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My dear little niece:

Today I have
thought of you many
times. O, I do wish
that I could get a
pair of those luck

kisses that you and
Little Florida gave
me. We are having
very warm weather.

I am fond of summer
but this is too warm.
on the train I get
a breeze but very hot
and dusty.

Louise, I am

very pleased to hear that you are
doing so nicely in school and if
you will accept when you finish
Grammar I will give you a watch
if you have one I will select some
thing else for you I know you
have your Auntie and Grandma
to give to you but I want to re-
member you also Auntie would write
to you oftener but I am lazy that's
my only excuse I have lots of
time, I can write about the same
on the Train as I do. But I think
of you and talk to people about
my nieces frequently. Lots of love
and one hundred kisses for yourself
give one to your Papa, one to your
pretty Mamma. I will expect to hear
great Piano playing from you &
Little Florida tell her so. I also
wish you to say to her I will write
her very soon. Be a good girl.

I am your devoted Aunt
Ellie

P.S. Love from your Uncle Frank.

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She certainly did look sweet
Mrs. Clara White has a boy.
Mrs. Avery has a girl.
Mrs. Wiley lives on Auburn
Ave. with Mrs. Smith.

Tell your mammas Mrs.
Miller says write when she
is able and she is going to
ans. her letter sure.

Thanks ever so much for the
package. It is just what I
wanted. Give my love to all.

Ans. soon.

Your devoted cousin,
Florida

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124 Howell St.,
Atlanta, Ga.,
Dec. 26-1912.

My dear Louise:-

I hope you are
well. I received the package
yesterday. It was the very thing
I wanted. Thanks so much for
it. This Christmas we did
not give any presents, but
next year I hope to send you
one. What did you get for
Christmas? I got some white
silk stockings, a box of pushing

A woman sang at Mr. Estes'.
 We had a beautiful day. Mrs.
 Mr. R. P. Brown's sister Miss
 Daisy Brown is to marry a Dr.
 Baine Dec. 31. They are to live in
 Mt. Sterling, Ky., They are also
 going to stop through Louisville
 on their way home. Miss Nellie
 is to be matron of honor.

Judge has opened an
 office on Auburn Ave. over
 the silver moon Barber shop.

Wasn't it sad about Percy
 Hamilton.

I went to Miss Fisher's
 wedding, it certainly was
 crowded. I could only see
 the tops of the people's heads.

a vanity box, a box of writing
 paper, some pink, and black
 ribbon, a pair of kid gloves,
 some bow pins, a crocketed
 bag, a cream blouse, a broom
 skirt, and some handkerchiefs.

Sister came home Monday
 night and stayed until Thurs-
 day morning.

We went to both moving pictures
 last night. Both were full.
 At Mr. Estes they gave away a
 case of silver last night; to the
 one that had the lucky ticket.
 Some people in front of us got
 it. They have a kind of vande-
 villerow. Daniel Haynes
 sang at Harry's last night.

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Thursday Night, 10:30.

Mamma and papa have just gotten back from Miss White's wedding. They had a double wedding Mr. George White + Miss Minnie Canty married tonight. It was a surprise to every one.

Yours,

Florida.

We are going to have a long vacation this Xmas. From the twentieth to the second. I am anxious for Xmas to come. What is Santa Clause going to bring you?

I got a letter from Clara the day I got the first one from you. She likes Palatka fine.

Did you know Mrs Anton? The lady that lived over Mr. Caters store. They built that little story and a half brick house next to Mrs. Graves. They have been living in their new home only a month, and Mrs. Anton is dead.

124 Howell St.,
Atlanta, Ga.,
Dec. 8-12

My dear Louise:-

I hope you are well. How do you like Louisville? We have had a very bad week. It has been raining all of this week.

