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(Antoinette to William)

ALPK 27

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[This letter dated 1864 but obviously must have been 1865. Wm. did not enlist until September 1864.]

Orchard, Tenn. March 27, 1864

Dear Nette,

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We are having beautiful weather here now. About like May up North. The apple and Peach trees are all in blossom and the shrubs begin to put forth their leaves. We have had violets for two weeks. The wind is blowing very hard today sends the dust through the crevices in our cabin and covering everything over with dirt. The dust flies so today that we cant drill. and I expect we shall have a drenching rain by tomorrow. I went to meeting for the first time in Dixie yesterday the meeting was held in a secesh house not far from camp. When we got there there was only 4 or 5 chairs for the whole crowd we salied (sic) out in great wash tubs slop pails pig troughs chicken coops and anything else which we could lay our hands on that would answer for a seat. There was a right smart choice (?) of secesh ladies there as they say down here. You may think you have seen green girls up north, but if you could see them here you would give it up I guess.

We are all going next Sunday to a town about four miles from here to meeting. to a place called Goshen our Chaplain is going out with us to do the preaching The 47th Reg is expected here every moment to Go on { word ommitted } a raid to be gone about five days. Co. A. of our Reg is going with them as pikets (sic). The boys are well satisfied with this place and the people are well satisfied with us. The(y) talked about removing us to some other place and the citizens got up a petition to Gen. Milroy to let us remain here. So I think it is quite probable we shall remain here until our time is out. Most of our Officers think that we shall be ordered back to the state before the 4th of July. Dave Posey has just been in here and sends his respects to you. I told him about your threatning (sic) to write to him if I didn't write often. He says if you will write he will answer it promptly. I wish you would send me two pr cotton socks as soon as you can. These woolen ones are getting too warm. I wish you would send me five dollars in your next letter. You may think (I) spend money pretty fast but I have not spent a dollar for beer and only 40 cents for Oysters since I came into the service. The most that I spend is for washing dried fruit paper &c. You

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From your affectionate husband
Wm.

(There was a flower enclosed in the original letter)

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O. S. Linn, (March 27th 64)

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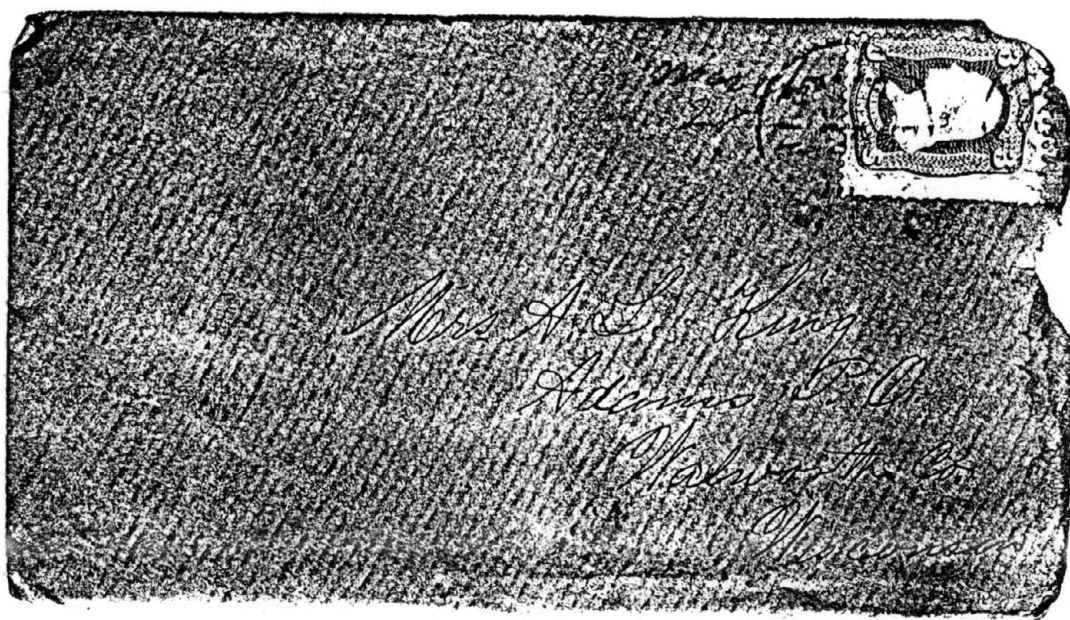
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WVK # 8

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You ask who my bunk mate is. His name is H[illeg] Newsham from Oconomowoc. He is Colorbearer of the regiment. We have got a bunk in the Cap quarters and have a pretty good [time].

You say you hear some pretty [word?] stories about Acors but say you [dont?] believe it. Well if you knew officers as well as I do you wouldnt be so incredulous. There are very few of [them] that can be trusted where there [are] either liquor or women around and some how or other they can find them at anytime. Some [of] our officers are drunk nearly [all] the time. The boys have all [got] it into their heads that we [should] be home by the 4th. I hope so. I dont believe it hardly.

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You say you hear some pretty [word?] stories about Acors but say you [dont?] believe it. Well if you knew officers as well as I do you wouldnt be so incredulous. There are very few of [them] that can be trusted where there [are] either Liquor or women around and some how or other they can find them at anytime. Some [of] our officers are drunk nearly [all] the time. The boys have all [got] it into their heads that we [should] be home by the 4th. I hope so. I dont believe it hardly.

I rather think that the Federal [troops] will be withdrawn from this in a short time and the [State] Troops take their Places. But where we shall go to then I cant tell unless we go to Texas. I wish I could get home in time to hunt up a place this fall. Do you ever think the matter over, what we are going to do, and where we shall set up again after I get back

again. I suppose you will want to stay somewhere around there but that wont do for me at all. I guess Lib and me will go out west somewhere and locate. Probably in Iowa or Minesota (sic).

