

9-30-1862

Letter, Martha Magruder (Hopkins) to H. A. Magruder; 9/30/1862

Martha Magruder

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholarsjunction.msstate.edu/mss-eldregde-papers>

Recommended Citation

Eldredge papers, Special Collections Department, Mississippi State University

This Letter is brought to you for free and open access by the Manuscripts Division at Scholars Junction. It has been accepted for inclusion in Eldregde Papers by an authorized administrator of Scholars Junction. For more information, please contact scholcomm@msstate.libanswers.com.



Give my respects to all inquiring friends.

Sep. 30th 1880

My very dear Brother,

After having a long frolic with the girls, I have come in ^{with} the full determination of completing the pleasant task, of replying to your much prized epistle, which I received last Thursday; and would have been pleased if circumstances would have permitted me to have ^{written} ~~written~~ sooner. I was very sorry to hear of cousin G's and Will's ill health, and sincerely hope that they are by this time convalescent.

Cousin Will, wrote to me several days before he left Va., but did not say that he would leave for home so soon.

Today one week ago, was Mr. De Schucinity's birthday, and you may well imagine what a nice time

we had. He gave us holiday in the after noon,
and besides a large dinner. Some of the girls
went to gather chingapins, while others went to
walk and enjoyed themselves in various other
ways.

I have not received a letter or heard one word
from home since the 12th of Aug. I cannot
account for their negligence in writing to us. I fear
that some one must be sick, but let us not
indulge in such gloomy thoughts, we should always
endeavor to look on the bright and not the dark
side, for if ~~we~~ do not, we will ever be low spirited
and unhappy; by ^{the way} dear Brother I hope you will
have received several letters from our dear friends,
ere this reaches Lees Burg. When I go home (which
I hope will be soon) I will try and arrange it so you
can hear from us once every week, if not oftener.
I hardly know what to think of Jim and Jo. I thought
at first that they would be among the first to
volunteer, but perhaps it was all for the best that
they did not. When you write, tell me if you are

acquainted with Mr. John Coope. so,
he has a cousin living in the room with me.

I am sorry dear Brother that I have to inform you
that Miss Charles died early after the examination.
I must now close for the night, by wishing you a
pleasant night's rest and sweet dreams. You must
stir up and not be so low spirited, always hope
for the best and not for the worst.

Have you got a warm scarf to wear this Winter?
if you have not. I will try and send you one as
soon as I can. Tell cousin George and Pomp that they
must write to me. Have you had much sickness
in the 18th Regiment? if you get sick you must
get some of your friends to write to me immediately
about it. Several of the young ladies gain me in love
to you Miss Ford especially. I am as ever your devoted
sister, M. Magruder

P.S. Enclosed you will find a rose which Cousin
sends with much love. Please excuse this letter,
or rather the writing and errors. I intend to get Mr.
De L. to send it off privately, as I have not time
to write it off.