

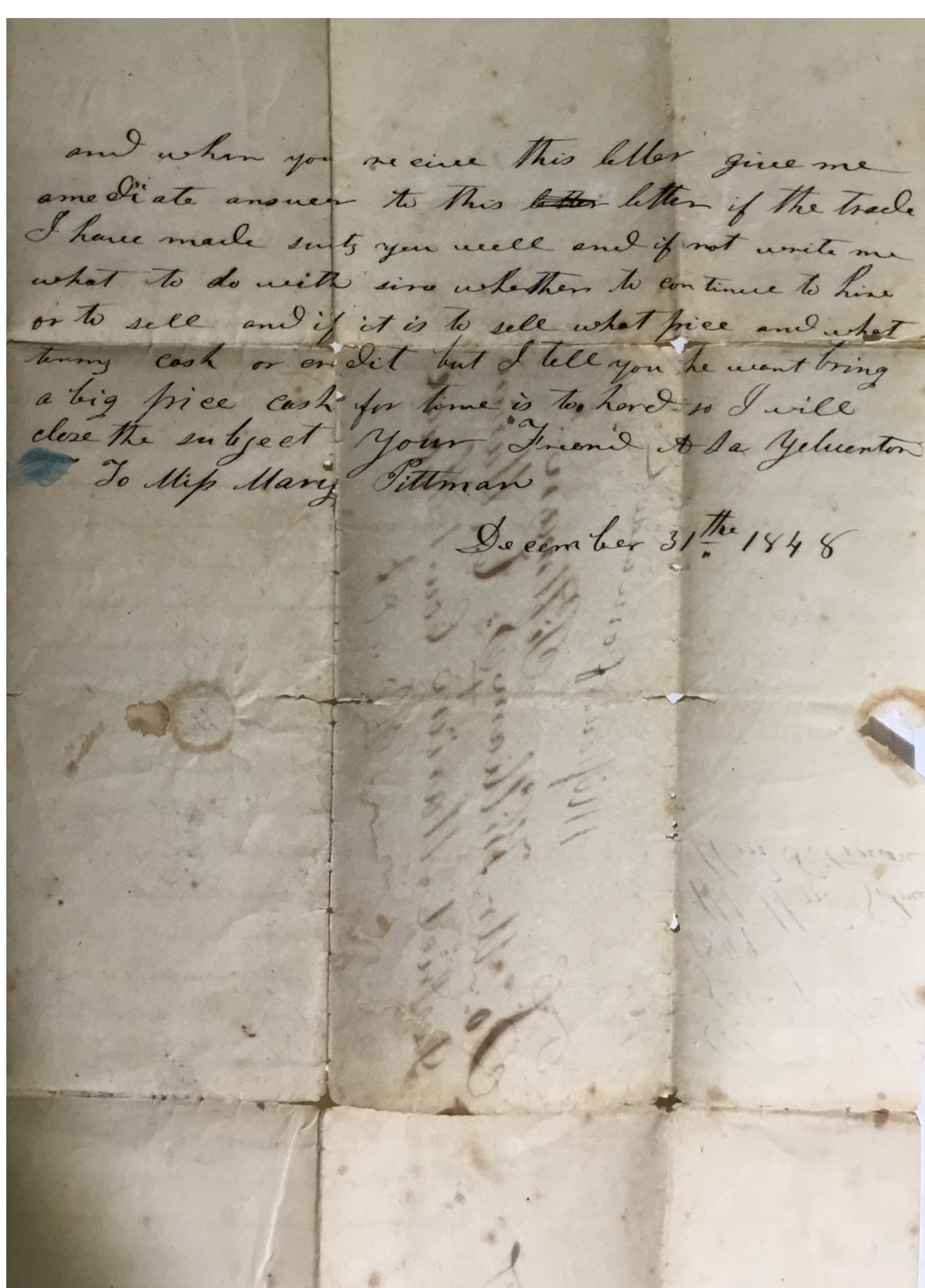
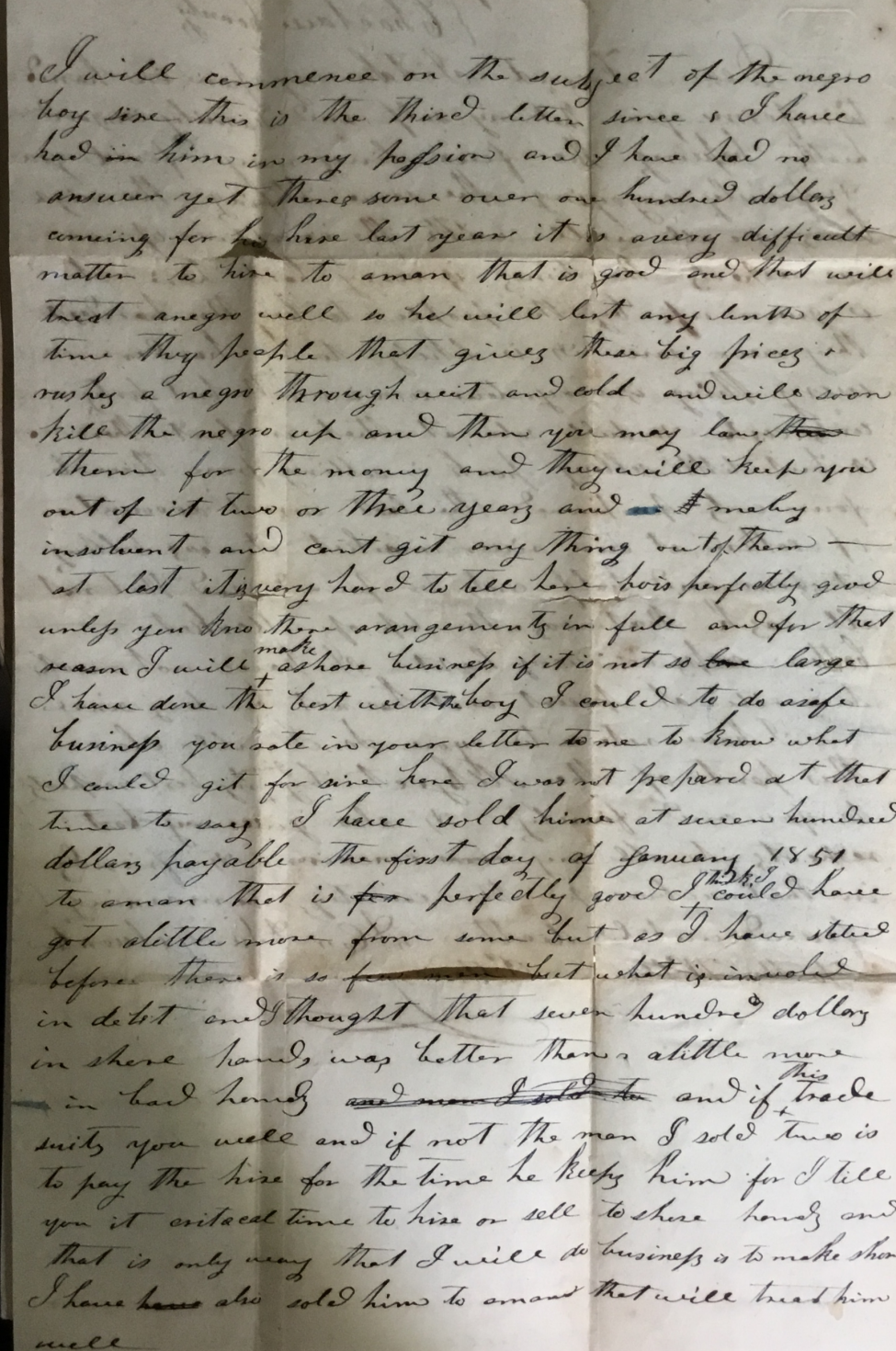