You say Lib feels slighted on acct. of my not writing to him. Well I wrote last so had not ought to find fault. I would be very glad to hear from him to[o]. I wish you would draw off that acct of Wrights and send it to me which you will find in my pass book. I am oweing (sic) but very little if anything to him.

Vie wants to know which of the children I would like to see best. Tell her all three of them. I would be mad at myself if I thought I loved one better than another. I couldn't choose between them. One thing certain, you may look out for a big squeeze the first time I get sight of you. Here is a kiss for you and the children and Good bye.

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(Your affec. H)

Deborah Linn.
April 22nd 1865

My Dear Wife

I received your very
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from you again we have been
cut off from the rest of the world
for the last ten days by reason
of the late freshet carrying away
the railroad Bridges. Since the
frosts burnt them they have been
always constructed so as cheap
and quick as possible. so that so
early rain is sure to carry away
5 or 6 Bridges between here and
Nashville. And then to Cap the
thing when the mail did come
through the agent was to draw
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WVK #9

Orchard, Tenn. May 9th/65

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I have had a good chance to think over my past life since I enlisted and I hope I have thought to some purpose. Death has stared me in the face a good many times within the past few months and if anything will make a man think then that will and I hope that I have improved by it. If we try we may make our future life more pleasant than it has been. I am free to acknowledge that I have often been in the wrong but I will try to make amends for it hereafter.

You say Dick and Jim are going to try some other method of getting a living besides farming. Well I believe I shall stick to the good old way. I think I can make a better living and have more spare time as a farmer than at any other trade or profession. If I ever try any other it will be law as I think I could succeed as well in that as anything else. But I am getting almost too old now to commence anything else. The prospect is pretty fair now that we shall be at home by harvest time. The rail road which we are guarding will probably soon be turned over to the State and then we shall be relieved from duty here. A good many of the paroled (sic) prisoners from Lee's army have returned here to their homes and it is thought that some of them are joining the guerillas (sic). A Federal scout and a boy, the son of a widow woman, were murdered on Sunday a few miles from here and last night the guerillas made a raid (on) our boys and tried to get our cattle. They fired about forty or fifty shots and wounded one man in arm. It is pretty evident that we shall be relieved from duty at this Post very soon and be ordered to report at Camp Washburn. How I long for the welcome order to come. I like a soldiers life well enough if it was not for being separated from you. You must not be surprised if I should make my appearance all of a sudden there some evening.

I recd my socks this morning and am very much obliged to you. I wish you would write a little oftener. You think I do not write as often as you do but I guess if you will count your letters you will find I have written as many as you have at least and besides you have more time than I have. I have been in-

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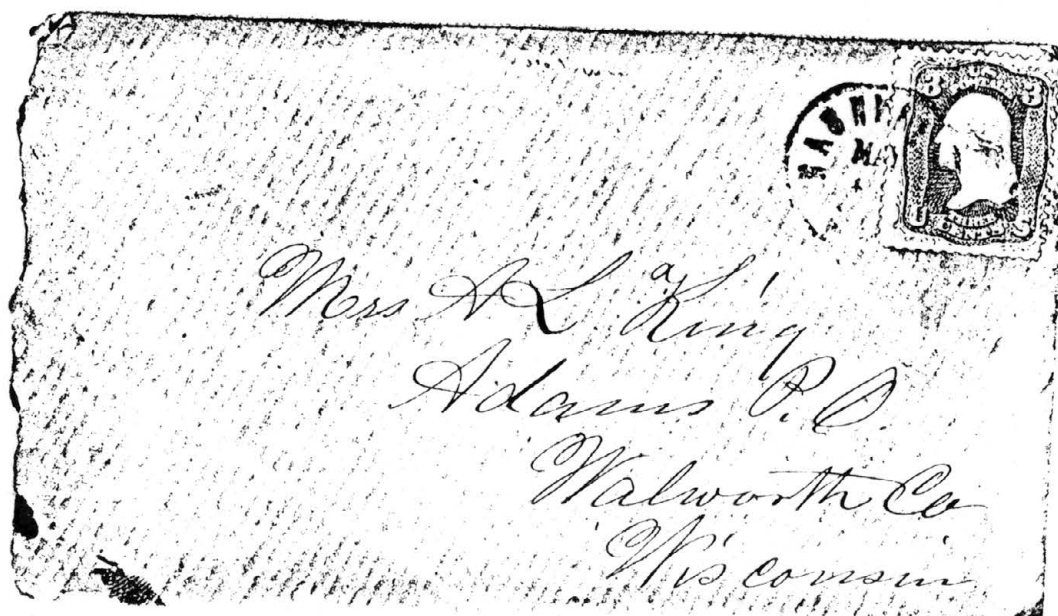
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Miss A. L. King
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Letter #46A

From: Wm V King

To: Mrs Wm King, Adams P.O., Walworth Co, Wisconsin

Decherd 10.Tenn May 11th, 65

Dearest

As it is a rainy day and not having much to do I thought I would while away a few moments in writing to you. Since you sent me that last pic, I want to see you worse than ever except that you look so dignified and majestic I shall be almost afraid to approach you for fear of getting the mitten. Do you think you could ever condescend to embrace a poor soldier like me. The prospect is that you will soon have a chance.

We shall probably start for the North next week. We may not come right home but we shall probably be there by the first of June and may possibly come straight through if we can get transportation.

I wish I was there this evening to take tea with you. I havent felt first rate for two or three days until today. We havent had much to eat until today. We got another supply of pork and hard tack and I have just made out a pretty good dinner from it. If you had to live as we do you would soon get sick of Soldiering.

