

Abbeville C House

Sept 27th 1846

My dear friend

I can not describe to you my delight when I returned home yesterday after an absence of three weeks and found your kind letter on my table. Harry, I have thought much and often about you here of late - As I sit alone in my room, the same that we used to occupy, I often find my memory running back to those delightful seasons of our youth when care was laughed at and sorrow only considered as a bug bear to frighten the wayward - Oh Harry those were days which I can appreciate now - now that I am thrown in-to a cold and heartless world with care and misfortunes thick around me - How I would love to talk over these school boy days with you!

No doubt you have wondered why your letter has remained so long unanswered - either by manuscript or "in propria persona" But a few days before you wrote I left home on a visit to my sister who lives near Glenn Springs and I returned only yesterday - I was out on a trip of pleasure but it turned out any thing else - I was taken sick at Laurensville and remained there very ill for near a week - Have you ever been sick from home - amongst strangers? - have you been tortured by disease with no friends near you to sympathise with you and, to alleviate your pain and soothe your ^{low} sorrow? if so you can imagine what a time I had of it - whilst sick at a public house in such a place as Laurens, where I had to endure disease aggravated by noise and confusion.

Last week I spent a few days at Greenville and there had the pleasure of seeing two of your sweet Pindleton girls - Misses Mary & Harriet Maxwell.

If you see any of the young ladies of my acquaintance, do give them my best regards -

This is not much saying for one next-cousin I hope they will be better - Our Sister is however, involved with a day of recovery well come sooner or later I don't know where she is counting on wedding girls or children

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I was however in a poor mood to entertain them - they accused me of being heartless, in other words - of having left my seat of life in Abbeville - How much truth they had for a ground work the after part must show -

Larry I often think of our comparative situations - we both started out together - now you have a wife and home with (what is best of all) an interesting little family growing up around you whilst I am still an old Bachelor reaping the miseries of "single blessedness" - not as near a married man as I was four years ago - You will be surprised when I tell you that I think less about the ladies now than I have done at any time since my fiftieth year - and now I am less a ladies man than I have ever been -

There has been many reports in circulation as to my love affairs and I have been engaged to some half dozen girls if rumor is to be believed - I hope however you will trust me when I tell you that they are all without foundation, entirely groundless - I suppose people think I ought to marry and hence they have very fertile imaginations if I speak to a lady I am courtier her - I have never in my life addressed any girl - now there is the naked, unvarnished truth - I however do not trouble myself to deny the reports some of them are very flattering and suffice to feed my vanity

Of late I have become quite a Benedick - and have but little to do with love affairs - If you were to ask me why? I would be unable to give you a satisfactory answer - I am sure I think as much of the Ladies as any of the gallants - I never see a sweet pretty face that I do not reverence it as a specimen of nature's

often is no counting on weddings going on again here - I don't know whether to
be down with our young men - they ask the ladies alone - They are afraid of the slipper

fair handy work. And as for living an old Bachelor
"Good Lord deliver me" I don't dream of such a catastro-
rophe as that. I live an old Bachelor? Oh! no! never
I have been a very hard student for most of
this year - this may in some degree account for my
lukewarmness in affairs of the heart. In a word
Harry I have become ambitious and wish to
carve out for myself a name - and thus I am
bringing something to the feet of the lady I woo.

For the present at least I am wedded to my books
I read law from eight in the morning until twelve
then I come home and read History &c. until three
I study French and Spanish from three until six
then I take my evening walk - after supper I
read and write until midnight. I then sleep until
six in the morning with this system I hope to make
some progress in improvement. My heart how-
ever is not made of stone - after a sweet angel
face will intrude upon my thoughts - and seem
to woo me from my retirement.

I would not have you think from what I have
written that I have forever sworn the ladies company
far from it. I see them every week and enjoy their
society very much - I do not visit them with any
expectation of falling in love - I expect the little
blind God will shoot an arrow through this
senseless heart of mine - some of these days when
I least expect it - and which will make "poor soul"
"sigh like a furnace"

Since last I saw you Harry I have passed through
many scenes - some of pleasure but many of pain
This Spring I lost my dear mother - which was
a sore bereavement to me - since then I have been
sick twice and in delicate health all the time

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long for a strong, hearty constitution but I have it not - consequently I can not apply myself as closely as I ought or as I would wish - This trip up the country has improved me notwithstanding my sickness - I feel better now than I have done for months - I was sorry that I did not receive your letter before I made a great effort I would then have been disposed to return by Pendleton city now - but our return day coming on this week I had to hasten home I hardly know when I can visit you now I will promise however to let no opportunity slip the first chance I have you shall see me

Two sons, 11 year of his age. He left "Here lies the body of Lawrence Tallafarro, son of Col. John Tallafarro, of Snow Creek, in Spottsylvania county, who departed this life the first day of..."

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Cobb - Georgia Decemb 25th 1860

Dear Children take this opportunity of writing you a few lines to inform you that we all up at this ^{day} ~~point~~ ^{point} hoping these lines may find you all enjoying the same we made short crops last ^{year} ~~year~~ ^{year} of wheat oats corn and Cotton's haint made half corn to do me I have ^{bought} ~~the~~ ^{five} ~~hundred~~ ^{five} bushels at \$1.00 pr bushel and I cant tell how much more I shall have to buy I may ^{may} ~~buy~~ ^{buy} through with the help of a little mill I built last summer if I could get ^{as} ~~as~~ ^{good} ~~as~~ ^{good} do it would nearly bread the family but there is so many hills around that none of us gets much corn. is selling at 35 cents pr bushel and light corn at that sort at eight cents pr pound and scarce at that. I and his family all up so fare as know he has two sons & 3 daughters married his last daughter Elizer married a son of old Patam Holimans I should like very much to hear how old Polly Smith is doing wheather dead or ~~living~~ ^{living} alive and if a live ~~and let~~ ^{and} I would like you to drop me a line and let ^{me} know how she is I got a letter from D. A Miller stating he had bought land on the Coups River Alabama at Gadsden the place where the Rail Road

It to run to and, is to give fifteen thousand
Dollars and, the wise I doubt he has fixed him
self to loose what he has got - Sam. told, it
is a great place and nearly all Bottom Land,
Sam. told, old S. Carolina has stepped out of
the old rotten union and Sam. I hope
that, all the slave states will soon follow
her - Sam. writing by candle light and I make
a bad out with one eye or ^{blindly} that -
I have got so old, and blind, that none of you
think it worth while to let me know what
you are all doing - but Elizabeth Benson
I get a letter from, her occasionally - my health
is good, ^{at present} I have out lived all my
brothers and, they were all, younger than my
self Helm the youngest, died about ^{70 or 75} ~~70~~ the
youngest of five brothers I have not heard
from Sally Gason, Ann Johnson ^{not} Pelly
Smith since I was in Carolina last
my candle out horrid ^{stules} dying with the
blind stages I remain yours Affectionly

Deet H-C-Miller

George A. Miller

The Grand Pallid
C.M.S.