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August 12, 1987
Dr. Frances Roberts 603 Randolph Avenue, S.E. Huntsville, Ala. 35801
Dear Dr. Roberts:
I was referred to you by Guy Hubbs at the University. We did the article on the Battle-Friedman House and Garden in the latest issue of Alabama Heritage Magazine.
Just as the article went to press, a letter arrived from Duke University which gives us a date for the installation of the Garden, as 1843. But the letter, which I enclose a transcription of, contains even more information than I had hoped for. It was installed by a "Trans-Atlantic" gardener of Lord Ashburton who was being encouraged by 19 year old William Augustus Battle to visit his cousin Mrs. Clay im Huntsville.
Are you aware of any such visit and possibly his name? He appears to have "laid off" several "yards" in Tuscaloosa so possibly he also did work for the Clays.
I would appreciate your comments from your knowledge of Huntsville.
Yours, Alever George Stritikus, County Agent
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AUBURN UNIVERSITY, ALABAMA ABM UNIVERSITY, TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, COUNTY GOVERNING BODIES AND USDA COOPERATING

#### Names:

Alabama Cooperative Extension Service Ashburton, Lord

#### **Places:**

Auburn University, AL

#### **Types:**

correspondence

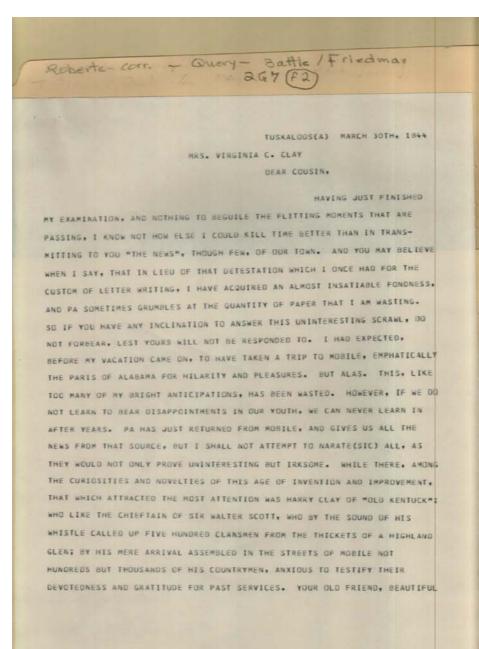
#### **Dates:**

Aug 12, 1987

Battle, William Augustus

Huntsville, AL Montgomery, AL Battle-Friedman House and Garden Clay, Mrs. Hubbs, Guy Roberts, Frances, Dr. Stritikus, George

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Names:

Clay, Henry

#### **Places:**

Tuskaloosa, AL

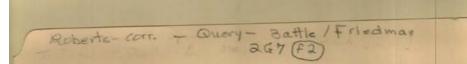
Types: correspondence

**Dates:** 

March 30, 1844

Clay, Virginia C., Mrs.

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CORNELIA BANKS, WAS IN MOBILE TOD, IN #JUXTAPOSITION WITH MR. CLAY FROM WHOM SHE RECEIVED QUITE A COMPLIMENT. FOR AT A BALL WHERE MERRIMENT AND DANCING ENLIVENED THE GLIDING HOURS. MR. CLAY DIRECTED HIS ATTENTIONS PARTICULARLY TO MISS CORNELIA BY PROMENADING AND INTERESTING HER WITH HIS IMPOSING CONVERSATION; AND DNCE, WHEN SHE WAS GAZING ARCHLY UPON HIS VENERABLE BROW. HE QUAINTLY SAID, "MISS, WOULD THAT I COULD RECALL TWENTY FIVE YEARS, THAT I MIGHT ENGAGE YOU IN THE EXCITING DANCE". COUSIN MARY FONTAINE IS ABSENT FROM HOME AT PRESENT ON A TOUR OF COLUMBUS, GED. WHERE SHE WILL WILL (SIC) REMAIN FOR A MONTH OR TWO. COUSIN MARTHA FORT IS, ALSO, IN A PLEASURE EXCURSION TO MOBILE AND MR. 8. IS CLOSE IN THE CHASE. COUSIN VIRGINIA, I REGRETTED EXCEEDINGLY. WHEN YOU LEFT TUSKALOOSA ON LAST WINTER. THAT I HAD NOT AN OPPORTUNITY OF SEEING YOU AND GIVING YOU THE FAREWELL SHAKE OF THE HAND. <SHAKE> COUSIN ROWENA WEBSTER BY THE HAND FOR ME. «IS> SHE MARRIED YET? IF NOT, TELL HER I SAY, DO NOT BE IN A HURRY, THAT I AM ALMOST THROUGH COLLEGE. AND - COUSIN, INDEED I DID FALL IN LOVE WITH COUSIN ROW LAST WINTER, AND IF I HAD JUST BEEN OLD ENDUGH, THE LORD ONLY KNOWS WHAT WOULD HAVE BECOME OF US. IT IS WELL SHE LEFT FOR HUNTSVILLE SO SOON. FOR I WAS READING <??????> ESSAY, ON COURTSHIP AND MARRIAGE, AND I THINK I WOULD HAVE PUT THE QUESTION ANY HOW. I WISH YOU WERE HERE NOW. OUR TOWN IS GAYER THAN USUAL FOR THIS SEASON OF THE YEAR. AND THERE ARE A GOOD MANY IMPROVEMENTS.

WA HAS HAD HER YARD LAID OFF, MOST BEAUTIFULLY, BY A TRANS-ATLANTIC GARDNER, WHO BOASTS IN HIS SKILL AND TAST(E), AND IN TRUTH HE IS A PROFICIENT IN HIS TRADE. HE SAYS HE HAS LAVISHED PROFUSELY HIS SKILL AND TALENT IN LORD ASBURTON'S GARDEN, WHICH IS QUITE A RECOMMENDATION. I HAVE GIVEN HIM A VERY GLOWING DESCRIPTION OF THE BEAUTY, FAS(H)ION

♦THAT IS A REAL JAW BREAKER

#### Names:

Ashburton, Lord Banks, Cornelia Clay, Henry

#### **Places:**

Tuskaloosa, AL

#### **Types:**

correspondence

#### **Dates:**

March 30, 1844

Clay, Virginia C., Mrs. Fontaine, Mary Fort, Martha Row, Cousin Webster, Rowena Frances Cabaniss Roberts Collection: Series 2, Subseries G, Box 7, Folder 2Query Letter Concerning Battle/Friedman, , to Roberts, Frances C., 1987Image 4r02g07-02-000-0008ContentsIndexAbout

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#### Names:

**Places:** 

Battle, William A.

Tuskaloosa, AL

### Types:

correspondence

#### Dates:

March 30, 1844

Clay, Mr.

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