

From Abishai Stowell to "Dear Sister"

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Lewisburg

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Dear Sister[.]

After a delay of five or six days (to hear from home) I take up my pen to answer your letter (of March 8th) in which which you told me of Fathers death and you cannot im[a]gine my feelings at that time although I had heard of it before (by letter from Mother)[.] I could hardly realize that he was gone from us forever for when I left Kansas last August he was heartier than I ever saw before but we know not the day nor the hour when the son of man cometh. Fathers property is left in an unsettled state I suppose, but I dont know much about it, for I have'nt been at home except a few days

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since the first of December 1861 but I think there will be considerable property left after all is settled. I have'nt heard from hom since the 13th of February & I think I will surely get a letter from some of our folks by the next boat that comes up.

you asked me what I thought that Mother would do, but I'm sure that I am as ignorant of her intentions as you possibly can be for she never said anything about her intentions only she asked me for advice which I was unable to do, not knowing how they were situated. I sent a little money home a few days ago; by one of our neighbors (who was discharged from our company), and the prospect is good for me to go home in a few days for the war is

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just about ended: and I think that ours will be one of the first regiments that will be mustered out of the service: for the regiment is unfit for active service now (on account of having no horses), beside the mens time is out (or will be before they will have time to equip them)[.]

the death of President Lincoln & the assassination of Secretary Steward and his son has caused a great deal of excitement here, the Union people feel the the loss to be one that can never be repaid while the Secesh are overjoyed with the news but I hope that our grief and their joy will soon be diminished by the arrest and execution of the murders and a speedy restoration of the Union[.]

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I must close by asking you to write soon & direct to Abishai Stowell B. Co. 2d. Kan. Vol. Cav'y Louisburg Ark[.] Via Little Rock[.]