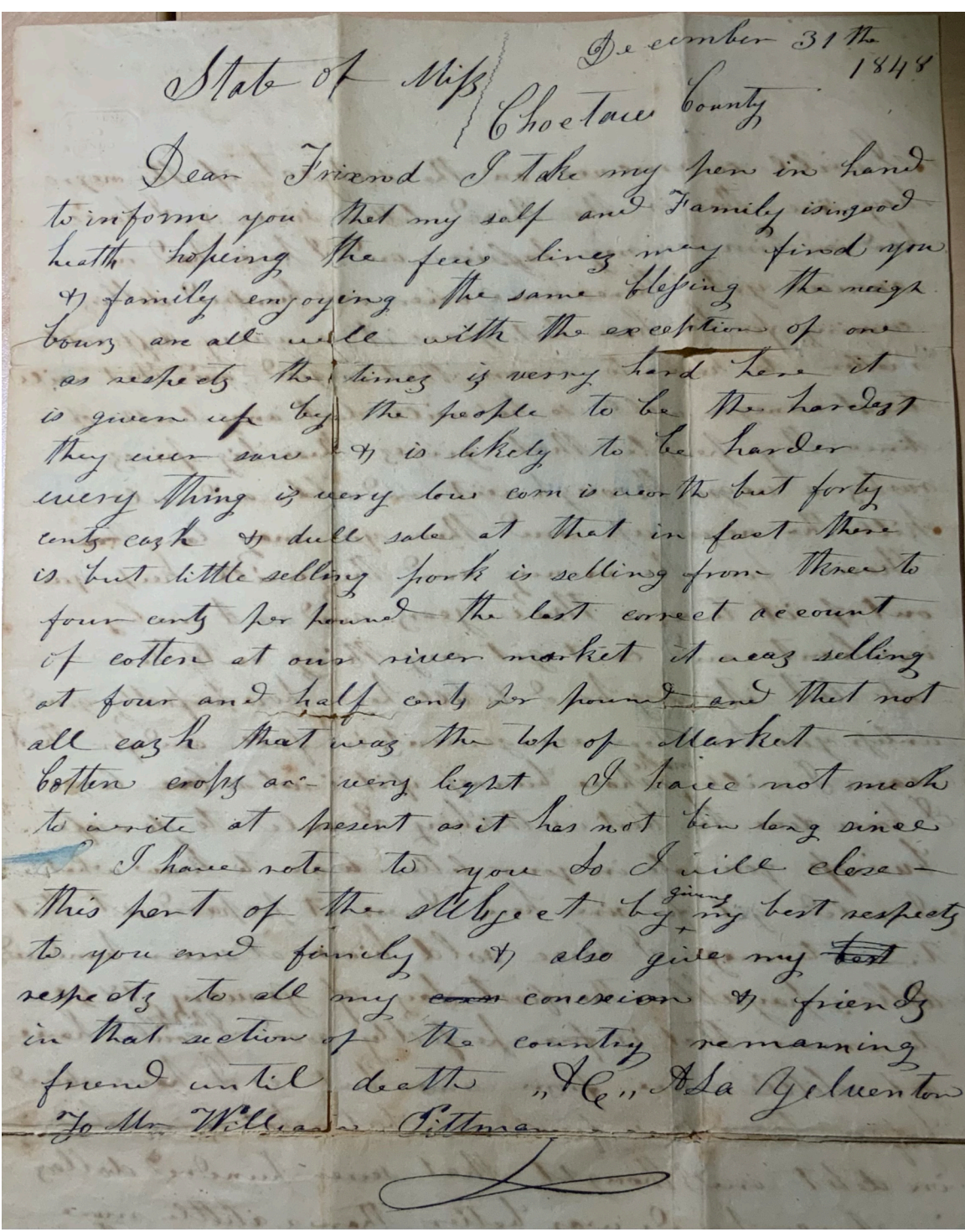
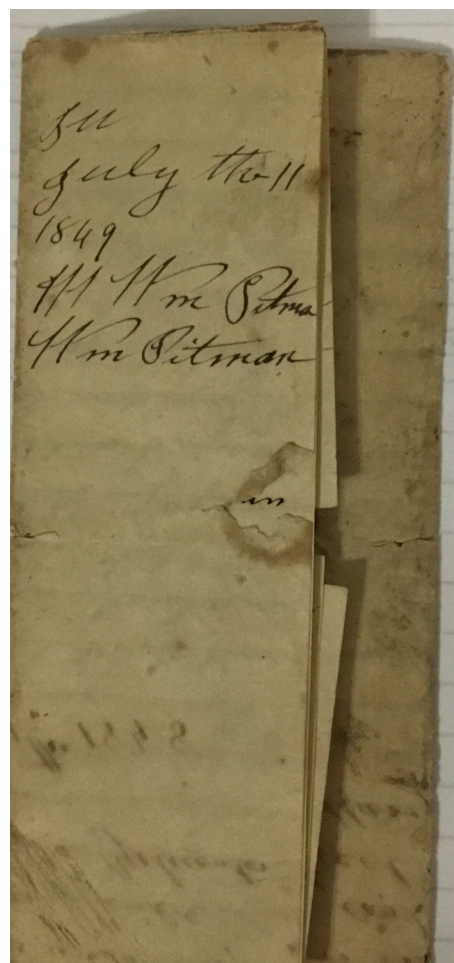
**These clues provided by Linda Smith offer an opportunity to further identify decendants of these 1700s Edgcombe Pitmans...**

