

From Mary E. Bedford to A.M. Bedford

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At Home

May 1th 1864

Mr[.] Bedford

My Dear Husband[.]

I have Just received your very welcome letter of the 15[.] I will keep the Photograph you sent to John & send him one I had taken from my brestpine[.] this leaves us all well except Jennie[.] She has the measels[.]

you wanted to know how my tennant was getting a long[.] he has not planted any corn yet[.] he has sode [sowed] 15 bushels of wheat & 20 of oats[.] the medows look well[.] Mr[.] Blansherd wants to keep the orchard for his sows & pigs[.] it ought to be cultivated this year[.] Father & Mr[.] Blansherd had some short words about it this morning[.] I am fearful we will have troubel with him but I hope we will not[.]

I have not herd from Ky for 4 or five weeks[.] it is peaceable hear now & I hope it will remain so[.] we have very cold wether for the first of May[.] I wish you had a pillow[.] Frank Bowman wife died last winter & he is married a gain to Mr[.] Hindmon['s] daughter[.] Oliver Bowman is ded[.] he join[ed] the army last spring & Every George join[ed] the same time & he is ded[.] ther was but a day or t[w]o [*text stricken through*] between ther deth[.]

Brother Jo Bennet & Martha was out to see us last Sunday[.] ther was great Joy when little Mattie & Jennie met[.] tha [they] had not seen each other since last fall[.] Sister [MS. illegible] is helth is a great deal [*text stricken through*] better.

I must close so good by[.] all of your relations & friends send ther love to you[.] I have not received a letter from Brother Thomas since I left Ky[.] Father joins me in love to you & Mr[.] Bowhart[.] may God hasten the time when we shall meet a gain[.] peace is my Prayer[.]

from your affectionate Wife,

M.E. Bed[ford]