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Letter to Green Horsley Knowles – 29 April 1871
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Mr G H Knowls

Your favor of March the 12 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 once & 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 related as follows

My Grand Pa was Volentine [variant spelling of Valentine] Horsley[.] my fathers name was Thomas Horsley[.] he married Sallie Huson 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 Perdue. Annie Horsley married Brandon[.] I disremember the given names[.] Pa came to Texas about 37 years ago If I mistake not. I know but little about Uncle Joe's family[.] I had correspond once with one of his or Uncle Johns Sons[.] I do not recollect which. His name is Green Volentine [Green Valentine was John's son] 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 headed thus[.] Sumpter Co Ga 1860[.] He is a grand son of Joseph Horsley [and] a Second Cousin of mine[.] he says his mother is Joseph Horsleys Daughter [Sarah Horsley, wife of Patrick Brady] a cousin of yours I suppose[.] and I here address you as Cousin Green Horsley Knowls

I will now inform you Dear Cousin that I received a letter from Uncle James Horsley Daughter Lizzie Leggett dated 14 of January[.] the relatives were all [p. 2] well then[.] one of Aunt Annie Brandons Sons [Alexander] lives in this Co[.] I suppose that Aunt Annie is dead [Annie died 1881] I also heard that Uncle Joe Horsley was dead [Joseph died before 1864] is it so? I suppose you know. Uncle Jim Horsley and Aunt Betsy is getting verry old and feeble[.] they had their pictures taken for me and will send them in the next letter— I know but verry little about my Relations[.] I have seen Cousin Hiram Perdue and cousin Jim Perdue[.] Cousin Jim Perdue lives near Jefferson Texas [in Marion Co.] 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 works have plenty as well as elsewhere[.] I do think that we have some of as 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 fast settling up[.] land is rising[.] woodland is worth from 2 to 5 dollars[.] improved land from 3 to 8 dollars pr 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 correspondence[.] 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 troubleson 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 Subscribeing my self

Your Cousin

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