The Letter written by Asa Yelvington of Choctaw Co., Mississippi to William Pitman of Gaddysville, Robeson. Co., NC dated 31 Dec. 1848 and another letter by A. M. Townsend dated 16 Apr. 1848 both speaking to William Pitman and includes a "Miss Mary Pitman" in one concerns a slave named Sire. These letters, I believe, show a connection of Pitmans in the Will of Mrs. Amy Pitman, dated 16 Jun. 1847, Marion Co. Amy Pitman..." I give to my my daughter, Mary Pitman, my negro man Sier in Mississippi under the management and supervision of my son William Pitman"... I have not yet proven who A. M. Townsend of Middleton, Mississippi is and how he is related.

Asa Yelvington of Choctaw Co., Mississippi ishusband of Sarah Mitchell & bro. In law of Helen Griffin Mitchell Pitman, wife of William Pitman.

If I am correct the linage from these letters should be: William Pitman b. 1811, md. Helen Griffin Mitchell and lived in Marion Co., SC is the son of-- Pitman and Amy.

His siblings -according to Amy's Will would be: Mary Pitman  
Newitt Pitman  
Rhoda Pitman md. Thompson W. Allen  
Sarah Ann Pitman md. Dew Rogers  
Thomas Pitman



To: Mr. William Pittman, Marion District Court House, Marion, SC

From: Asa Yelventon [Yelvington], State of Miss., Choctaw County

Dear Friend I take my pen in hand

to inform you that my self and Family is in good health hoping the few lines may find you & family enjoying the same blessing the neighbors are all well with the exception of one as expected the times is very hard here it is given up by the people the hardest they ever saw & is likely to be harder every thing is is very low corn is worth but forty

cents cash and dull sale at that in fact there

is but little selling pork is selling three to

four cents per pound the last correct account

of cotten at our river market it was selling

at four and half cents per pound and thet not

all each that waz the top of Market

Cotten crops are very light I have not much

to write at present as it has not bin long since

I have rote to you So I will close

this part of the subject by giving my best respects

to you and family & also give my best [line through best]

Respects to all my "coneseion" & friends

in that section of the country remaining

friend until death Asa Yeluenton

To Mr William Pittman

On the inside:

I will commence on the subject of the negro

boy sire this is the third letter written since I have

had him in my possion [possession] and I have had no

answer yet theres some over one hundred dollars

coming for his hire last year it is a very difficult

matter to hire a man that is good and that will

treat a negro well so he will last any lenth of

time ty people that gives these big prices

-- a negro through -- and cold and will soon

Kill the negro up and then you may la--

them for the money and they will keep you

out of it two or three years and meby

insolvent and cant git any thing out of them

at last it is very hard to tell here -ois perfectly good

unless you kno there arangements in in full and for that

reason I will make ashore business if it is not so large

I have done the best with the boy I could to do asafe

business you rote in your letter to me to know what

I could git for hire here I was not prepared at that

time to say I have sold him at seven hundred

dollars payable the first day of January 1851

to a man that is perfectly good I think I could have

got alltite more from some but as I have stated

before there is so few men but what is involved

in debt and I thought that seven hundred dollars

in shere hands was better than alltite more

in bad hands and if this trade

suits you well and if not the man I sold two is

to pay the hire for the time he keeps him for I till

you it e-itocal time to hire or sell to shere hands and

that is only way that I will do business is to make shore

I have also sold him to a man that will treat him

well

Next page:

and when you recieve this letter give me

amediate answer to this letter if the trade

I have made suits you well and if not write me

What to do with Siri whether to continue to hire

or to sell and if it is to sell what price and what

terms cash or credit but I tell you he wont bring

a big price cash for time is too hard so I will

close the subject Your Friend Asa Yeluenton

To Miss Mary Pittman

December 31 1848

Letter written by A. M. Townsend, Middleton, Miss. 16 Apr. 1848

to William Pitman, Gaddysville, Robeson County, NC

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\* I have transcribed and typed this up just as it was written- Linda Dayhoff Smith