We went to Maud's wedding and then came back by the "movies". The wedding was very nice. The bride and bridesmaids looked very sweet. Lillian Pharrow, Jauneta Williams were the bridesmaids. Mammie Raiford was the maid of

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Mrs Dillard's people have not gone yet. They had planned to go on the fifth, but on account of the old man being sick they did not get off. I do not know when they are planning to leave now.

They had rhetorical out to A. W. Friday. I heard they were real good.

Sister is coming home Saturday.

I went to Sunday school today but did not get to church. We are practicing for the Christmas concert. Are you in the concert up there?

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honor. She had on white. The dress Miss Rufford wore to Miss Louises. The other two girls had on pink.

We have not been to the "movies" since Wednesday as the weather has been so very bad. Wednesday night it was fine. We went to the new one.

I certainly am glad we have two colored ones now.

The new one is fixed up very nice. Mr. Estes is off of the road now. He is the manager.

Miss Louise Fisher's imitations are out. She is to marry on the eighteenth of this month.

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just before they moved
upon Howell St., his mother
died. Time they moved in
their new home his grand-
mother was down sick
in the bed. She is sick
still. Mrs. Anton had an
operation performed. She
was at the hospital only
a week. Mr. Anton certainly
has had a host of expenses
lately. His mother is buried,
his wife, the building of
his home and now his grand-
mother is down sick.

Daniel Haynes mother
died about two weeks ago.
She worked up to the
Candler building at

night and took sick
up there.

Mr. Holmes' house is
getting along fine. They
are almost through
with the extension.

How is you mamma?
Tell her I say I hope she
will get better.

My cold is almost well.
Tell Aunt Ophelia when
she gets better she must
write me.

Give my love to all. All
send love!

Excuse bad writing.
Ans. soon.

Your Cousin,

Florida B.

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Dec. 8, 1912

Miss Louise Matthews,

1720 W. Chestnut St.,

Louisville,

Ky.

108 Randolph St
Atlanta, Ga
Dec. 27/1912

Dear Louise,

I received your letter and was very glad to hear from you, I thought you were never going to write.

I certainly do miss you all very much, for we use to spend so many a pleasant night in high-five. Tell Aunt Ophelia when I get ready to make little runs I can't say, "I am going up to Aunt Ophelia", I have to hatch up another excuse.

You said you did not like up there as well as here, but you will soon grow to like it better. How does your mamma like it? Do you know many of the boys and girls of your school? Are they very friendly? I hope you spent

a merry Xmas, I had a very happy one.

All is ^{as} fine as ever. Neddie and I have made up again; we made up about a week after you all left. I gave her a box of candy for a Xmas present. She is sweeter than ever. "Mule" and the rest of the "crowd" have been out for about two weeks but they are making up now with her all except Eloise.

Yes rhetorical were fine and I was with Lillian, but if some one else had been there I would have been with them (If you know who that one is tell me in your letter). Please tell me of your High School. Who is your fellow? Now don't say you hav'nt one because I know you have. All are well here. Give my love to all. Looking for an answer very soon.

From your cousin Chas.

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124 Howell St.,

Atlanta, Ga.

Feb 11-13

Dear Louise:-

How are you?

Wasn't it sad about Aunt Ollie's death. It was a shock to everyone. I certainly will miss her. I suppose you know Papa and Aunt Bodie went. Papa said it was a nice funeral and she had beautiful flowers. Papa came home Sunday night about seven o'clock.

Today has been very bad.

It has been raining
all day.

Dister & Marks will be
home soon. I think they
have already gone in.

I don't have to go up to
North Hall now. I suppose
I will go sometime to see
some of the girls.

They are getting along
fine with Morris Brown.

Some one broke in
Mrs. Ames' house last
week and stole all of
Mr. Ames' clothes, Mrs
Ames' wedding dress
Louella's new suit she
had just bought. They
also broke in Maude
Birch's (Wimberly) house.

I don't know exactly
what they got from her.

Mrs. Cate has been sick
for almost two weeks.

We have a new kind
of bread now Tip Top.

