



Randolph Oct the 28th 1859
Dear Uncle

I again take this opportunity in writing to you, for I have not heard from you but once ~~ever~~ since I have ~~as~~ been here. I have written ~~at~~ one letter to you and two to Uncle Andrew, but I have not received any from neither you nor him. I do not want you to think that I think that all you have to do is to ~~as~~ sit down and write letters to me, but I think that Uncle Andy ^{might} have written and let me know something about my Box, if he could find out any thing about it, or if he could ^{not} ~~I think~~ ~~that he might~~ I have just received ~~at~~ the letter that he wrote. I will write one to him and send it with this. Tell him to read this as soon as you can, so that ~~he can~~ if he does not receive the one that I write, he can see that I have not received the Box yet. if it had arrived here as soon as it had aught to, it would have been a great help to me, for I could have been to work ~~now~~ now if I ~~wanted~~ ^{could} of had ~~as~~ my cloths, for I should have been up in Iowa long before this time. Mother is willing that I ~~should~~ should go up there, she says that

she had rather that I would go up there
this fall than next spring for if I wait until
next spring I may not get any work there
then. and it will cost me more then. than
it will now. so all that I am waiting
for now is the Box, and if it dont get here
in two weeks. I intend to ^{go} after it.
and that will cost me more then it would
to have it sent by express.

There was quite an excitement
here the 22d of the month. there was a horse
thief brought here in the morning, he had not
been here long before there were a great ~~to~~ many
men here from others counties. and at one o'clock
they took him to the ~~sold~~ woods and hung
him in the presence of about ~~a~~ three or four hundred
men. he was the ring leader of a band of horse
thieves. he has broken jail three times. and ~~had~~
~~as~~ escaped from the Penitentiary once. so some
of them said the best that they could do ~~for~~
with him was to hang him. but I think that the
best way would have been to let the law have
its ~~one~~ own course,

I think that this is the most wicked
place for swearing that ever was. there seems
to be no fear of God in them. I never ~~hear~~
hear them speak his Holy name. unless it is
in blasphemy. worse than any Sailor I ever
heard. in their common conversation. they cant talk

without the most horrid oaths, they
most all go armed. Boys here carry Bowie
knives that the blad blads are from 5 to 7 in
ches long, who look as though they had better
have a stick of Candy in ~~stead~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ of the
knife.

We are all well at present and I hope
that you are the same. the weather is very
cold here at present it looks as though it was
almost ready to snow.

I am very ~~discontented~~ ^{discontented} here for I am not
earning any thing here. but if I had my cloths
I could go to work any time up at Hudson
keeping back ~~if I had my cloths~~. but I cant
go ~~out~~ untill I get them and mother dont
like to have me tend the Bar. my love to
you one and all

Charles A Wilson

To my dear once at home

Charley left some room for
me to write, so I thought I would write a few lines
I am sorry that we have not had any news of the
boy as yet, Charley is getting very uneasy about it, and
not without a cause, I do hope that it will very soon
get here, Charley talks of going to Iowa as soon as he
gets his cloths, he is not satisfied with this part of
the world, and on the whole, as he can't get work there
I think it would be the best for him, although I
would have been glad to see if he could get into business

here in town, if Charles had been alive he could
got him a situation on the cars, but as Providence
has ordered it otherwise we must submit, I suppose
you are all anxious to hear how I am situated, I
am thankful to say, that as far as I know, that we
are much better off then I might be, I have a good
comfortable home, and if all is paid in to the estate
that is out, and no false charges or accounts brought
against the estate, there will be nearly a thousand
dollars to come to us, there are over one thousand dollars
to do in good notes to collect, and about three hundred
dollars on the books, but I am afraid that some if
not a good deal of that on the books will be lost, if that
part cannot all be collected, there it would almost, if
not quite enough to pay all the estate is owing, Charles
did not make a will, there is an administrator to settle
the things, Charles requested him to administer on the
estate before he died, I shall stay here, as I would
not know where to go too better myself, I have excellent
neighbors, Charley can testify to that tell Mrs Gertrude
that I thank her for the present she send me, and
I thank you all for the pictures Charley brought,
Josephine I knew as soon as I saw it, she has the same
sweet innocent expression she had when a child, Mary
I did not know at first, her face has lost its round
ness, Andrew looks better then he used to, Gertrude is
a very neat looking person, I told Charley as soon as
I saw it, I knew she was not neat, he thinks it would
almost kill her, to live in this dirty part of the world.