I guess you had better tell my father that he need not raise any brush for me. I guess I can find something to do next winter enough to earn my board at least.

The people here are very anxious to have us remain here. The[y] say we are the most steady soldiers that have ever been stationed here. In fact we have that name wherever we go. We are to be relieved by the 5th Tenn. Cav, a rowdying rollicking set of fellows who care but little for themselves or anybody else, and I guess but little better than bush whackers.

There was a Major and a Cap bush whacked here the other day. I think the best thing the Gov. can do would be to arm the nigs and then go away and let them kill one another off. That will be the best way of getting rid of the devils.

It is so cold here to day that I have to stop ever[y] few minutes to blow my fingers, but this is the first cold day we have had in a month.

Bill Coates got a letter from his father to day. He says they have got a lodge of good Templars at Batavia and that Lib and Nell have joined it. Well I am glad to hear it. Maybe I shall join it myself when I get back.

I shall have to close now as I have got to make out a requisition for Clothing for the Co.

You will have to take care or I shall get ahead of [you] in writing letters. I am in hopes I shall get a letter from you tomorrow morning. I shall be very much disappointed if I do not. Now write soon.

Yours affectionately

Wm

Note enclosed in same envelope:

You probably think that we ought to feel contented. We are pretty comfortably situated for soldiers but still there is something yet and that something is home and family. I guess you wont complain of not hearing from me very often at the rate I am writing letters now, will you.

I came very near writing yesterday and if I dont get a pass tomorrow to go into the country a few of us talk of going up into the mountains tomorrow or down to Elk River.

They have just called for supper so I shall have to close, and I hope you wont delay writing and when you write again cant you say something pretty to me. Say you love me or would be glad to see me or something of that kind. Or I shall begin to think you can get along without [me] very well.

Dave is calling me again to supper and if I dont go he'll bother me to death nearly. So here's a kiss, and I'm away.

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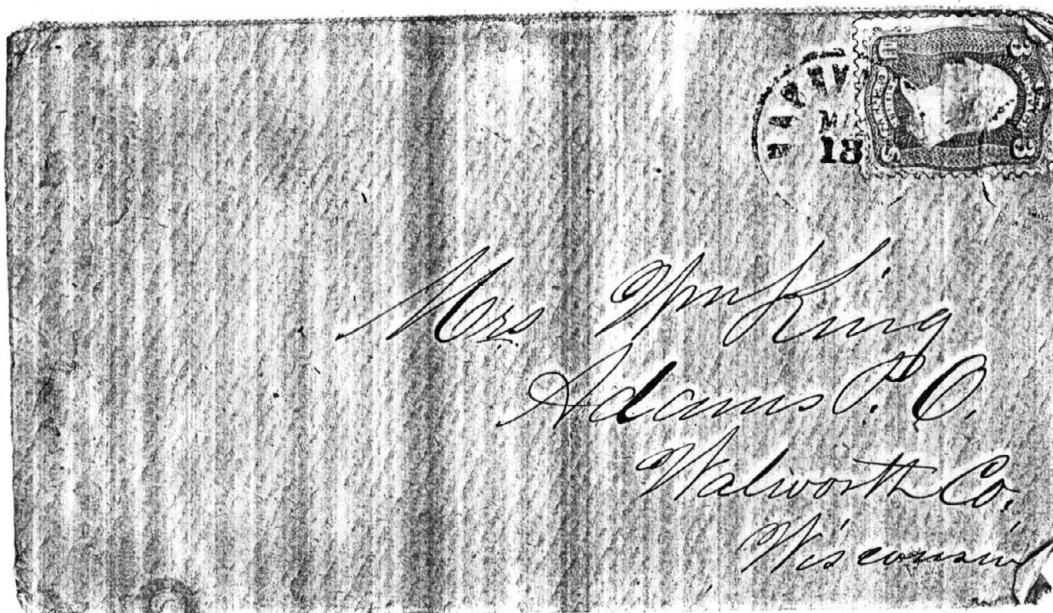
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LETTER #62C

From: Wm V King

To: Mrs William King, Adams, Walworth Co, Wisconsin

Jackson Oct 17th 1870

Dear Nette

I wrote you last night but I failed to say as much as I wanted to so I thought I would write a little more tonight. I infer from what you said in your letter that Vie intends to stay down there, which I think is the worst thing she can do. She is left comparatively alone in the world now, and I think she ought to come and stay with you now unless she intends to get married. If so the sooner the better. If not be sure and bring her with you. The business down there can be attended to just as well without her as with her. You know her health has been slowly but surely failing for some time now and if she dont begin to improve soon it will not be long before she will be with the rest of the family. All the money she wants at present is just enough to get out here and let the rest take care of themselves. If she stays down there and is sick you know I cant spare you to go and take care of her. You know it nearly used you up taking care of Lib, and you are to[o] precious to me [to] allow you run much risk.

You be sure and have an administrator appointed who you can depend upon and who wont charge you to[o] much and then dont meddle with it much yourselves as you will only make matters worse. I wish I was down there about a week. I believe I could set things in running order.

I want you to write just as soon as you get this, and let me know about what time you are coming home. And you bet you could call it blue Monday when you get away from me again.

I never realized [how] dear you were until you left but I soon found out.

When you come back I want you to make calculations to be at Wells on Wednesday night so that I can have Eliza here while I am gone as I am afraid to leave the house alone while I am gone. They are stealing so much around here now.

It is nearly ten oclock so I must close. So here's love and good night.