It is very nice and
tastes very much like
home made bread.

Where Davis' barn
used to be a man name
Moore has opened a
store, and a market.

Mrs. Briscoe has a
little girl. They have
not named it yet.

We are very busy
having examinations.

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Mamma says on account
of our trouble she will
remember you later,

Tell Aunt Ophelia I say
I will write very soon.

All send love. Give my
love to all. Ans. soon.

Excuse bad writing as
it is almost dark.

Your cousin,

Florida Beale Phillips

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Tell Aunt Ophelia I
say I will write soon.

Excuse bad writing.
Take all mistakes for
sweet kisses.

Give my love to all.
All send love.

Ans. soon

Your devoted cousin,
Linda.

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124 Howell St.,
Atlanta Ga.,
Mar. 2-1913.

Dear Louise:-

How are you?

I received your letter a
few days ago and was
very glad to hear from
you. I joined the church
today. They received
forty one members. They
have just had revivals.
A man name Mr. Jones
assisted. He was fine.

Saturday they were at home. We went to both. They were fine. Thomas and Russer had on about twelve. They had promised to put on some long picture but on account of it being delayed in Washington they put on about twice as many to make up. Estes-Black had on about four.

Charles and Ellen send love. Mrs Miller also sent love to all of you.

Sister had holiday Friday for Washington's birthday. She came home Friday morning and stayed until Monday morning. Some children came to school Friday that had been absent the day before and did not know about the holiday.

Mrs. A. B. C. Davis has a little girl. Ambrosia and I went to the auditorium last Sunday. It certainly was good.

Sister, Maril, and I went to the "movies" the

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134 Howell St.,
Atlanta, Ga.,
Jan. 19-1913

Dear Louise:-
How are you?
I received your letter a
few days ago. I suppose
you enjoyed yourself
Xmas.
We certainly are having
fine weather, just like
Spring.
I see Easter is coming
early this year on the

Thursday night.

Charlie says he wants to hear from you soon.

The A. W. students are to come out in the city Saturday to the "movies."

It is for the benefit of the Gate City Free Kindergarten. Kindergarten is to get \$5 much of every ticket they sell.

Dol says he will write soon.

Ans. soon. Tell me all the news.

Yours,
Florida.

P.S. Take all mistakes for sweet kisses!

twenty third of March.

Mr. Albert Ford is married, and lives on this street in Mrs. Wiley's house.

Sidney Woodward was out to A. W. Friday night and is to be up to Morris Brown next Friday night.

Mrs. Hunt is in town.

She is stopping at Mrs. Hamilton's. Dorothy was out in the city Saturday.

They have decided for us to take up drawing. Of course I am sorry as I can not draw at all.

Ambrosia's club met around to her house

Your Uncle Frank
has just come in
from the road he
is looking at it. He
says it cannot be
bad. He are both
well. Love to all
say to your mamma
I will answer her
letter. Be a good
girl and think
often of me -

From your devoted
aunt, Allie

P.S. Your Uncle F.
is kicking because
I didn't send his
love, so love from him.
His Present was a Watch Bracelet.



N. Y.
THE LAKE SHORE LIMITED
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Jan - 7th 1913

My dear niece:-

I have just
received your
magnificent gift.
Pardon my delay
in answering
at once, but the
Janitress had
so very much
"New Years" that
she forgot to give
me my packages
of course I had
to excuse her.

Louise, I am quite sure
that I can say and vager,
my nieces are as smart
as any living Children White
or Colored! I did just
as I always ^{do} on receipt of
any present from you
"little girls", kiss it then
shed a few tears, accept
my thanks. It is very pretty.
just the right size, some
are too large. I had a yellow
one made by your Uncle
Frank's niece and to tell
you the truth the shade
did not correspond with
any dress I had. I satisfied
myself by changing the lining
and supposing it to be very
"Frenchy". This one I can wear
with every garment and know
I have just the thing. Lots of
kisses for your dear self

122 Howell St,
Atlanta, Ga.
Dec. 29-13

Dear Louise -

Your token of remembrance was highly appreciated. I had your Xmas present to send but somehow I did not get it off. So I hope you will get it for New Year.

