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P. D. HOUSTON.
DENTAL SURGEON

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Dec. 9th 1912 B. R. Colson Gainesville Fla.

Dear Brother, Your very nice & welcome letter of the 7th Inst. is just to hand I can't help but wish I were in Fla. today. The temperature here this morning is at 28 above zero & a pretty strong north wind blowing "ad lib." For you to understand my conditions sufficiently it will be necessary for me to appear a little tedius in my letter and I scarcely no where to begin But I will say after some over 12 months without a wife with whom I had lived as happily as any one I think for the last 43 yrs. I was on the 21st Ult. weded to Mrs. Sarah Francis of Peoria Ill. who is about my age nearly 70 years old. She is inclined to want to go to Fla. to spend the winter & so am I. I have been practicing dentistry in this town for the last 39 yrs. & probably I had better remain here.

P. D. HOUSTON. I have raised a family of DENTAL SURGEON five whildren 2 girls & 3 bays all of whom are married & I Think doing fairly well in This would. My assets are worth about \$5.000. braides a life insurance palay of \$200. which is pufetly good third up to west July. my LEWISBURG, TENN 191 191 191 Word of a mice little cottage hame. So you would infer that we do not have to work for a living but profer to do what we can to liquidate expenses. I Think you are cornect when you say that we had better come to Tamoville & take a personal view of The situation before making a formament moove. I would like to know if There are any rooms we could rent day 2 or 3 any where an Diviland Park or any convenient place for a object of 6 or 8 who after next xmas. I have tried to be a yealous member of The Christian Church for The last 65 yes have been recognized as in Elder of The some for The last 40 yrs. but I am no sectarian or partiyan. I Think I dearly love The couse of my master & nothing delights me mon than to one it prosper. Where ever I can do The most for it is where I most desire to be. That I may opened the opent. I shall be glad to hear from you again attany Time. Very Respty James P.D. Houston

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 \$5000 besides a life insurance policy of \$2000 which is perfectly good & paid up to next July. My wifes real estate is worth about \$3000 in Peoria III. 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 55 yrs, have been recognized as an Elder of the same for the last 40 yrs. but I am no sectarian of 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 the spent. I shall be glad to hear from you again at any time. Very Respty Yours P. D. Houston