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Late at Night

Dear William,

I left home last Sunday in company of your sister, and accompanied her as far as Spring Place, on her way to Athens—I this evening learned that she reached (???) on Wednesday in good health—The little babe was well and improving(?) finely== I have just reached home from(?) Gilmer county where I have been recently on important business, which I settled satisfactorily to myself I shall leave here on Wednesday morning for Washington City—My horse and buggy I have not disposed of and I fear I cannot do so to advantage before I leave home. And I desire you to take them and have them taken care of for me until I return from city—The horse is my fine walker, He will walk from 6 to 9 miles the hour, is only six years old (???) shinny—He will work with a careful hand or driver in harness—I have drove(?) him all this summer in my buggy—and never had the (???) accident of any kind. I wish you to lend(?) Caleb or some safe hand up to Rome for my horse and buggy, and if possible let him come up in the back(?) on Tuesday—And if you do not receive this in time to send him on Tuesday send him up as soon as you can and I will (???) Mr. McEnter to deliver the horse and buggy to him—If I leave my horse and buggy here, I shall never see them again you are authorized to dispose of the horse and buggy at 3.00==\$125 00 for the horse and 175.00 dollars for the buggy (???) all new and good—It cost me all that sum, made here(?) in this lease(?)== Write to me often, I shall always be glad to here from you—

Your Brother in law

John Lumpkin