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The Dall-Tardy Letters
18 November 1908 – Hallie Aldrich to Henrietta Matthews

Letter dated 1908 November 18 from Hallie Aldrich in New York City thought to be to Henrietta Matthews in
Huntsville

271 West 72nd St.
Nov. 18th 1908

My dear Cousin

I have just received the packet of dear old letters from my brother who copied some of them. I now am sorry for the delay in returning them to you but you will explain why it has been, to Mrs. Matthews and please thank her most sincerely for the privilege of keeping one for my autograph book referring to my father & mother. I am so pleased to have it. I put two in a separate envelope which refer to my mother & father and should she be willing to part with them at any time, I would appreciate them very highly.

I know you will be glad to hear we have brought my daughter Louise Meissner home, safely to her apartment and we have the dear baby Helena here for a week or two, as an extra precaution. We certainly have cause to sing our Doxology.

I wish you are feeling comfortable & gaining strength all the time. With my love & thanks to both you & Mrs. Matthews, I am affectionately yours

Hallie L. Aldrich¹

Love to our dear cousin Mary when you see her.

¹ Hallie Aldrich was the daughter of Austin Dall, who was the son of Henrietta & James Dall of Baltimore, who adopted Clara Honey Austin. So Hallie would be a first cousin to Henrietta Cecelia Tardy Matthews, Clara's daughter. It is uncertain whether this letter was addressed to Henrietta C. Tardy, widow of John Nathaniel Matthews, and if so, who "Mrs. Matthews" refers to.