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PERSONAL LETTER from Alexander Declouet, Sr. in St. Martinville,
to his son, Paul Declouet at Brookland School in Greenwood Depot, Virginia.
St. Martinville, September 29, 1860

My dear Paul,

I wrote to you the day before yesterday and again I am sending you a few lines today knowing how pleased you will be to learn that the poor little sister (Corrine) continues to improve. Your mother (Louise Benoit Declouet) is very well. Catiche (Declouet Lastrapes, your great-aunt) came this morning to surprise us pleasantly. Through this morning news we heard that Mimi (Henriette LeBreton Benoit, your aunt) has not delivered yet. Yesterday, we received a letter from Clouet (Alexander, your brother) dated September 1. He continues to have a good time and was getting ready to go to Bordeaux as soon as the Schaumberg family would leave.

Goodbye, write to us often. We think that tomorrow (Sunday) we will learn on what day you left the city (Thursday or Friday).

Very affectionately yours,

Your father,

Alexander Declouet

Handwritten in French. Original on file in Dupre Library at the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette, La.