Wm

Jackson Oct 17th 1890

Dear Nettie

I wrote you last night but I failed to say as much as I wanted to so I thought I would write a little more to night. I infer from what you said in your letter that Vic intends to stay down there - which I think is the worst thing she can do. She is left comparatively alone in the work now - and I think she ought to come and stay with you now unless she intends to get married - if so the sooner the better - if not be sure and bring her with you - the business down there can be attended to just as well without her as with her - you know her health has been slowly but surely failing for some time now and if she don't begin to improve soon it will not be long before she will be with the rest of the family - all the money she wants at present is just enough to get out her - and let the rest take care of themselves - If she stays down there and is sick you know I can't spare you to go and take care of her you know it nearly and you are taking care of Lib. and you are too precious to me to allow you run much risk.

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Mrs William King
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(William to Antoinette)

WVK # 10

[Note: William's handwriting is almost illegible; much different from how it had looked 15 years before.]

Milwaukee, Aug 15. 80

Dear Netta,

I presume you are getting anxious to hear from me by this time. I should have written before if it had been possible to do so. So far I have been unable to write even a postal card.

Well I arrived here Wednesday morning at 3-15 as near blind as it was possible to be and went to the Kirby House and slept till 8 o'clock and then got breakfast and then started out to find a doctor.

I found Doc. Bartlett the one who treated John Holcomb's eyes. I have been here now just four days and my eyes have been improving slowly ever since I came.

He says it will take from 3 to 5 weeks to cure them up in good shape. Or least [he] said so when I first came here. But this morning he said my eyes were doing remarkably well and than I was going [to] get over it right away.

He said when he first saw my eyes that looked as though they had been doctored with a rasp such as they use to trim horses feet. He soon put a stop to my using cold water on my eyes when I got here. He says it [is] next to impossible to cure inflammation (sic) of the eyes if they even touch them with cold water and he intimates pretty strongly that mine would have got well themselves but for using cold water.

I am now boarding at the institute. The[y] charge me \$5.00 per week for treatment and \$5.00 for board making \$10.00 per week altogether. As soon as I get a little better I guess I shall go down to Fannie's. She has been up here twice to see me and insists on my going down there. But I have been unable to go out into the sunlight until today.

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If not called for in ten days, return to
WILLIAM V. KING,

Auditor Jackson County

Jackson, Minnesota.



Mr A. L. King
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Minn

Letter 77A

From: Antoinette P. King

To: Mr Wm V King, Jackson, Minnesota

Pipestone Apr 14 1882

Dear William

I arrived all right about midnight. Found Ed at the depot for me. I tell you your first grandson is a whopper. I should say he would weigh certainly 3 lbs, possibly 4. He is the smallest specimen of humanity I ever saw, but he seems very bright and smart and quite pretty. I think not wishing to flatter you any that he resembles you very much.

Nellie is getting along nicely. Has a good nurse and good care all around. Ed just thinks his boy cant be beat. He comes in to look at him about every ten minutes if not oftener. There never was such a baby. Ed could hardly get over it, your not answering his letter when he felt so happy & so good to write when the baby was scarcely an hour old. They said he was just mad because you did not write but he is over it now. He thinks there is nothing to[o] nice for the baby.

Well how does it seem without me. Do you miss me very much and how is Johnnie. Does he show any signs of measles yet. They wanted to know why I did not bring him along.

Juna is busy washing today. She likes living here real well & seems quite contented. Nellie is scolding because we have all left her alone. She wants us to stay in her room with her. The bed was quite a surprise & very acceptably received. She thinks the candy & oranges nice & knew Pa would not forget her. She says she loves her baby & thinks he is the nicest little fellow in the world.

I feel somewhat tired today & have a headache. Tell Alice & John to be good. With love to you all I am as ever

Your loving Wife

Nette

I forgot to mention that the boy has been offered a situation as clerk or cashier in the bank. Nellie says tell you that you need not be ashamed to come & see your grandson for he is to[o] nice for anything.

C. L. COLMAN,
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OFFICE AND MILLS,
FRONT STREET, (below Cass.)
LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN.

