

White Oaks Cove May the 2nd 1849

My Dear Sone

I received your letter by Bill on last Monday evening and was truly glad to hear from you. I have sent you a good Cow by Bill onley She is in bad order and by taking care she will give a good chance of milk and when she gives out in the way of milk send and get another. You say you want George and want me to deal candidley with you about him. I will say that I can't spare him, if I can posabley help it if I can't get a long with out you shall have him and when I see Woodfin I will know more about it. I hope I will get my money from the west sometime this sumer or fall and if I doe that will make me safe I told Mr. Woodfin at our court that I wanted to mortgage property suffish and to seaunie my securities at least double the amont and not knowing the amount he said he would let me know at McDowell Court when and whare He would take it I was very mutch in hope I would have seen you at McDowell Court whare we could have understood all things fulley. I have nothing worth communicating to you we are verrey backward with our crops it has been so wet we could doe nothing in the way of farming. I have unley about half of my crop planted as yet and we have been every day and my ground two wet to plant if I had more time you as qeine [?] if I can't goe over from Court and see you there is nothing would give me more pleasure than see you and Sarah and my Dear little sone you say he has not gotten entirely over the measles now William my sone be carefull of him and don't let him be exposed until he is entirely recovered. I have suffered more with in the last three weeks with my old disease than all the time I have lived in Yancey put together I have had it slightly since February but not so bad until within the last 3 weeks.

Give my kind love to Sarah and tell her if she pleases to kiss my Dear little sone for me and tell my Daughter Catherine that her old father wants to see her as there is nothing in this world affords me half of the pleasure that the sight of my Dear Children give my love to all my Friends and say to aunt Dealia I would be very glad to see here and Dr. Hardy Tell my Friend Jessey Smith howdy and say I would like to see him in Yancy again and accept for yourselfe the best wishes of your Father.

J. McDowell