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Letter, S. H. Ross to Emmett Ross; 1/5/1865

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Woodville Jan. 5th 1865

P.S. Perhaps Lieut. Harris would bring the little article I mentioned when he returns to Woodville. I do not get to mention that I had a very affectionate letter from Mrs. Abbott also by Mrs. Shows, the lady her love and congratulations to you on your marriage.

that dear as all
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"it is not her
pleasure to me
with out you"

wrote to your Cousin Maggie two days ago and told her to tell you that I would answer your letter of the 22nd as soon as I had seen Mrs Shows, who has arrived and will be at Mrs Whitaker's this week, to which place she will bring the few articles she got for me in the City. But hearing that Lieut. Harris is about to go up to Canton and that he is willing to take my little package, I have concluded to write by him. I fear you will all be disappointed when it reaches you as it is so insignificant. I send a shirt & piece of white cotton, & one colored one to each of you boys and one pair socks for Elijah. I also send 2 pocket handkerchiefs to Mollie and Liddy send her a belt ribbon. Tell Mollie the handkerchiefs are part of a set I brought from N.O. when I left there and are nearly new. I wish I had something better to send you all, but you must take the one for the deed. The paper in the bundle is for your Aunt Lizzie. Please send it to her as soon as you can. I refer you to your Cousin Maggie for news contained in Annie Digges's letter. She wrote me word that she sold one of my carpets for twenty five dollars, that together with a small sum your Aunt Mary Barton was so kind as to loan me, enabled her to get your sister some winter clothes, two dresses & a pair of shoes, & myself one dress, & a pair of shoes, besides a few pocket handkerchiefs & sewing cotton. If I could have gotten the thing in time to do so, I would have shared my sewing cotton with Mollie & sent you & Elijah each a nice pocket handkerchief. However I hope I may meet with another opportunity after a while & in the meantime your sister will have knit you both some more socks. Annie sends her love and congratulations to you on your marriage, and says "tell Emmett to kiss his Mollie for me, and say to her, I am prepared to love her as a sister and hope soon to welcome them both

to their home in the City". — If I succeed in getting to see Mrs Stevens, I will write you again soon. —

Please ask Mollie to send me a list of the little articles Mr Benedict sent me, there was a letter pocket kept behind which contained the hair of some of your little brotters, and also a breast pin with their hair in it. I would be glad to know that they were safe, If there is a small shell shaped button among the things, and you have any opportunity to do so, please send it to your Sister, and any other little pieces of jewelry that you may think belong to her. Mollie will please keep the rest and the spoons until we meet.

Tell Elijah I have never received the letter you told me had written to me. — I am sorry he has not been able to get his suit made up, if I had the means I would let him have it. Mark has three hundred & fifty dollars of mine, which I gave him last spring to get funded, and when I left there, he only had a certificate of deposit, and since then I have heard nothing about it; You might enquire about it, and if you can get it divide it between yourself & Elijah. — If I had green backs or Louisiana money I could get you each what such as you want, by paying fifteen dollars here, or half that price in Madisonville. but as I have it not, or any means to procure it I must wait. Confederate money is scarcely used at all here, — Eddy Walker has made one trip to Mandeville and contemplates making another before long, & perhaps may make a regular business of it; if he does we will have frequent opportunities of sending down there if by any means we can raise the money to do so. Eddy says Mr Place down there, he is a secret agent of our government but I can not tell you exactly what he does.

I am staying at the Parsonage, nursing your Cousin Sue in her confinement. She has a sweet little babe, and they are both doing well. Give a great deal of love to Mollie & Elijah, also to all at Hagerwood & to Mrs Stone.

Your affectionate
Mother S. H. Ross