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Mr S. H. Knowlton

Your favor of March the 12th is before me and I hasten to reply. I really am astonished not knowing nor thinking any thing about receiving a letter from a stranger whom I have never heard of but ^{am} truly glad to know that I have the pleasure of informing you of the facts as regards the connection of my father therefore I beg your careful attention while I relate as follows My Grand Pa was Valentine Horsley my fathers name was Thomas Horsley he married Gullie Henson my mother. Pa had a brother Joseph Horsley John Horsley James Horsley and Green Horsley the youngest brother who died many years ago he had 2 sisters Elizabeth Horsley married Percie Annie Horsley married Brandon I disremember the given names. Pa came to Texas about 35 years ago if I mistake not. I know but little about Uncle Joe's family I had correspondance with one of his or Uncle Johns sons I do not recollect which. His name is Green Valentine I have taken a hunt among the old letters to find out but failed to find any of his letters tho I find a letter from Cousin Thomas B. Brady dated this Sumpter Co Ga 1860 he is a grand son of Joseph Horsley a second cousin of mine he says his mother is Joseph Horsleys daughter a cousin of yours I suppose and I here address you as Cousin Green Horsley Knowlton I now will inform you Dear Cousin that I received a letter from Uncle James Horsley daughter Ezzie Leggett dated 14 of January the relatives were all

~~So~~ well then one of Aunt Annie Brandon's
sons lives in this too I suppose that Aunt Annie is
dead I also heard that Uncle Joe Florsley was dead
is it so? I suppose you know. Uncle Jim Florsley
and Aunt Betsy is getting very old and feeble they
have their pictures taken for me and will send
them in the next letter I know but very little a-
bout my Relations I have been Cousin Florian
Perdue and cousin Jim Perdue Cousin Jim
Perdue lives near Jefferson Texas now Cousin
I will let this suffice for the present and give you
some other news. It is hard for me to tell you
much about the country here it is not a prairie
Country it is all timber tho the people that work
have plenty as well as else where I do think that
we have some of our good land as is in the State
I have 700 acres of land tho mine is not as good
as some I have seen my land is unimproved
and our country is just settling up land is
rising woodland is worth from 2 to 4 dollars
improved land from 3 to 8 dollars per acre
~~owing to the quality~~ I will tell you more about
the Country in my next letter as you may
imagine I expect a continuation of our correspo-
ndence I will expect a long letter from you soon
I should be glad to see you and please write me
a long letter and give me all the news of our
Relatives you will find me a troublesome cousin
for I love to get letters and write ^{letters} and often too
I will tell you more in my next letter as this is
my first letter I will close soliciting your
correspondence I close Subscribing my
self Your Cousin Sallie Tetannie Kendrick ^{Florsley}