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Mr W. Lewis Clinton Dewitt Co, Ill

respected friend and relative I take
 my pen to write you in answer to some
 of your inquiries in your last it was
 received in due time but the attendance
 on a sick brother and my own feeble
 health prevented my writing before
 my brother Sewall ^{in Clinton Ill} died the 7 of Nov
 he after many years severe suffering
 he was confined to his bed near 2 years
 he was resigned often spoke of his change
 as being a happy one he leaves a wife and
 4 children there is but 3 of us left ¹⁸⁰⁵
 Mills, William and myself, but few you
 so large a family. you wished to know
 where the Rev. Henry Dickman died he died
 in Fayette co, Ky, at the old home sted
 where I was raised and married you made
 some mistakes you have said Mr ¹⁸⁰⁵ Duncan
 died Fayette Ky she died in Dewitt Co ^{Ill}
 and Sarah you say in Ashby Nc, she
 died in Dewitt Co, Ill, and you have
 Joel and Richard set to the east

names of my father's children they
had no names they lived but a few
hours the fault may have been in
my not writing plain I can not give
any more information than I did
you have enlightened me in several
instances as to my relations the Harbors
Terrells and Musicks I knew they was
my relatives but how I could not tell
I thank you very kindly for the in-
formation I will try and give you
more information relating to James
Bickman's family and if so will
write you again we have commenced
our acquaintance by letter and though
strangers by sight I hope our correspon-
dence will be continued when con-
venient I suppose our religious views
are about the same as most of the
baptist in the south and I joined the
baptist church several years before
I left Ky, but I must say our vision
and sight in politics are false

from each other but we see our cure
and not for each other so enough in
this you tell me you have a son
that is a cripple from white swell-
ing I will send you a receipt for
its cure I have cured a number
from it some of them the worst
of each one in my own family
he was cured by Dr. Sappington
then we paid him for the receipt
it is very severe but it is shared
have never failed in one instance
where they give it the proper atten-
tion you can try it if you think
best you did not say where it was on
your son this is the handwriting
of my dear father long years
ago write soon and accept the
good wishes of a strange friend
and relation Louisa, V. Hill
to William J Lewis

Low V Hill 1864

Clinton Illinois
grand daughter of

Rw Henry ~~Hickman~~ &
his wife Phoebe Eastman