

4-16-1999

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swift water, that the team swam out
but she and grand father were drowned
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and it really happened.

They found grand fathers body but
Aunt Rachel was held under the bank
They hunted (7) seven days for Rachel
and when they found her, the rocks had
beaten against her head so much that
her head was soft to the touch

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of wood (but one of them heard wrong)
Hope you get your book written
as ever,

Christina Behunin

BIDDLECOME

Letter written to Evelyn Huntsman by Christena Behunin 4-1-99

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They found Grandfather's body but Aunt Rachel was held under the bank. They hunted seven days for Rachel and when they found her the rocks had beat against her head so much that her head was soft to the touch.

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(Biddlecomes lived on the south side of the river. I can see Sister Biddlecome needing flour from the mill which was built on the North side of the Ferron Creek. There should have been plenty of wood around until the flood went down. Evelyn Huntsman)