Dear friend my self and family

N B this to my Dear old uncle and aunt

Dear uncle and aunt my self and family

is all well your sisters boy sire com

Is in fine helth hoping tese lins will

find you and yours well my dear ol uncle

in as soon as you left he is working

I hav often thought of you I lov you and I all

ways will the good lord has let you liv

in Brothers shop I hav nothing new

many years for some good purpos I hope I

should be glad to see you one time more

to rete you I come from my mills

but I think that doubtful in this wourd

but one hop I hav I shall see you in heavn

last evening they are doing fine

I think you hav bin faithful servant of

god and a few more batties and your

amos kild a fine goblet yesterday

victory will be complet the Crown

o uncle what a great thing it is to think

while I was there we expect to rost

that when we are worn out with the toils

of this world that the lord has prepar a

him to morrow I would lik to hav you

place for us not made with hands eterlal

In the heavens if we are faithfull I think

to dine with us the company is going

you must in your emagionations be

almost in sight of the promis land my

on with the factory they hav one of

dear old uncle pray me as I think

the lord will hear your prars that I

the finest stors in the stat that

May be kept humble I am living with

my second wife and living happy I

Is going to bea fine country if you

hav ten children fiv sons five doughtrs

my children is doing well and is a please

to mee three married I must Cose git

my lov to your Children May the

lord bless you in tim and sav you in

eternity is my prar amen A M Townsend

come out next winter and I am living

eternity is my prar amen A M Townsend

you will find me on popular creek

eternity is my prar amen A M Townsend

there is plenty of land to sell yet

eternity is my prar amen A M Townsend

tho the Country is selling up fast

eternity is my prar amen A M Townsend

and will be for a while william

eternity is my prar amen A M Townsend

I lik that Country better every day

eternity is my prar amen A M Townsend

you must not tel pople where you

eternity is my prar amen A M Townsend

are of them fine spring Creeks

eternity is my prar amen A M Townsend

of water and sand bottoms they will

eternity is my prar amen A M Townsend

they will say not so Mr. baker from old

eternity is my prar amen A M Townsend

Robeson landed here las tusday

eternity is my prar amen A M Townsend

my son william is married to a

eternity is my prar amen A M Townsend

Mis Stovall he has a fine lady she has

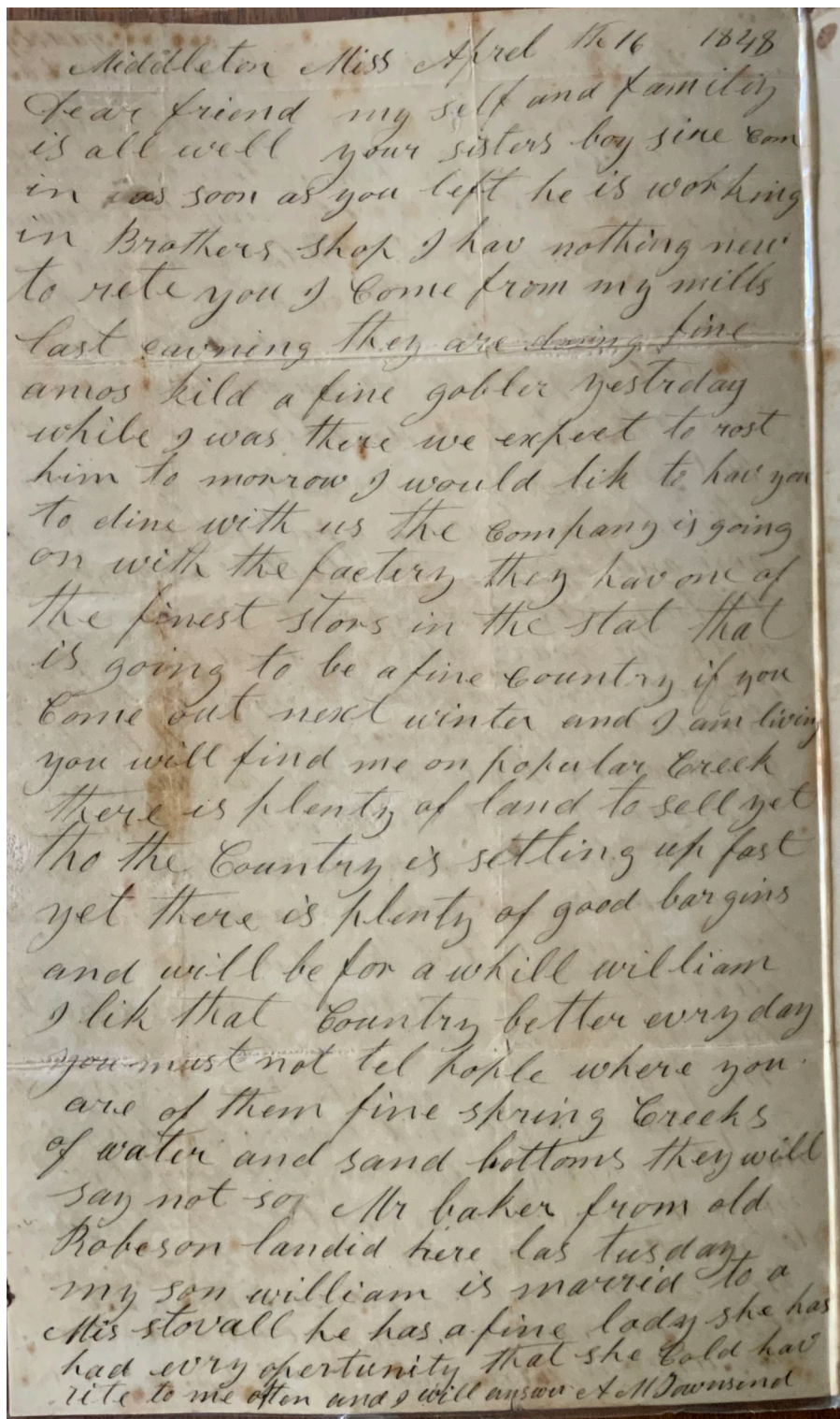
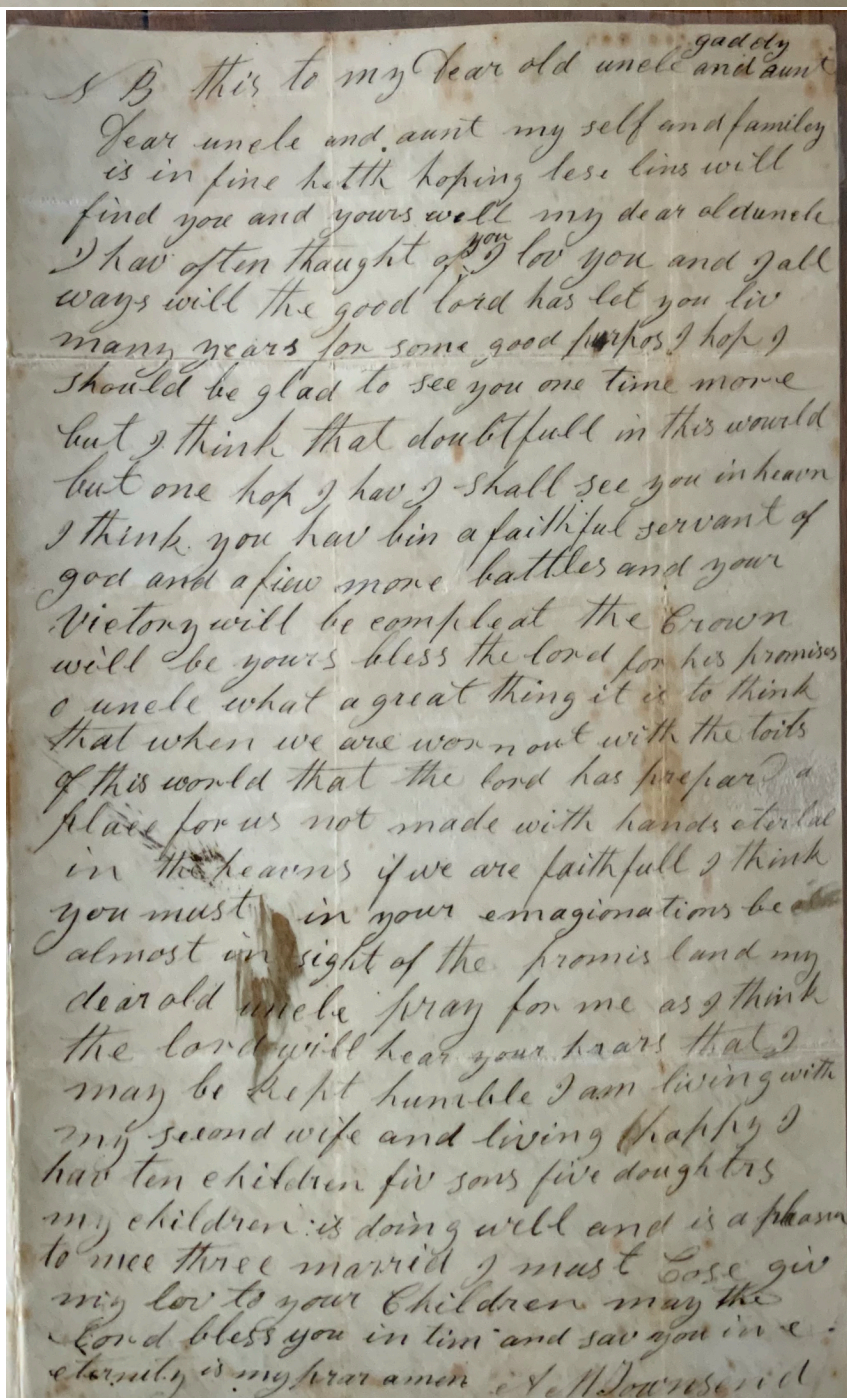
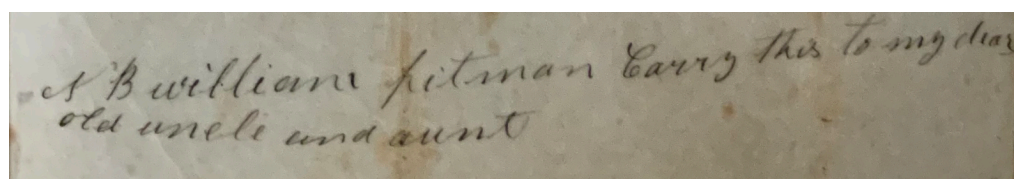
eternity is my prar amen A M Townsend

had every oportunity that she cold hav

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rite to me often and I will answer A M Townsend

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Postmark Apr. ? Apr., Middleton, Miss.

To Mr. William Pitman

Gaddys Vile

Robeson County

NC