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Dear Cousins,

I have dozens of excuses for not writing - none of which is worth wasting paper. Old Arthur, Steve & I have been fighting. He with pain and I with Buffern.

I believe you'll find Riceville in the mountains about 40 mi from Athens - Near Dayton. I keep thinking he gave directions in a letter or story but I haven't found it again. I do know he was getting absent minded at 81 yrs - Look again at the head of one of his stories - He said he had just heard that Crock was buried in Hillview. Since Crock & his father had the same name that may be his father's grave. Both Bill and Ann discussed a Buffers, White Cemetery, Shell centery, Mansell Cemetery - all separate, but reasonably close together so there may be a McKenzie one also. Families seemed to bury on their own property since transportation was long and difficult. - Bill repeated many stories in his letters often adding or changing it slightly, but I didn't say anything. He had a stroke in June before the final one in August. He wanted to come see Texas but I didn't encourage his traveling alone.

I haven't written yet to the address you gave me but I shall do so. I haven't heard from Edna Ripley or Ann Guttery since Christmas but they seldom write. I shall enclose the address & names of two of Bill's sisters in Athens and a cousin that would be happy to know you

and show you around Athens.
Reta Boyer is the historian
there who put me in touch
with Ann. In case she could
give you directions and
places to go. I wish I had
accepted Bill's invitation to
go see while he was living.
Traveling is too difficult
now. You are close enough
to have a lovely trip. You
could make a trip to Texas
sometime. I have plenty
of room, time, and usually
something frozen for a
quick meal & 3 freezers ready
to cook. I would love to
have you. I'm happy to
see warmer weather!

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