

From Florella Brown Adair to Samuel Lyle Adair

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Osawatomie
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My Dear Husband[.]

When Emma came from town this eve she brought both letters. why the first one with Charles in it was not given to us before[.] I can not tell[.] it must have been there & Emma & I bothe had been to the Office & enquired particularly for letters & to day he said they were none & Emma said she thought their must be one from you[.] & he looked & found two.

I am truly sorry you have so much trouble about pay. it seems they have but little sense of right or wrong. Mr[.] Roscoe tells me he has not received but a very small part of his pay & they are at times almost distracted to know how to pay small debts they owe here. It may all work round for the best yet. you must not feel to anxious. I know we shall get along some way. I hear nothing about taxes yet & I think we shall be able to collect some money before we are called upon. Mr[.] Gather[.] I think[.] will pay before long. If the money is not used soon that you paid to Mr[.] Crane, had I not better take it & then pay again when they get ready to do something. We are not pinche[d] like many I find around us.

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I have been feeling badly this evening & have written to Charles & hope you will get it in time to send by some one going south.

When Emma came from school this afternoon she told me that she heard that Mr[.] Robert Lummis had come home & she went to his house to see if Charls sent any word by him. he said he did send word that he was well & brought to him 35 dollars & wished him to take it to you or me, & he took it promising Charles that he would deliver it to us, & he came on to Fort Scott[.] he did not see you or go to the Hospital, but staid all night at the Hotel & that night his pockets were turned inside out & the money gone[.] but said of course he must make it good & would come up & se [see] me about it before he went back. Emma thought he appeared & talked strang, but did not know what to think. I am inclined to believe he gambled & lost the money[.] it seams he did not looz his own[.] or at least brought some home, for Mrs[.] Lummis sent word that she could now pay for the pork I let her have. he was sent up to the Hospital sick, but went to the Hotel & that was the way he avoided you, & when he got there[.] he thought he would take a sick furlow & come & visit his family. wheather he intends to go to the Hospital or back to the Regament she did not learn. he told her this himself.

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It would have been a great convenience to you to had the money now, & I feel sorry on our account[.] but not half so sorry as I am for Charles. it must be very discouraging to him to have such losses one after another, but these trials may be a blessing to him & us, but I cannot see why or how. I think he must loose confidence in Mr[.] Loomis.

If Mr[.] Loomis comes & makes it right I shall be glad[,] but I have my fears. I will let you know when he comes & how he explains the matter to me. It is now mid night[,] all are asleep & still but the rats, & I must go to rest. I will write more tomorrow or Monday[.] So good night[.]

Sabbath eve.

It rained a little last night & seemed dreary this morning, & I did not go to Church. Emma rode Fan & went alone[,] said a tolerable congregation was present[,] Mr[.] & Mrs[.] Crane came when the sermon was half done. It has cleared away & is very pleasant sunshine & is warm. we have had very pleasant weather all this month & have every thing done up[,] I believe[,] that you was anxious to have done. most people here & around think the peach trees that bear are all killed, but I cannot think ours are, or not many of them. If so[,] young trees will be in great demand in the spring. I have put out a good many pits since the freeze. The cattle are all doing well once up every week & are salted. I milk the one that has the calf[,] & all the others cows & calves run out, & I turn out all the horses days when we are not using them, & they come up at night[.]

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Mr[.] Fields has got up a good pile of wood & fixed the shed for Colt & calves. If we do not have a long cold winter[,] I think we shall get along without buying much feed[.] If we had it plenty[,] I might realize some money by keeping men & horses as we have frequent calls, as they do not wish to stay in town & want to get in to some farm house.

Do you think of coming home new years week. tell me in your next. I have received another letter from marian[,] she was at Stephens[,] says Martha has her fourth boy. it is a fine fat baby, but Martha is quite feeble & has a very bad cough. others are all well. She urges me to make arrangements to send Emma on to Ohio early in the spring. She wants you to write to them as they feel anxious to hear all we know about Charles[,] they want to hear from you about the hospital & other things connected with the war that comes under your observation.

I got a letter from your Uncle James Ramsey in which he asks you some questions about Kan[,] he thinks it to cold for him in Iowa. I would send it in this[,] but want to send the one I have written to Charles & have you direct & send to him the first chance you have. people are going often to Fort S[,] but I do not hear or know of it soon enough, to send to you[,] & some who go to the Hospital say they did not see you.

Mr[.] Fairchild did not call on me[,] I was in hopes he would[.] Mrs[.] Roscoe & I went up to Mr[.] Risings one day this week & I got him to fix the harness, but have not had him shod yet. Emma & Ada both go to school yet the boy taks [takes] them in the morning & goes for them in the evening. "Ada says tell Pa I are all well, & I send Love & a kiss."

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I have not heard a word from J[.]R[.] since he was here, but I presume he will wait on you till you get money & we have no other account, or in debt to any one, that I know of. the boy does well & is more at home here than any where else.

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Mr. Sears is expecting to come to town the 1 of January & go in with Gordon[.] all send love to Pa.

I am as ever your affectionate wife[.]

F.B.A.

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I am well & have made three visits lately & want to make a few more before long if it continues pleasant. I shall look for a letter Friday if not before[.]