

From Florella Brown Adair to Samuel Lyle Adair

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Dear Husband[.]

March 21, I took leave of Friends in northern Ohio[.] came on at a rapid rate to Columbus[.] where cars stopt for an hour & many went of[f] for dinner[.] it was 2, o'clock & we had plenty of lunch provided by friends & had no occasion to leave cars. Charles went of[f] & looked about the city some, went to the State [House?][.] started on for Xenia[.] arrived here about 5 in the afternoon, found all well except the twins[.] one was very weak, had, had the whoping Cough & then had lung fever.

It cost eleven dollars to get to Mr[.] Engles, more some than I expected[.] the fair will make quite a draw upon the money at this rate but it must be or we shall not get

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to Kansas this spring.

Friday Charls took horse & buggy & went for Rachel & children[.] they got here for dinner & stayed till afternoon Saturday when they took them home[.] she lives about two miles from here & about 1/2 east of Xenia. Mr[.] Engle has a splendid plase here[.] every thing in good style & the very best of order, but does not feel satisfied, has not Land enough & thinks a good deal of going west, would go to Kansas if he did not think it would be subject to drouth & high wind. His place is valued at eight thousand dollars & he rents some land 4 miles of[f] that[.] he has to pay eleven thousand for [MS. illegible] 5 years. they have 7 children[.] all very pretty & appear inteligent[;] two oldest [are] members of the church.

I went to Church on Sabbath[.] Mr[.] Ewings church. There has

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been a Mr[.] Stephenson all through these parts getting aid for Kansas[.] Thousands of dollars have been sent from Ohio alone & it seems as if Kansas must be well supplied with mon[e]y & provision if it all gets there & is properly distributed.

Adison shiped one barrel & one box for you as directed in your letter to me. in the box & barrel there is a corn planter for you, from Stephen Davis. if you get it we think it will be quite a help, in getting in corn this spring for you & others.

Yellow Springs [March] 26[.]

We came here yesterday 25 of March[.] found all well[.] the young men are afflicted with sore eyes, one thinks a catarack is growing over it.

We now expect to spend this

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this week visiting around here among my friends, next Monday go back to Xenia, & Tuesday go on to Greenfield[.] I will try to write you from [MS. illegible] Greenfield or Salem & shall

expect to here from you while I am there if not before. When I write again I shall be able probably to tell some thing near when you may look for me home.

we are all well now except hard colds[.] Ada has got better & is at play with Rachels children in the kitchen. Rachel & her girls came down with me & will spend the week about here. It is raining hard now & does not look much like getting about but we hope for some pleasant weather before we leave.

Things here look much as they used to[.] your uncle is full of questions and interest in you & Kansas.

*[written sideways in left margin of page 2]*

I hope to be home by your fiftieth birth day but may not[.] Love to all[.]

your affection wife[.]

Florella

*[written sideways in left margin of page 3]*

*[P.S.]* Charles feels quite at home[.] uncle did not know him, when he came here for the horses to bring us down from springs[.]

*[written in left margin of page 4]*

*[P.S.]* Aunt looks feeble but is busy, all send love[.]