This was a sad Xmas for me but I got through with it much better than I expected.

Mrs. Bates, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Reeves and I went out to Lenox Springs

on Xmas eve and carried the children some things. I carried a box of Florida's clothes and it made me quite happy to see how glad they were to get them.

I planned to go to the Cemetery Xmas day and carry wreaths and flowers but it rained and I had to go on Friday.

I miss little Florida but God saw fit to take her and I know he does all things for the best.

I should like so much to see all of you. It

seems ages since you
went away.

Aphelia sends love. She
says thank your mother
for the stockings she
sent her.

Tell your grandma
I received her letter
and will answer soon.

With love to all
Your devoted,
Aunt Florida.

to-day. You know
I never was a sewer
like you and Florida,
infact mamma always
made every thing for
me.

Excuse writing
and take all mistakes
for kisses. Give
my love to all.

Sincerely,
Ophelia

1227 Howell St.,
Atlanta, Ga.,
Aug. 3, 1914.

Dear Louise: -

I sent you the
pink slip to ^{wear} under
the dress if you
like it. I liked it
better with the
slip. I hope you
will not have to
alter it very much.
I also sent you

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you to do a favor for
me and try to find
out what you think
she will like. Perhaps
you could suggest
something your self.

I hope she will
like the coffee holder,
although it is not
exactly like mamma's
was.

I have got to
make me a dress

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some braid pins.
I don't guess they'll
make you look too
grown, will they?

What are you going
to give your mam-
ma for her birth-
day? I haven't been
up town yet, but
perhaps she will
enjoy my present a
little better. I want

122 Howell St.,
Atlanta, Ga.,
Feb. 14, 1915.

My dear Louise: -

I am sending
you a small token,
just to let you
know that I am
thinking of you on
your birthday.

Just to think,
you are "Sweet
Sixteen," I can't
realize it. Just
four more years
and you will be
out of your teens.
Don't consider

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this ~~as~~ a birthday
present, your birth-
day present and
your graduating
present will come
to-gether.

Tell Aunt Ophelia
I certainly enjoyed
her letter and will
answer real soon.

Wishing you
a very Happy
Birthday.

With love to
all.

Ophelia.

122 Howell
Atlanta, Ga

Feb 14¹ 15

Miss F. Louise Matthews
Louisville
1720 W. Chestnut St. Ky

teaching in ⁽⁴⁾ Decatur.

I'm going to write you another letter real soon. It is about time for me to eat my breakfast now.

With much love to all. Thanking you again for the flowers.

Take all mistakes for kisses. Loving G. Phelps

122 Howell St,
Atlanta, Ga.,
Sept. 11, 1916.

My dear Louise:-

I appreciated you remembering Mamma's birthday so much. I do wish you could have seen how sweet the flowers looked. Sol and I carried them out yesterday

Pauline⁽³⁾, the daughter that stayed with him was not able to attend the funeral.

Hennie Mae Chairs is our sup. Juliet Wimby is a sup. but at present she is teaching in Alice Greenwood's place. She has been very sick. Mae is

morning.⁽²⁾ Many, many thanks.

I am about ready to begin my year's work, although as yet I have not realized it. School opens this A. M.

Mr. Connally was buried yesterday.

122 Howell
Atlanta,

Sept 11, 1916

Miss J. Q. Matthews,
1720 W. Chestnut St.,
Louisville, Ky.

122 Howell St.,
Atlanta, Ga.,

Aug. 2, 1916.

My dear Louise:-

Hope you are quite rested by now. I guess I am but I really don't feel rested. I am planning to take a tonic and see how I'll feel then.

Papa and I have just finished playing dimmy whist. I happened to beat and at present am ahead

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of him.

