

Mobile Bay ^{my} Feb 22 1846

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From your Brother
Ellis

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[1846-02-22; letter from ½-brother Allison Howes^[1] to Hannah; no envelope:]
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From your Brother
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¹ Allison Howes was born 30 Apr 1825.