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### Letter from P. D. Houston to B. R. Colson

P. D. Houston

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P. D. HOUSTON,  
DENTAL SURGEON

LEWISBURG, TENN., Dec. 9th 1912

B. R. Colson

Gainesville Fla.

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I have raised a family of five children 2 girls & 3 boys all of whom are married & I think doing fairly well in this world. My assets are worth about \$5,000. besides a life insurance policy of \$2,000. which is perfectly good & paid up to next July. My wife's real estate is worth about \$3,000. in Peoria Ill. consisting of a nice little cottage home. So you would infer that we do not have to work for a living but prefer to do what we can to liquidate expenses.

I think you are correct when you say that we had better come to Gainesville & take a personal view of the situation before making a permanent move. I would like to know if there are any rooms we could rent say 2 or 3 anywhere on Dixieland Park or any convenient place for a sojourn of 6 or 8 weeks after next Xmas. I have tried to be a zealous member of the Christian Church for the last 65 yrs. have been recognized as an Elder of the same for the last 40 yrs. but I am no sectarian or partizan. I think I dearly love the cause of my master & nothing delights me more than to see it prosper. Where ever I can do the most for it is where I most desire to be. That I may spend & be spent. I shall be glad to hear from you again at any time. Very Respectfully Yours P. D. Houston

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