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My Dear wife, I drop you a few lines to in form you that I am yet a live but vary mutch waried from martching day & night in a fog of dust all the time, bad water & food, & not annough Sum times of that, but I do hope my Dear wife you & the childran ar well & doing well.

— Theophilus Raney, September 17, 1863

Lucy Redd Preston died at Smithfield on September 17, 1891; this death ended the use of Smithfield as a Preston family primary residence.

— Wirt Wills (pp. 35-36)

The life of the 19th-century newspaper carrier could be a difficult one. Generally, they were teenage boys, perhaps orphans, who ... typically received no remuneration for delivering papers — for fifty-one weeks of the year. But between Christmas and New Year's Day, the paper carrier was eligible for holiday tips from subscribers. To remind their clientele ... carriers would present to their customers a printed poem known as a *carrier's address*.

— John Long (p. 39)

Her story is a reminder ... of something significant and powerful all of us have inherited from Mary and her generation of pioneers — her spirit. That's the great revelation that comes from delving into history: one encounters people who lived their lives so powerfully and so well that they remain an inspiration to future generations.

— Ellen Brown (p. 69)

From this passage we conclude that in 1540 two Spaniards traveled roughly 70 miles north from Chiaha. That trip very probably took them into modern-day Lee County in the farthest western corner of Virginia ...

— Jim Glanville (p. 88)

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