

Guide to the Jesse Griffin Letter, 1813 September 5

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ABSTRACT

Letter dated 5 September 1813, from St. Stephens, Alabama to his parents. Relates news of the rising of the Creek Indians, recent killings, and the loss of his property.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS:

On September 5, 1813, Jesse Griffin wrote this letter from St. Stephens, Alabama, to his parents. Griffin states that he has traveled fifty miles in flight from Indians who killed more than 400 people in five days. On August 30, 1813, Creek Indians under the leadership of William Weatherford, also known as Red Eagle, attacked white settlers at Fort Mims near the convergence of the Alabama and Tombigbee Rivers, killing

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approximately 500 people. Although Griffin and his family survived, they lost their crops, livestock, and most of their household goods. This attack was part of the Creek Indian War that lasted from 1813-1814 when Creek Indians attacked white settlers who were moving into Creek lands. The Creek Indian War ended on March 27, 1814, when General Andrew Jackson defeated Red Eagle and his Creek warriors at the Battle of Horseshoe Bend in Alabama.

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