

Fort Caswell N.C.
February the 21, 1865

Respected Wife and Children,

I received a letter from you Saturday of last week stating you was well. I am well and hope this may find you the same. You say your stove has give out and you want to git another. Well, if you buy one, git a good one; I am willin. I think you had better git one like Jake Walker; small size. I should like to know how your hay lasts; if you will have enough.

Where is Sol again this spring? When Abe is agonto move; whether he has bought it alone; who is agonto help him saw. I am glad I did not git it. He wanted to much for it. What has Sol done with his shingle machine?- or did Abe git it. Does Millard and Catty go to school this winter?- How does Johnny and Delmur agree. Can Johnny take him down yet? I want you to see to my tools, that they don't git lost. Keep them in the shop.

It lacks five days from today, my time will be half out. Time goes fast. It seems a short time ago to me but long to you. We got good news here last night. The downfall of Charleston and Fort Anderson. I felt as I could give 3 cheers for its destruction. The gun boats have gone up to Fort French. I think that we will stay here the rest of our time. I think that I won't come home till my time is out.

Has Abe Near got many logs to the mill? Can you keep warm this winter? Will your wood last till warm weather? What does George do this winter? Has Heyrum Little catch any fox this winter?

I should like to have you send me a paper. Send me your likeness and the children. Have it taken on a card.