

Fort Caswell N.C.
February the 15, 1865

My Dear Wife and Children,

I received a letter from you dated Feby 2nd and was glad to here you was well. I and Jake are well and hope this may find you the same. I was glad to here that the folks was all well over the river. Did any of the children go with you over the river?

You stated in your letter that I owed Charles Hubbs five dollars. I never have had a shoulder of him; I had a half ton of hay, six lbs of pork and some buckwheat flour - I think fifteen or 16 lbs. That is all I er had of him. I don't want you to pay for a shoulder for I hant had any. Fouthmore, I don't want you to pay anyone without my consent. I wrote to you that I did not owe Ike Fero a cent. What extra work Gordon done to his wagon I am not a gotten paid a dime, just as I agreed - and you wrote that you have give him \$2.50. You might as well stuck that money in the fire. I owe Wake for 9 bunch of shingles and as soon as I some money I will pay him.

I want you to write as often as you can and tell Jake Walker to write. Put yours letters in one envelope. I got them stamps you sent. I don't know as I have much to write at present, so I will close with a few lines to Jake Walker. Please hand it to him.

I will send you some money to pay Charles Hubbs and I will state the articles: half ton of hay, six lbs of pork, 16 lbs of buckwheat flour, and I chopt wood for him five days which come to five dollars.

This is all at present. Good day.
James L. Christman

Give this ring to Caty, and this wire to Jake Walker.