



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 ~~can~~ since I have ~~be~~ been here. I have written ~~a~~ 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 ~~set~~ sit down and write letters to me, but I think that Uncle Andrew ~~might~~ ^{might} have written, and let me know some thing about my Box, if he could find out any thing about it, or if he could ^{not} ~~think~~ ~~that he might~~. I have just received ~~a~~ the letter that he wrote, I will write one to him and send it with this, ~~let~~ let him 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 arived here as soon as it had aught to, it would have been a great help to me, for I could have ben to work ~~now~~ now if I ~~would~~ ^{could} ~~would~~ had ~~as~~ my cloths.

for I should have been up in Iowa long before this come, Mother is willing that I ~~should~~ should go up there, she says that

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

There was quite an excitement
here the 22^d of the month, there was a horse
thief brought here in the morning, he had not
been here long before there ware a great ~~so~~ many
men here from others counties, and at one o'clock
they took him to the ~~wood~~ woods and hung
him in the presene of about ~~to~~ three or four hundred
men, he was the ring leader of a band of horse
thiefs, he has broken gail three times, and ~~had~~
~~so~~ 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 ~~here~~
hear them speak his Holy name, unless it is
in blasphemy, worse than any Sailor I ever
heard, in their comen conversation, they cant talk

without the most horrid Coats, they
most all go armed. Boys here carry Bowie
knives that the blade blades are from 5 to 4 in
es long, who look as though they had better
have a stick of Candy in ^{stead} ~~the~~ ~~stead~~ of the
knife.

We are all well at present, and I hope
that you are the same. the weather is very
cold here at ~~A~~ 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 clothes
I could go to work any time up at hudson
keeping bar ~~if I had my clothes~~. but I cant
go ~~now~~ until I get them. and. mother dont
like to have me tend ~~A~~ Bar. my love to
you one and all

Charles A Wilson

To my dear one 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
box 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 doths, he is not satisfied with this part of
the world, and on the whole, as he cant get work there
I think it would be the best for him, although I
would have been glad to ~~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 other wise, 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 of then I might be, I have a good
comfortable home, and if all is paid in to the estate
that is out, and no fals charges or accounts brought
against the estate, there will be nearley a thousand
dollars to come to us, there are over one thousand dollars
to go 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 could 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 befor he died, I shall stay here, as I would
not know where to go too to better myself, I have excellent
neighbors, Charles can testify to that. tell ~~Mr~~ Gertrude
that I thank her for the present she send me, and
I thank you all for the pictures Charles brought,
Josephine's I knew as soon as I saw it, she has the same
sweet inocent expresion 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 Charles 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. yours affectionately
J. W. G.