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Parish July 3. 1864

Dear Sister

I have been thinking of writing to you for a long time, but have not had the opportunity. I am alone this afternoon and thought I could not make better use of the time than in writing to you. Ariann and Hannah and the boys have gone to the school house to meeting. A Soldiers funeral sermon is to be preached <sup>here</sup> this afternoon. This is the fourth Soldiers funeral sermon that has been preached here since last fall. There was quite a number from this place joined the 110<sup>th</sup> regiment. I think there is not more than three left. This regiment was at New Orleans and Port Hudson last summer, was ordered to Key West last winter, and are now dying off with the yellow fever.

We are all well as usual

James and Gould are cooperating to the City came home last night. will go back tuesday



morning. I was over to Tenas's last Sunday. They were all well there. Tenas is going to try his luck raising tobacco. He has got an acre. The plants were not all set when I was there.

What were set looked first rate. They milk 6 cows. George has a quarter of an acre of tobacco. He thought that would be enough for him to try at first. They milk 6 cows here. It has been very <sup>dry</sup> here for a long time. Yesterday we had some rain, but not half enough. Grass will be tight. Some commenced haying at Union Square last week.

When will this war end. If it continues much longer I don't know but we will have as high prices here as they have had south. Last Monday flour was ten dollars a barrel. We have heard since it was fifteen. Last week cotton cloth <sup>was</sup> 15 cts a yard, calico was 34k cts, Spool thread 12 cts, and other cotton goods according. Farmers will have to manufacture their own cloth. There will be considerable flax raised here this season. Priscilla bought 20 lbs of flax last spring. She has not got it all spun yet.abriann has been spinning some



Margaret I talked some of coming to Sadrens  
 this summer and staying til after hoppicking,  
 but I will have to give that up. I have more  
 sewing than I expected. have enough to keep  
 me busy all the time. I made six coats for  
 a clothing store in Mexico. carried them  
~~them~~ back four weeks ago. The cloth was  
 half cotton, easy sewing. They paid me <sup>seven</sup> 11 shillings  
 a piece. They wanted I should <sup>make</sup> 6 more of  
 the same cloth. I could not stay long ~~enough~~  
 enough for the Tailor to cut ~~to~~ ~~set~~  
 them. He said he would cut them and send  
 them to me. They have not come yet unless  
 they are to Fenas's. If they come I cannot com-  
 mence sewing on them short of two weeks.  
 They said after July they would let me  
 have coats to make they could <sup>afford to</sup> pay ~~me~~ two  
 dollars and eighteen shillings a piece.  
 If I should not sew for that shop I may  
 come in August. I dont suppose you  
 and colfred would come back with  
 me if I should come. When are you come-  
 ing here to make a visit. George says

write me all the news



Since I commenced writing this letter I have heard of another soldiers death at  
at - Hey West Coharney, Gardner of this place. He died with the yellow fever

he is not coming there again until you  
come here. I have been looking for a letter  
from Willie a long time but there has not  
any come yet Frankie said in her last letter  
he was a going to write ~~soon~~ me another letter  
soon, Henry wants to know why Gammy  
does not write. He says he believes he wrote  
to him last. I suppose you have plenty to do  
now. How many cows do you milk this  
summer. How does your hop vines look.  
have you sold your last years hops.

Margaret what do you think about my  
selling my carpet for six shillings a  
yard. Anna wants to buy it if Hiram  
is willing. she wont know till fall. If  
Hiram makes up his mind to buy it I  
think I had better let them have it.  
dont you, I dont know as I shall have  
a chance to dream on that wedding cake  
I suppose Commanda has gone to keeping  
house. Its getting late and I must stop  
writing and bid you good night  
hoping I may hear from you soon. Do not  
forget to write

Give my love to all  
enquiring friends and accept a share  
yourself

From your Sister

Elizabeth Burnside

Margaret M Carr



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Mrs Margaret M. Carr  
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{Care of Alfred Carr}

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