Re: Home Nov 14 1882

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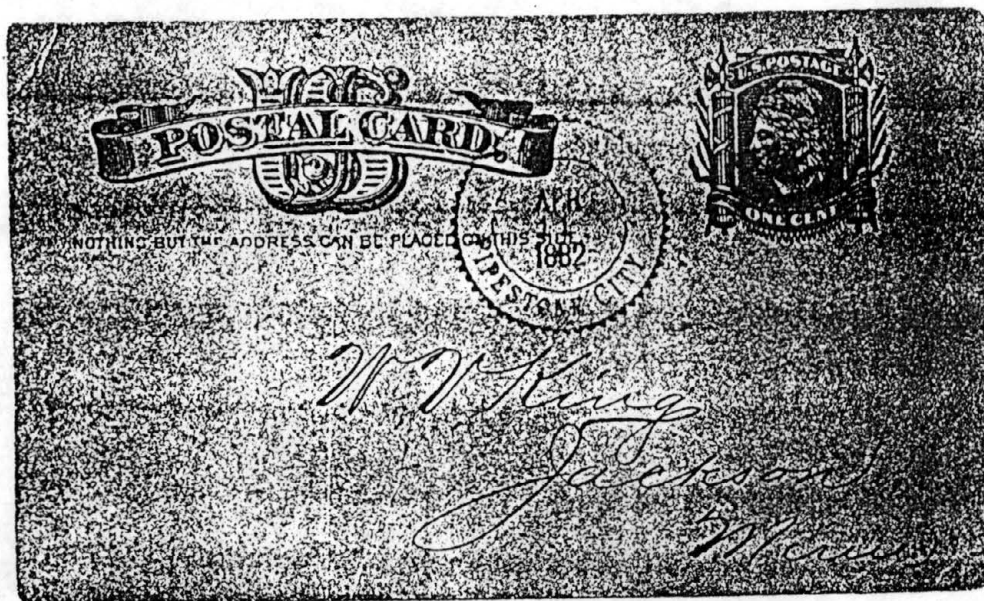
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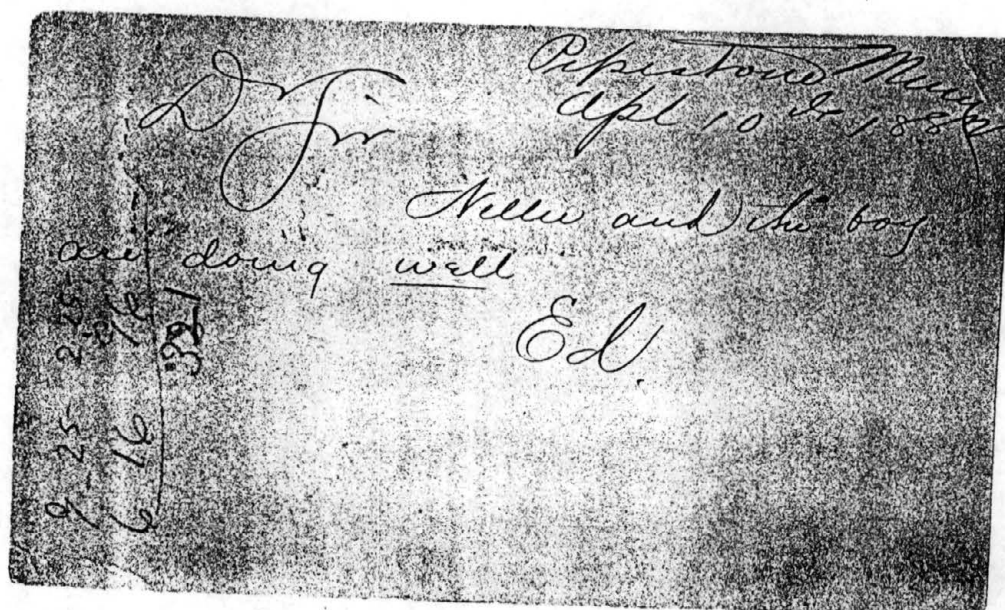
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I also noted that Antoinette makes reference to "Poor Mrs. Davis" in her letter of April 16, 1884 to William - some two years later -



This note was written April 10, 1882 - mailed April 11, 1882 to W. V. King in Jackson. I have an envelope only, postmarked April 15, 1882 from William V. King - Auditor Jackson County, Jackson, Tenn. to Mrs. W. V. King "Care" E. W. Davis at Peapack Tenn. - apparently W.V.'s answer to the card above from

Relle King's husband Ed Davis - possibly after she had a baby boy!



Letter # 77B

From: Antoinette Porter King

To: William V. King (No envelope--no date)

April 21 1882 (est)

Dear William

A week since I left home & how are you all getting along. I suppose Johnnie goes to school & has not stopped to have the measles. And how does Alice get along. Do you keep her in cooking material. You must help her all you can in telling her what to cook.

Nellie & the baby are doing nicely. Baby grows every minute. Nellie does not sit up much yet. We discharged the nurse & I am taking care of her. I am in hopes she will get around more next week. Dont want her to be in to[o] much of a hurry.

Today the wind has blown a perfect gale & it has clouded up & thundering & raining with a little hail.

I can see teams at work all over the prairie. People getting in their grain. Have you had much rain since I left & have the boys got their seeding done.

Have you got the cow yet & has Mrs Gundersen brought the carpet. You need not pay her until I see the carpet. If she brings it before I come I dont want her to cheat me.

I dreamed I saw you last night & I believe I would like to see you. How is that.

Juna is sick today & has gone to bed. She likes being here firststrate. Are you coming up to go home with me when I get ready to come. It seems as though you was here. [Have] you missed me any yet. You did not say in your letter.

Nellie will not hear to my going or coming home yet. The baby is growing real fast & looks better every day. I think he will weigh about five pounds now. Ed said if I would stay three months Nellie might go home with me & stay three days. Want he clever.

Have I had any letters since I left & how do you all get along anyway. Hope you will write me another letter soon. Give my love to Johnnie & Alice & accept a good share for yourself & believe me

Your loving wife

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your loving wife Nellie

Letter # 77C

From: Antoinette P. King & Nellie King Davies

To: William V King (No envelope)

Pipestone Apr 26 1882

Dera William

Your long looked for letter was gladly received this morning & I hasten to reply. Why have you not written oftener. I had began to think "out of sight out of mind" but it seems you are getting anxious to see me. It does seem a long time since I left home & it is hardly two weeks yet. I tell you it will be pretty hard to leave this little man for somehow I cant help but love him. You did not say a word about coming up to see him & go home with me. I wish you would come up Fri night & we could be home Mon morn if you could not stay longer. Cant you come.

I have been pretty busy helping Nellie & I guess if I staid a little longer I could help her more. I would like to help her make her dress. Nellie is so she can walk a little, has been out in the other room several times today.

The baby gave us quite a scare today. I dont know what did ail him unless it was colic. He turned black in the face & straightened out. Seemed [as] if he could hardly breathe. He acts all right now & I hope he will stay so. He is so little I dont know how to doctor him. We weighed him Sunday, only weighed 5 pounds. Do you think he grows very fast?

Have you had any rain. It snowed here last Saturday. The wind blows today like fun & the sun shined for a wonder.

Yesterday Mrs Smart & I made a few calls.

So Mrs Gundersen had brought the carpet & it is pretty? & did she return any rags.

And so you have got a hay yard & how do they get along with the work.

I dont feel the best this week. Now if you dont conclude to come up, you may look for me Saturday morning.

