

Batesville

September 20 '84

Dear Aunt Julia:

I have been wanting to write to you for some time but have been so very busy. I haven't really had time. I hope you are well. We attended district meeting last week at Gridway and would have enjoyed it very much if the weather had not been so terribly hot, then I had a spell of sick headache and had to come home earlier than we intended. Of course, you have heard of cousin Maria's death which occurred just one week ago yesterday. She became unconscious and \_\_\_\_\_ a week before she died. I sat with her part of the night before. It is wonderful to think how long she remained in a dying condition. Willie reached here the day before she died and seemed almost frantic with grief. Poor child! What a pity she could not have come sooner. The remains were buried in Americus. Mrs. Gorman, Misses Bettie & Annie came two weeks ago and I believe will remain for some time. Brother L is still in Florida don't know when he will be home. Mother spoke of going down to see you this week but she has been quite unwell and the roads have been washed so b the late rains as to render them almost impassable. I am sorry she missed seeing Mrs. Valetti, she ws so anxious to see her before she left. I am sorry too that I did not see her when I was in town fully .....