I have a telephone now, so next year we won't have to worry any body with notes we can talk.

I am sending Aunt O. a small package. Hope she'll receive it. O.K. Tell her that Rachel Boyde's mother of Athens is dead.

I have or am getting lazier daily. I'll really be glad

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when school opens (and
want it to close the
next month).

Please write to
me real soon and
try to write you a
letter that you can
read; also a newsy
one.

Give all my
love. Tell Aunt D.
to take all mistakes
for birthday kisses or
rather you give them
to her. I think I
have made several

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and am too sleepy
to see and correct
them.

With much
love for yourself.
Ophelia.

Friday Eve,
[16 April 1916]

Dear Louise: -

I was sorry
I couldn't come out
and bring you to
town, but Wed.
was the only after
noon that I didn't
have an engagement.

Precious is
rather high. I have
another dress-maker
that is very reason-
able.

I thought I
would have seen
you tonight.
Can the dresses
be sent, you all
explaining exactly
what you want
done? Would
you like to
come to town
Tuesday? I can't
get out there
before. Lovingly,
Aphelia

122 Howell St.
City.



Miss F. L. Matthew
Atlanta Univ.
City.

122 Howell St,
Atlanta, Ga,
Mar. 31, 1918.

My dear Louise,

Hope you are O.K.

Do you remember what you told
me, the night of the Musical?
Write me how they found out etc.
when you have time.

When have you been
down to Grace's? Ask her when
she has heard from Carl the
next time you see her please

I haven't heard from him in a long
time. Do you ^{know} their number?

Mrs. Cater & I went out to
the cemetery this A. M. and
carried Easter Lilies. Did you
get an Easter hat, dress, etc.?
I heard about one of your all's
fellows and his Easter outfit.

When you have time send
me a note by Lucy, Major or
Jimmie Freeman.

Love to Willie.

Lovingly,
Aphelia.

ha! ha! I'm not
joking either. You all
don't seem to realize
that you are in school
and I am making my
own _____. You must
think I'm mighty
cheap ha! ha!
I ~~was~~ was invited to
a party tonight, but
didn't feel well enough to
go. With love,
Aphelia

c. 1918?

Wednesday 7.

[1918]

Dear Louise :-

I wanted to come
out and bring you
all some of my cake
Fri., but I had to go
to the doctor. My
face was in a criti-
cal condition, now
my chest is the
same way. Dr. S. says

some writing paper
as I need it. Please
thank her for me.

I will get some-
thing for you for me,
Many thanks.

Any time you
all want to come out
let me know. I'm
not coming for though
unless you let me
manage the case -

it is humor in my
blood.

Child, why didn't
you and Willie just
send me a Xmas card,
you know I know
about having so
many presents to
give. Tell Willie
though I was
hoping some one
would give me

1120 W Chest, St

April 20th 1918.

Louisville Ky.

My dearest little Sully, or Louise.

Grand Mother has been trying to write to you for the longest, but Phyllis takes all of my time, well some of us feels altogether well, but we are up, Ophelia is out but has a touch of sniff, but she is at the unist this after noon. your Papa's appetite is very good, so that keeps him on his feet. Well Louise the times are so very hard now and we all think the worst is yet to come.

Now above all things do not forget to pray for the Cup of wickedness.

and we are living in and off full time. your papa prays for you daily.

and Grand Mother never forgets to plead for you, and I think your Mother does the same but I don't hear her prayers. Now my dear little girl always pray and seek

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After wisdom from the Lord
and He will lead you right.
Study your bible and learn of
the Lord the true way so you
can be ready when He calls for
you. Now I am sending you
some little reading points do trace
them to the bible and see what
they mean. Grandmother would not
tell you to do any thing but that
which is right. My love to Miss
Nozee, and Miss Shepard. Why -
don't you send Lou Anderson a
card. All sends love to you.

Lovingly your Grandmother,
A. B. Beale.