So good bye til then

Ever your loving wife

Antoinette

My Dearest Pa

Well you see by this that I am able to write a little anyhow. We were very glad to hear a little word from you. You didn't say a word about coming up to see our little boy. My how I do wish you would come for I would like to see you myself, first class and I think the rest feel the same.

Say, you know I borrowed five dollars of you while I was home and promised you to be paid in two weeks. Well you know I didn't but I will give it to Ma before she comes home. I wish she could stay longer but if you dont [want] her to it is all right. You have the best right to her, and we cant all have her.

I think my feather bed just splendid, the nicest present you both have ever given me I believe.

That baby is very hungry so he says so I will have to close. Good bye and lots of love to you & all & a kiss.

Your loving daughter

Nellie

Wednesday.
 whether you will come or not - before
 for we have said good-bye - no need
 after if the chance ever comes for
 27th April 1882

Dear William

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Ever your loving wife

Antonette

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Letter # 77E

From: Antoinette Porter King

To: William V. King (no envelope)

Whitewater Oct 12 1882

My Dear William

I suppose you will expect me to write to you & I will as often as possible. I have really felt hurt because you have not written to me. Only one letter in four weeks, but I suppose you will say "She is having a good time & it wont matter". Well I am having a very pleasant visit as far as I have visited but that is not much. I was at your fathers but did not go to any place except the Fair. Lucy was so busy we could not go & I dont know when I can. I went to go to Palmyra, East Troy, Millard, Delavan, & Elkhorn.

Last Fri Lucy brought me to Whitewater & here I am with Vie. But we are not having a splendid visit for the reason she has so much to bother her & no money coming in. Today Grover has been for his goods today & has not paid her. Says he will pay her next week but I have but little confidence as every one gets away owing her from \$10 to \$12. This Grover has had his goods here in her way since June & dont want to pay her a cent & she could have rented her rooms if he had only had his duds out.

Vie has more work than she can do & is drove all the time. I want her to go to Palmyra with me & I would like to go Sat but I dont think she can be ready for she has so much work promised.

I think I will go to Palmyra on Tues & have Lucy come for me Wed. I have only visited at Uncle Bens & Bromleys. I suppose you will think I am staying a long time but I put in my time the best I can. I have not anything done to my dress yet, nor been to see about a cloak. I dont have time to go down town.

It is thundering & lightening tonight so I presume it will rain great guns by morning. I hope you & E have got better. I think about you pretty often.

I wish I could persuade Vie to come back with me but she thinks she cant afford it.

Mrs Williams has been here today & invited me there Sunday to spend the day. Mr & Mrs Pitman of Eagle are both dead, died lately.

I hope you will keep up good courage until I come & dont be sick any more. I have been busy baking all day getting ready Rhoda & family tomorrow to tea.

adieu as ever
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Letter # 77Q

From: Antoinette Porter King

To: Mr W V King, Jackson Minn

Whitewater Jan 20 1884

Dear William

It has been a clear cold day, thermometer 18 below this morn. Friday it snowed quite hard. I wonder if it did up there. I think of you pretty often & wonder how you are getting along. I hope you will all keep well for I dont know how Vie could spare me. She is so weak. She has set up a part of the day for several days & today she was dressed but not until afternoon. She was so poorly & drowsy I could not bathe her sooner. I dont know what to think about her. She coughs & raises a great deal & her throat is terrible. Has night sweats lately which weakens her. I have been making koumiss for her. Dr wants her to drink it. It is 40 cts per bottle when you buy [it]. What I made yesterday was nice. I shall make more tomorrow.

I have not heard a word from home & I feel anxious to hear. I hope somebody will write.

Mrs Josh Taylor was buried yesterday. Your Father & Mother were here Fri. They were quite well & smart. He says who would have thought I would have such a fat round face.

Mr & Mrs J R K Frank Bennet were here the same day. Mrs Williams expects Byron home tomorrow.

I had a great time with the stove this morn. The fire went stark out about 5 oclock this morning & I had to dump the whole thing & kindle up. Mrs Hulce helped me or I should never [have] got a fire. I dont understand base burners very well. I hope I have it right tonight.

I have just got Vie to bed & I hope she will rest. Her side feels bad tonight & she is afraid of another time with it. A part of the time she seems quite bright & then she is drowsy & dull, feels bad all over. I will finish this tomorrow so good night. My head aches.

Tues 20

James & Ellen are here today & will soon start for home. They are quite well & feel pretty good. It was cold this morn but now it is thawing.

I got your letter today, also Nellies, Louise & Juna's. I will answer soon. I am glad Alice is doing so well & I hope the boys will try & make it pleasant for her.

I have had a letter from Nellie. Says Ed has been quite sick but was better. I hope he will get along now. Poor Mrs Smart has buried her baby since I was there & another sick & that Stork family has lost another.

The more I think of it I believe Gale had Scarlet Fever. Your Mother feels so bad about him. She says he was about the age of her little James & it brings it all back to her. She is so tender hearted. She is real smart & they both looked so good that day they were here.

I am in a hurry & so nervous today I cant write. I want to send this down by Ellen. Mr Williams came yesterday. Is some what bruised but quite smart.

Your letter was real nice & I thank you for it & hope you will write often. We got the Republic last night & the first thing Vie saw was what BWD put in about her. She laughed, said I wonder if he keeps handkerchiefs to his eyes all the time. Said she guessed he would be surprised to see her get off the cars some day before long. I think she has gained a little but it is hard to tell. I dont see how she has gotten along alone so long. She is so very weak. Last night she sweat so much.

I shall write to Alice next.

(No signature)

Written on the envelope in Antoinette's handwriting--possibly written later:

Over the river they beckon to me,
Loved ones who've crossed to the farther side,
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But their voices are lost in the dashing tide.

