

From Florella Brown Adair to Samuel Lyle Adair

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Osawatomie

Mon[.] afternoon

My Dear Husband[.]

I am in great affliction. word has this morning come to town that in the great battle of the 6 of this month 7 hundred of our army were either killed[,] wounded or taken prisensors & Charles is among the missing, he may be dead or a prisoner, eather of which will be a great affliction to us[,] doubly so if it is true he is with the dead. Oh it seams as if I cannot have it so, & their is a bare possibility that it is not true, or that he may be a prisoner & if so he may be exchanged if still living.

You have doubtless heard

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all & I shall look for a letter from you to night & shall continue to look till I hear from you.

No persons Name was mentioned but Captain [Russels?] & Charles to me, but [MS. illegible] number it is said were wounded of his company.

I went down to town & carried the Girls to school & it was there I learned the sad news. Every one I met seamed to sympathize & hoped it might not be so bad, or that it was not true, as many reports are exaggerated.

I went to see Mr[.] Loomis[.] he told me about the same he did Emma, he lost the money at the Hotel in Fort Scott, whether it was stolen or it lost from his pocket he could not tell.

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He said Charles had, had opportunities of sending many times but did not like to trust it, as he had lost so much before & when he found he was coming home he counted out 35 dollars & said carry that carefully to Mother & he said he would see it safely delivered, & that now as soon as he received pay he would make it good to Charles or us. he said it would bear hard on him & his family but he would do it. he talked very kind & candedly about it, said Charles had always ben kind and accomodating to him & lent him money, when he could not get his pay. Perhaps I judged him hard when I feared he had gambeled it away, but let it all pass, he will report himself at the

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Hospital this week. he said an officer told him if he wanted to he better go & see his family before he went to the Hospital[.]

He left Camp on the 2 of Dec[.,] said all the boys from this way were well & seemed happy, had done good service in the battle of Nov 28. Charles Loomis had not been on duty for some weeks on account of a lame foot.

I had my letters to you & one to Charles put up & directed in one envelop to you, but as I wanted to write this I will put all into two letters & send by this mail, I send Charles In hopes you may hear that he is alive & that he may get it, it may get to him if he is a prisoner, if not keep it & Emmas to him.

If their should be such a thing as that he should be brought in sick or wounded, let me know & I will come down immediately to see & take care of him.

Your affectionate but afflicted wife[.,]

F[.]B[.] Adair