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Letter from Abram Hull to William Armstrong and Jane Armstrong

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Claylick, Aug. 6th 1861

Dear Parents,

We have been waiting to hear from you or to see some of you, but we as yet have been disappointed; but may be we will see you coming before this reaches you. We are very anxious to know whether Will has gone to the Navy or not, and if so when he started. He managed to get up as far as Brownsville but as suppose Polly was so near going out that he could not possibly get any farther.

There has been a report circulating here that Will Turner killed at the battle at Bull's Run, but it proved to be false. J. D. Preston is making up a company which will go to Camp on Thursday of this week. Wash Orwin
Dick Sigler, Spencer Ship, Ashford Hensler, Sam Hutchinson, and Abe Hutchinson have enlisted in the (Westmore) Company. Father was to see Martin Tate about that vote of yours, but did not find him at home. He had not sold his wool then, but has sold it since to Tipton at 28½ cents per pound, and he has not delivered it yet, and I think you had better send it to him immediately, and see to it of you and get it for some time. It's said there is about $500 worth of executors against him and Henry Robinson has one of $500. When you come so you see the propriety of attending to yours soon. I have presented Rubay's note twice since you was here but failed both times to get the money. Peter has not told his work yet.
I most forgot to tell you all to write very soon what you can't read of this first guess at. For I wrote it laughing on the floor, till Summertown and Fila to write a word of consolation.

A. F. Hull
August 6, 1861

Addressed to: Wm Armstrong

J. Armstrong

Claylick, August 6th, 1861

Dear Parents

We have been waiting to hear from you or to see some of you, but we as yet have been disappointed but may-bee we will see you coming before this reaches you. We are very anxious to know whether Wilbur has gone to the Navy or not and if so when he started. He managed to get up as far as Brownsville but I suppose Polly was so near giving out that he could not possibly get any farther.

There has been a report circulating that Will Turner was killed at the battle at Bulls Run but it proved to be false. J.L. Preston is making up a company which will go to camp on Thursday of this week. Wash Irwin, Dick Sigler, Spencer Ships, Ashford Henslee, Sam Hutchinson, and Abe Hutchinson have enlisted in this (Preston’s) company. Father was to see Martin Fate about that note of yours but did not find him at home. I had not sold his wood then but has sold it since to Tippet at 28½ cents per pound. He has not delivered it yet and I think you had better come up immediately and see to it or you may not get it for some time. It said there is $500 worth of executions against him and _______ Robinson has one note of $500 due Sept 1st and he says his must. Come so you see the prosperity of attending to yours soon. I have presented Kelvy’s note twice since you were here but failed both times to get the need ______. Father has not sold his wool yet.

Mrs. Meily has died [since] you was here and since her death Aaron was mowing and his horses got frightened and threw him on the machine and that knife cut one of his arms off above the elbow.

We are all well as we were when you were here. Frank can say most everything. He says pank rode the pony. We have put a few blackberries, say 21 jugs. Well I’ve told enough this time. Just then Frank said he wanted tit. Tell Mary _____ is _______ and gone to _______. Serecy Robinson and Ed Case are married no more, but remain yours.

A.T. Hull

M.C. Hull

I most forgot to tell you all to write very soon. What you can’t read of this just guess at for I write it laying on the floor. Tell Sump, Jacob, Mary, and Fila to write a word of consolation.

A.T. Hull