

From George Miller to Dear Father and Mother

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Pleasant Hill, Mo.

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Dear Father & Mother--

I have not heard from you for several weeks. Have you written? I am anxious to hear from you. I have little news, except that Lt[.] Col. Anthony came again into our town on last Wednesday Evening & stayed until Sabbath morning[.] He took away ten thousand dollars worth of stock & 55 negroes. This is the third time the Kansas troops have been in our town & carried away not less than 150 thousand dollars worth of property. The country is being ruined. The secessionists here are fast beginning to give up the contest in Mo. Our mails are entirely stopped now. Our nearest P.O. is Kansas City 30 miles. I will try & send this there.

You will see by the enclosed cards that I am to be married on next Thursday. I am sorry none of you can be here.

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Times are gloomy but I think we can get along thro. them, if we have health. Mary expresses a great desire to see mother. Her mother died when she was small & she is always asking me about mine & telling me I should value my dear mother above all earthly things, for I will never know her worth until she is taken away.

Hand the enclosed note to Josiah & give him my regards. I will write you soon. I would like to go to House Keeping soon but do not know whether I can raise the things. I wish I had my bed. Mr[.] Ward has been detained by various things. Remember me to all my dear Brother & sisters & belive me as ever

Your affectionate son

George Miller.