

From Florella Brown Adair and Ada Adair to Samuel L. Adair

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Some of the Ladies got together a few weeks ago & formed a benevolent society, & now they have arranged to have supper prepared for Christmas afternoon & evening[.] the supper is to be provided by the Ladies & with what help they can get from others & then all are invited to attend & pay 25 cts[.] a piece for the benefit of the Society[.] the proceeds of which is to be used in buying land or fenceing in a general burying ground for the place. I have been called upon & expect to do what I can for the supper. whether I shall go down to help eat the supper & pay for it[.] I have not decided. it will depend upon circumstances. I suppose Emma will feel badly if she cannot go & I shall try to arrange it so that she can. I have not been very anxious to tak [take] an active part in the society & have not ben to but one of their meetings. every person is required to give at least 5 cts[.] at every meeting they attend.

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*[text written in the handwriting of Florella Brown Adair]*

Ada letter

Dear PaPa[.]

We were very glad to get your letter, for we all felt very sad to hear such bad news about Charles[.] but now we hope he is not a prisoner, but is safe[.] & we all hope we shall see him again. it seems a long time since he was here with us. I go to school every day now & Ma thinks I learn some. I get a ticket most every night, & when [I] get a few more[.] I shall take them back & get a large coulored one.

Ma bought one bushel of apples & gave 1.50 for them, & Emma & I have one most every day to take for dinner. I like to ride down & back[.] but some times I walk part of the way home & then I get very tired. We have some nuts to crack evenings & we like them very much. Ma is making me a long sleved delain dress to wear to school & I think it will be warm & good. We all want to see you very much & hope you will come home when you can.

the rabbits will crawl through the little plases [places] & eat the trees most every night[.] but the white ones they will not touch.

It is getting late & Ma is very sleepy & tired[.] so you must take a kiss for Ma & some for your little daughter[.]

Ada

*[written vertically in the left margin of page 2]*

*[P.S.] and love from Emma*