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Letter # 770

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Mr W. V. King
Jackson
Miss

From: Antoinette P. King

To: William V King (No envelope)

Whitewater Jan 29 1884

My Dear William

It is two weeks today or this morn since I arrived at Whitewater. Does it seem as long since I left home and have you missed me any. I often think of you & wonder what you are doing & what you have to eat. I suppose Alice fixes up something nice for you once in a while.

Vie does not have scarce any appetite & it is hard work to fix anything for her. I sent down last night & got a can of peas for her & she liked them pretty well & may like them again but that will do. She is tired of oysters & meats, does not care for pie or cakes, eats a very little sauce but such a little. I think she grows weaker for when I am dressing her it is all she can stand. You could push her over with a feather. She has not rode out since the day before New Years. I dont know what to think about her only she is slowly failing. She talks once in awhile about going to Minn but I really think she never expects to go.

This is a poor week for her. Maybe she will feel better in a few days. She was not able to sit up yesterday. She coughs a little all the time & [that] keeps her tired & her throat is so sore.

I have been looking for several days for Lucy & Zella but they do not come. I told your father that you wanted some seed corn. He said he would attend to it right away. You send word how much & what kind you want right away. I think by what he said that it is not very plenty down here.

Sunday night we had quite a snow storm. Today it is thawing & trying to rain. The snow will soon go at this rate.

I wish Mrs D could have staid longer with Nellie but I suppose she feels as though she ought to be at home to care for Libbie.

I hope you will go up & see Nellie. I think it will do you both good. I know she would be so glad to have you come.

I am so glad Bessie is better. They must be careful of her and not let her take cold. I do hope you will not be out in any blizzards nor any of the rest. I could enjoy a snow storm here if it were not thinking of you up there.

I heard you was the best looking man at the soldier's meeting. It made me feel good. I like to have you complimented.

I have had a letter from Eliza & I will answer soon. I should think M.S. would want more than \$1000 for his place & would or should know what he was going to do before he sells. They have a comfortable home now & I believe I would stick to it if I was Eliza. They would probably do no worse to stay on the farm.

Mrs Williams is here. She & I were going down town to see if we could rent an easy chair for Vie. She has none that is easy for her. If Mr Williams gets home in time we will go. He has gone up to his farm with the horse.

I must write to John or he will be jealous. He wrote me a nice long letter & I was glad to get it & know he had not forgotten me.

Well we have been down town. Mr Goodhue did not have any chairs he wanted to rent but said there was a nice easy chair at his house that Vie could take in welcome. But we did not have time to go & get it. Will go tomorrow.

I guess I would like to have you slip in. You would be very welcome. Take good care of yourself & don't get sick & do write often & oblige your

Loving wife

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Letter #177B

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she has not rode out since the day before
New Years - I don't know what to think
about her only she is slowly failing
she talks once in a while about going
to Minn. but I really think she never
expects to go. This is a poor week for
her - maybe she will feel better in a few
days - she was not able to sit up yesterday
day - she coughs a little all the time &
keeps her tired & her throat is so sore

I have been looking several days for
Lucy & Belle but they do not come
I told your father that you wanted
seed corn - he said he would attend
to it right away - You need corn
how much & what kind you want
right away - I think by what he said answer soon -
that it is not very plenty down here
Sunday night we had quite a snow storm
today it is thawing & trying to rain
The snow will soon go at this rate

I wish Mrs D. could have stayed
longer with Nellie but I suppose she
feels as though she ought to be at home
to care for Libbie.

I hope you will go up & see Nellie. I
think it will do you both good - I know
she would be so glad to have you come
I am so glad Bessie is better. They
must be careful of her & not let her take
cold - I do hope you will not be out
in any blizzards nor any of the rest

I could enjoy a snow storm here if it
were not thinking of you up there

I heard you was the best looking man
at the soldiers' meeting - it made me
feel good - I like to hear you complimented

I have had a letter from Eliza & will
I should think M. S.
would want more than \$1000 for his
place & would or should know what
he was going to do before he sells
They have a comfortable home now & I

Letter # 77S

From: Antoinette Porter King

To: Mr W V King Jackson Minn

Whitewater Feb 3rd 1884

Dear William

I have just got time to sit down & I will write to you although I am so sleepy I can hardly keep my eyes open. It has not been a very pleasant day. It has snowed a little & of course not much sunshine. It snows a little every few days but the sleighing is not very good. I wonder how it is with you up there.

Mr & Mrs Williams have been in to see Vie. He says he shall never live in this country again. He likes Texas so much better. Says his sheep are doing well, has a large ranch. I think he is [in] Navarro Co. He seems to think the cistern water down there is all right if it is full of wigglers.

Lew Belknap has just come & brought some perch for Vie. We had baked pikerel for dinner that Frank Bennett brought yesterday but Vie did not enjoy it very well. She had such a pain in the back of her neck. Every day she has a new pain, something to keep her feeling bad all the time.

I get discouraged about her & I know she is. I dont know what to do for her. She had a letter last night from a Dr Brewer of Evanston Ill. He is doctoring Will DeWolf. He wrote questions for her to answer & said he would send medicine if he thought it would do aany good. I dont know whether she will answer or not. He has been to see DeWolf but will not come again for 3 months.

She keeps saying why cant I be helped. She looked & was quite bright the fore part of the day but towards night she begins to droop. She sleeps but little nights & dont get the rest she ought to have. She did not cough so much last night but sweat quite a little. I think she is growing thinner. Some come in & think she looks better but the most of them think her failing.

These people that she rents of will move away in March & perhaps they will sell the place. I hope she wont have to move again. They say she will not. This womans father had bought a farm in [the] town of Richmond, pays \$70 per acre (160) acres. They talk as though it would be no more trouble to pay for it than if they were buying a load of wood. Have 9 years to pay in.

