

From Florella Brown Adair to Samuel Lyle Adair

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Osawatomie Sabb. eve.

My Dear Husband[,]

We received yours of the 18 on friday eve. it was quite a relief to my mind to get your letter in which you say that you had not heard the sad report that came to us. I have traced it all out over & over & I Find it all orrionated at L[.]D[.] Williams & I cannot help thinking it was to hurt our feelings & get up a talk about something. Last evening I was at Mr[.] Crane[']s & Mr[.] Crane came from the store & said that I[.] Robberts had got a letter the evening before from his son, in which he said all the men were found except Charles Smith, & Charles Adair & Mr[.] C said he thought it was

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probably true as his letter had come straight from the command but to day at Church I asked Mr[.] Baker & he said Thomas had written to his folks & they had sent the letter up to their house for them to read & thus was not a word said about Charles or any other person that was killed or missing. he gave some account of the battle & how he felt but mentioned no names or particulars, so we can see how little dependance their is to be put in reports, but I cannot help being affected by them espesially if I do not know they are not true.

I have talked with Mr[.] Crane about taxes & he will do the business for me this week. he looked up their books & says 10.50 was down in one place[;] whether that was all

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he could not certainly tell. by taking up what is back at Walter[']s I can make out & pay all, which I shall do this week. Last Saturday I was called upon by Mr[.] Read for a tax of 3.36 dollars, [MS. illegible] by district board for school [MS. illegible][.] It was unexpected to me, at this time[,] but I paid it; it is not a school bill, but a tax for rent of house, wood, & arrearages. I expect we shall soon have to pay a tax in Mr[.] Carrouth[']s neighborhood & then school bills & I do not see as their is to be an end this winter.

Two or three weeks ago the cow from Mr[.] Friend[']s came home & came in with ours. I see that her bag looked full & milked her, & since that time she has been up a few times, but I supposed she went back to the calf, but M[.] F[.] sent me word that I better keep her[,] as

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he had but little feed & his family were so unwell that they could not milk & he was to sick to have the cow, but he would like to keep the calf. I felt rather tried to have him send such word after he had the use of her all sumer & fall & they had dried her nearly

up by neglect, & just at feeding time send her back for me to winter. I sent him word that if he could send the cow & calf back, I would take them but I would not take the cow & have her runing over there after the calf every few days; Mr[.] Crane sold to Mr[.] [MS. illegible] calves that were not as good for three dollars, & I think he wants to trade with Friend for this, as he said I better let him have it, & it might die on my hands before spring etc, but I told him we could better afford to [MS. illegible] it than Mr[.] Friend. You ask do you owe Mr[.] Field any[?] we owe him for all he has done for us since his month was only for at least 12 or 13 days, at a dollar a day you said you agreed to give him. I cannot possably pay him till you get money, & he is not in want of it. the black [MS. illegible] has not paid & I shall take it horseshoeing. Mr[.] Cutter has not paid for Mrs[.] Garrison[']s corn yet, but most little bills I have collected, & paid where we have owed[.] Em & Aola still both go to school.

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Monday morn. another beautiful day[.] I am just starting for town with the girls all well this morn, yours[,] F.B.A.