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Letter from O. G. Hertzog to B. R. Colson

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B. A. Colson
Gainesville Fla.

Hiram D. April 17/15

Dear Bro. Colson
We reached home from Florida the last day
of March, Our good neighbors had lighted fires
in the furnace and range and the coltors had
prepared us a dinner so we were both warmed
and fed. It seems nice to get home though we
have both been exceedingly busy putting the house
yard and garden in order along with many
other duties awaiting us, But amidst it all we
have not forgotten Gainesville and the good friends
there, I am sure my sister and husband would
be delighted to make a home at Gainesville and
spend the rest of their days there, and I know
they would be useful members of the little
flock over which our beneficent Father has
made you overseer. The problem of finance is
with them a serious matter and yet I believe that
can be arranged for. They have certainly been unfortunate
in falling into the hands of "the philistines," there is
some good ground of hope that bank matters at Haintown
will be adjusted in a few months and the sale of our
property be condemned, if this is not done I may be
able to make some arrangement to help them out,
they will not likely wait it more till toward Fall
as they have arrangements that will hold them at
Cocoaunt Grove for a time. Have you found any
better proposition than the five acre plot held at
four hundred cash. How many rooms are in the

little cottage and is it worth fixing up. If so
 what would it cost to put it in a good livable
 condition. They ought to have a cottage with at
 least three rooms. If I were not loaded down
 with special taxes I should be glad to undertake
 something more pretentious in a home and general
 lay out and if we succeed in disposing of the
 Penna. property which we are hoping too the
 problem would be one of easy solution. I had
 hoped to settle matters in Florida for them while
 there, but the bank failure of set all my plans.
 I am sorry to put you to any further trouble but
 hope in some way to make it worthwhile for
 you to join me in helping to solve this intricate
 problem. It distresses me to be in comfort when
 I know one of the family has been egregiously
 swindled out of a good home, your broad
 acquaintance and good judgment I am sure
 will make you a wise counsellor as to the best
 course to pursue. Remember me to all the
 brethren, I trust your father in law is better, we celebrated
 my 77th birthday the 9th of April and we are
 both fairly well and send love and best wishes
 to all. Cordially yours O. H. Hertzog.