The Oakes

Jan the 4th 1868

Dear Pa,

As we have not heard from any one at Pleasant Hill in a good while, and always anxious to hear I have concluded that, if I would write to you, perhaps you might answer it, as you have not written to me in a long time. I hope all are well and geting on smoothly these wad times, I did want to visit Pleasant Hill this winter, but have not been well enough to undertake the trip yet I owe those that I owe in Cheraw

are begining to think that
I am not coming back any
more. is there no chance
to get baggin, or is there any
chance to sell cotton with-
out baggen if there is I will
try and let mine go so
as I am much in need
of money. did you make a
good crop last year? the corn
crops up here were not so good
I made a very good crop it
was said by all that saw it growing
it be the best in the county
according to the force. but it
will take all we make to
buy meat, at 25 cts per pound for
pork corn is worth from 2½ to
3 dollars a bush. I sold out

darkies com the other day at 24
I wish you could see our little
Lizzie now. although she
has had two or three sick spells
yet I will put her against any
of your grand Daughters. she is
walking and talking. she is a very
early riser she is up before day every
morning. Has bro George gone
back? What has become of
Tom has he gone to the
army or is he going to stay at
home? all the discharges of
this State has been recalled
so I guess they will have me
to go at again, but I am not
fit for Camp I have not see
a right well day since I was
discharged. yet if I am wanted

in the fit I am in I will go willingly I think the girls might occasionly. Lettie and Lizzie join me in love to you and Sea Lizzie says tell grand Pa to kiss grand Ma for her. Love to all Your affectionate son

O. H. Spencer

P.S. Tell Ma Lettie to buy making me a pr of pants her aunt Bet sent me a pattern for a New years present and it was a very acceptable present. worth about fifteen dollars