

August 24 1869

Clinton Sewitt Co, Ills
Mr W. J. Lewis

Respected friend and
relation I once more write you after
a lapse of some months I have not
received an answer to my last written
in ~~the~~^{March} and not hearing from you
I thought it likely you had not re-
ceived it. It contained the death of
my brother Jewellin B. Hickman
he died the 9 of March I also sent
you a receipt for your afflicted son
it is a sure cure if followed, though
severe we have had the proof of it
in a number of cases this leaves
the friends in usual health I have
been rather feeble since last fall
I am better at present Mr Hill's health
is very good we have had a very
unfavourable season in the spring
it ^{remained} almost constant for 4 months
there is hundreds of acres of land

that was not planted spring wheat
is a great failure in this section
corn crops will be late and late
grass is remarkable good I had
a letter from Aunt Fanny Bickman
a few days since she sent me her pic-
ture and a donation of ten dollars
for the Baptist church we are
a feeble band we have ^{bu}ilt a good
house though not extravagant and
we lack some on its completion
could you not help us a few dol-
lars it will be thankfully received
we have a hard struggle with pres-
biterians methodist and camp meet-
ites I felt you was a friend to bible
truth and as such I would venture
to ask this favour I would like
to have your picture now I hope
you will pardon all this freedom
coming from an old lady and
friend give my regards to

your wife and family and please
write soon your friend and rela-
tion with respect

Louisa, V, Hill
to William T Lewis