of our corn? some of it  
 nearly half by high. We pay  
 one dollar and fifty cents per  
 acre rent. The land here is not  
 as productive as in North Ga  
 but you can cultivate so much  
 more? one man and horse can  
 cultivate 20 or 25- or 30 acres.  
 The land is all sandy and worse.  
 The nicest you ever saw  
 will make from ten to fifteen  
 bushels corn per acre.

People here depend more on  
 Melons and Vegetables for  
 a money crop than any thing  
 else. These things grow  
 finely here.

The notes here do not seem to be  
 as energetic as they are further North  
 though they are a very kind  
 clever set of people!  
 We live in a little town on the  
 F & P R R 125 miles South

of Jacksonville. We have  
 3 churches a good school  
 2 stores and a P office.  
 People plant fields of melons  
 here like they do corn and  
 cotton in North Ga. I can't tell  
 yet how we will like the country  
 until we have tried it through  
 one crop so I have decided

we will like. I will send you  
 in a package some  
 Melon seed. The white seed  
 are what they call the Florida  
 favorite and the dark seed  
 is what they call the blue and  
 I would send you more but  
 people were short. We will have