

From Mary C. Irvine to Mr. Bohart

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Mr[.] Bohart[.]

I received your letter a few days ago to let me know something about my son[.] I feel myself under many obligations to you for the favor you have conferred on me. I was very sorry to hear of his being wounded so often. I feel thankful that neither one of his wounds proved fatal.

I received a letter from him written 29th? of July[.] he spoke of being wounded at Champion hill but did not tell what part of his body was hit[.] he said he had gotten well, he said he had procured a furlow for 15 days to go to Jackson City, Alabama. I think he was a parolled prisoner at the time he wrote[.] I hope he has been exchanged before this time[.]

he said he has written a great many letters home and never has received one[.] tell him we write every opportunity[.] I answered the letter I got in August the next day. please let him know as soon as you get this that you have heard from me and my family[.] tell him my health is very good and all the children except his Brother Milton[.] he is worse than he was when he left home[.] he has an affection [infection] of the heart[.] tell him it gives me a great deal of satisfaction to hear of him being such a good boy[.] I hope and pray that he will continue to walk in the paths of duty and heaven will be his reward.

tell him we have had a great many changes since he left[.] a great many negroes have run off[.] our little Jack is gone[.] all gone to Kansas[.] a good many of our neighbors have rented out their farms and are going to different places[.] Mr[.] Birtly and Dr[.] Watson

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are going to move to Boon Cty Mo[.] Mrs[.] Gentry to Kentucky[.] Mrs[.] Dear talks of going to Illinois and some to the gold mines[.] John says he is going next spring[.] Georg is keeping house at this time[.] he is coming to live with me this winter[.]

I suppose you have heard your Sister is married[.] she married Mr[.] Busey on the 15th of last May a year[.] she has got a daughter nearly 2 months old[.] She wrote to you to send it a name[.] they have been living in Platte[.] they have been boarding ever since they was married[.] tell him I do not know when or where they will keep house[.] Mr[.] Busey said he intends to have a division of the Estate next March[.] I do not know how he will come out.

tell Sam I want to see him very much and the children[.] we think the time very long[.] I hope the day is not very far distant when he can come home and live in peace[.] tell him I don't think it would be safe for him to come at this time[.] tell Sam Mr[.] Bedfords negroes have run off and took about \$500 worth of horses with them from Mr[.] Bedford, besides other *[text stricken through]* things such as bacon [and] soap.

tell Sam John Mobly was living in Saline Cty and him and 2 others started to the army a short time ago and John and one of the other men was shot before they got far[.] I could tell you a good many things about our troubles in the country but the times are such that I will have to forbear[.] tell Sam I want him to send his photograph in the next letter and write soon and often[.]

please write again and let me know if you can carry a letter to Sam if I direct one in your care[.] as my paper is give out I will have to close[.]

yours with respect
Mary C. Irvine