The Babcock place down by Bairds was sold last week for \$5000 I believe. John Baker owned it.

I have not been out anywhere since I came except down town once. I would like to know if you keep shaved & clean. How often do you put on a clean collar? I dreamed you were wearing your black pants. Are you? I would like to see you awfully well.

Mon afternoon

Mrs Brady came in last night on her way to church & Vie insisted on my going & so I went to the M.E. as it is only next door & she staid alone. I do not leave her alone any. Have only been out once & that was to see about getting her a chair. Today she has felt very bad with the pain & soreness through her lungs & shoulder & back of her neck. She is never free from pain. I think she looks paler. I have just opened a bottle of boughten Koumiss that Dr Lindsey brought her. She nor I dont like it as well as what I make. I have made some splendid. This tastes like sour butter milk.

It is miserable weather half rain & half snow & terrible slippery everywhere.

I would like to know how Mrs Larned is & did that Kidney cure help her. Some times I think I will get Womers liver cure for Vie. See if it would do any good. Some want her to try that & some Dr Wistars Balsam of Wild Cherry & some Dr Pierce' Golden Medical Discovery. I dont know what to do. Dr Lindsay dont give her anything but Ginseng & Hypophospiles & she disliked it so I dont believe he thinks medicines will help her but I feel as though I would like to try something.

Have you done anything about a house. If Rev Davis dont stay cant you get that house. Dont let all the chances slip.

I want to hear from Nellie. Was glad to hear Bessie was better. I hope you will all keep well. I shall write to Will next. You must write often to your old wife

Nette

I want to hear from you often & I hope I shall hear from you soon. I have been well & hope you are the same. I have been well & hope you are the same.

Whitewater Feb 6 / 1884

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Letter #775

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Mr. W. V. King
Jackson
Miss

(Antoinette to William)

ALPK 89

Whitewater, April 16, 1884

My Dear Wm.

I will send a few lines in Alice letter so you can say you have heard from me. It has been a dull gloomy time. Yesterday it rained all day steady & we have not had much sunshine today. It seems we will never have warm weather.

I have had a letter from Cousin Louise. She writes that Aunt Sarah Smith was buried the 10 of this mo. Only left one left now in Mothers family. I also had a letter from Uncle Sam. He writes he has to work pretty hard for Stanley & dont get much pay. Poor old man. I think it time he had a rest.

Vie has had a terrible time with her face. Today she has been quite comfortable the first she has had for a week or more. I think every day she grows weaker & thinner & I feel sometimes as though she would not last long. It makes me feel bad to see her wasting away.

How are Libbie & Marie. Do they gain any. Poor Mrs Davies I feel sorry for her. I wish they might get better but they have lived longer than I ever expected them to.

I guess you had better let Johnny go up to Nellies until I come.

I would so like to be home again but of course I cant tell anything about when I can come. Vie worries for she knows I ought to go that I have been gone a long time. I cant write more tonight for I am tired & so you will say by the looks of this scribbling. Good night with a good kiss from

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Letter # 78A

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To: Mr W V King Jackson Minn

Whitewater May 13 1884

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Mrs Williams staid with me last night & will tonight. Mrs Brockway has been here all day & so many here called. Has had four or five bouquets sent in & everybody willing to do anything.

I have wondered if you thought you could come down. I have thought perhaps you would. I should be glad to see you & so would Vie but she dont talk any more & it tires her to hear people talk. I dont let anybody in her room only her most intimate friends & they tire her to[o] much. She is very patient & easy to care for considering her suffering. I feel as though I should soon be left alone. I feel sometimes as though I could not give her up & when she feels so bad & so sick I cant want to have her suffer much more. I asked her today if she felt as though I had done all I could & she said yes Nette, dont have any regrets, you [were] here & what would I have done without you.

I know it is a long time to be away from you & I am so glad you have kept so well.

I have the headache tonight.

Vie has just had a very hard coughing spell. I was so afraid she would stranggle (*sic*). She is completely [tired] out now.

Good night & a kiss from your sorrowful

Wife

Whitewater May 13/88

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but she has a very fine constitution
and is so completely
I am so glad you are so well
and I am so glad you are so well

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Letter # 78B

From: Antoinette P. King

Telegram To: W V King

CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE & ST PAUL RAILWAY

TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT

The following Message was received at Jackson May 24 1884

By Telegraph from Whitewater Wis Time received 5:10 PM

To W.V. King

Vie died this afternoon. Very easy

King

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FORM 96.

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway.

TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.

Telegrams for parties on trains should always be written in ink on these blanks, and (except those addressed to Train men) enclosed in Sealed Envelopes.

The exact time of receiving messages must be shown in every instance; also the Sending and Receiving Operators' initials.

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To W. V. King

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(Antoinette to William)

ALPK # 10

Whitewater, May 27, 1884

My Dear Husband,

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I have not dared to think of home nor speak of it on Vie's account. She knew I had been away so long it fretted her. You say you will come to meet me. I hope you will & I will tell you what I want to do. It will take most of this week to finish here what I have to do & then I want to go to your father's & stay a day or two & fix up the graves & then I will start for home & I want to ask you if you think I had better go by the way of Saraboo & Reedsburg & you meet me there or do you want me to come the old way. I will do as you say & you must write & tell me right away. I will do as you say.

I feel to[o] nervous to write any more.

Your Father & Mother both said they would have been so glad to have you come & why cant you come the last of this week & then go home with me. I will try to get everything settled as soon as I can. I feel somewhat tired but must go to work.

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Now write & tell me you will come & then we shall see each other sooner.

Now I shall look for you so come to your sad & loving wife.

Nette

P.S. It may be we or you can never come a better time or us be here together so I want you to not say me nay. Come.

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