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Letter from Emma Larimore to B. R. Colson

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Henderson, Tenn., July 6, 1915.

Dear Brother Colson:-

Your letter of June 30 received. Much obliged.

I wish I could help you out in the matter of getting money on the property you mention; but I couldn't lend five dollars without first borrowing the five. I do not know whom to suggest to you, but I will write a friend in Nashville and inquire if it will be possible for him to let you have it.

It is very difficult to borrow money here on any sort of security. We are in closer financial straits than we have ever been before; and would be so glad to sell some of the property we own, but there is no sale for anything now. Reports of the salary Mr. Larimore received here were greatly exaggerated. The school at Henderson depends almost altogether on cotton for its revenue, its patronage being exclusively from the cotton states; and the low price of cotton has greatly hampered the school. We are all hoping for better times when the next session opens; but of course our hopes may not be realized.

If I can "scare up" the loan you want I will write you immediately; but I have little hope of being able to do so.

It is almost distracting to own land, need money and not be able to sell a foot of it. That's our situation exactly. I would be glad indeed if I could help you out with a loan.

I hear from my Gainesville friends through Pansy occasionally. She is a fine little letter writer.

With love to all "the folks," I am, as ever,

Your friend,

Emma P. Larimore.