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Letter from Flavilla Armstrong to Armstrong Family

Flavilla Armstrong

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What do you
think we
had better
do get our
clothes washed
at or come
home
We have most
unmerciful
long lessons

Will you
please write
to us
and tell
us how
you prosper
when do
they look
for Hanson
home?
Sister Ma

Tuesday eve July 31st

Dear Father Mother and Brothers

I thinking
perhaps you would like to hear from
your daughters I thought I would
write you a few lines I haven't
time to write much We are well
and doing as well as could be
expected, Mr Church a soldier of
the 192nd came home Saturday
he was taken prisoner at Win-
chester he said that he saw
Thomas the day before he started
home and he told him if he
got a chance to see any of us
to tell us that he was well
& hearty Mr Church was paroled
at Richmond and taken to
Annapolis to camp parole as it
is called and he and a great

many others got out and
came home I had an introduction
to him Sunday he asked me
if Sicut Armstrong was a brother
of mine He said Thomas was
in prison in Richmond He had
just commenced to tell me about
sumption when someone called
him and I have not had an
opportunity of talking to him
since They live just next door
to Slacks We intended to go
in last night and Geo was not
at home Mr Slack had a son
in the 122nd They received word
this morning that was sick
and before we came home at
noon they received a dispatch
saying that he was dead Mr
Slack telegraphed back for them
to send his body home He died
in Baltimore this morning. There
is a writing teacher at The Normal

Will Ross is down stairs he has just come home

he will give 10 lessons for
the small sum of \$1.25 He has
the Spencerian system & claims to
have learned from Mr Spencer
himself I would like to take
lessons but I think his terms
are pretty stiff, Mr Braine
went away with the Co that left
here last week for Chillum the
I learned tonight that he had
returned Mr Wiles took his
place Wiles graduated at Del-
aware he is a good teacher
reminds me a great deal of
Sumption He has a disposition
just like him I am singular
to hear that sumption is
well. Henry Arline is attending
the Normal I saw Mr James
Stobey last Friday and his red
haired daughter also One of
his sons is going to school here
he is kind of green Mr Stobey

asked me if I had got acquainted
with his boy I told
him that I had not and
that I did not know whether
I would know him if I
saw him or not. But since
that I have noticed him more
particularly and find that he
is not of much force

Mr. Stedry said he had been
~~too~~ looking for Father over
and if he did not come ^{soon} he
would write to you He asked
about Thomas he said he had
wondered where he was as he had
not seen any of his letter in
the Courier for some time

We have not washed any yet I would
like to go home Friday night
if such a thing was possible
so that I could get all my clothes
clean once more I intended to
wash here next Saturday and Mary
would iron but now every thing
is confusion ^{here} and they are looking
for Dara to be brought home
and I dont know what to do
write soon

July 21, 1863

Zanesville O

Tuesday eve July 21st

Dear Father, Mother and Brothers

Thinking perhaps you would like to hear from your daughters I thought I would write you a few lines. I haven't time to write much. We are well and doing as well as could be expected. Mr. Church a soldier of the 122nd came home Saturday. He was taken prisoner at Winchester. He said that he saw Thomas the day before he started home and he told him if he got a chance that he was well & hearty. Mr. Church was paroled at Richmond and taken to Annapolis to camp parole as it is called and he and a great many others got out and came home. I had an introduction to him Sunday. He asked me if Lieut Armstrong was a brother of mine. He said Thomas was in prison in Richmond. He had just commenced to tell me about Sumption when someone called him and I have not had the opportunity of talking to him since. They live just next door to Slacks. We intended to go last night and Geo was not at home.

Mr. Slack had a son in the 122nd. They received word this morning that was sick and before we came home at noon, they received a dispatch saying that he was dead. Mr. Slack telegraphed back for them to send his body home. He died in Baltimore this morning.

There is a writing teacher at the Normal. He will give ten lessons for the small sum of \$1.25. He has the Spencerian System; claims to have learned from Mr. Spencer himself. I would like to take lessons but I think his terms are pretty stiff.

Mr. Frame went away with the Co that left here last week for Chillicothe. I learned tonight that he had returned. Mr. Wiles took his place. Mr. Wiles graduated at Delaware. He is a good teacher, reminds me a great deal of Sumption, has a disposition just like him. I am so glad to hear that Sumption is well. Henry Axline is attending the Normal. I saw Mr. James Ardrey. Last Friday and his red-haired daughter. Also one of his sons is going to school here. He is kind of green. Mr. Ardrey asked me if I had got acquainted with his boy. I told him that I had not and that I did not know whether I would know him or not. But since then I have noticed him more particularly and find that he is not of much force. Mr. Ardrey said that he had been looking for Father over and if he did not come soon he would write to you. He asked about Thomas. He said he had wondered where he was as he had not seen any of his letters in the Courier for some time.

We have not washed any yet. I would like to go home Friday night if such a thing was possible so that I could get all my clothes clean once more. I intended to wash here next Saturday and Mary would iron but now every thing is confusion here and they are looking for _____ to be brought home and I don't know what to do.

Write soon.

What do you think we had better do, get our clothes washed or come home. We have most unmerciful long lessons.

Will you please write to us and tell us how you prosper. When do they look for Hanson home?

Flavilla