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Document: *Letter from Thomas Welsh to Annie Young Welsh in Lebanon, dated September 9, 1852*

Transcript:

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My Dear Wife:

I have just received your second letter- I was in Lancaster all day yesterday, and could not write to you- Yesterday was the day for holding our County Convention, and in consequence of me being a Candidate - for Representative, I was required to attend, however I did not get the nomination but I polled a very respectable vote for a new beginner. I will start for Lebanon on Sunday morning- so that I expect to embrace my beloved wife, and my sweet little daughter some time on Sunday afternoon - I am so anxious to be with you, and Alice, again, that I can scarcely content myself in waiting for the time for us to meet. The Soldier that I procured the Pension for- Lewis Wilds - died this morning- I sent him his money last evening- he has been quite sick for several weeks- he sent for me last week, and on Saturday I went to see him, and arranged his papers and drew his money- he said, I was the only friend he had in this part of the Country, and as I must try and be at the funeral which is to take place tomorrow or next day- you will have to wait until [sic] Sunday to see me- but please take good care of my beloved little daughter.

Mrs. Wolfe —"Sarah Becks, Mother," is being buried this afternoon. Esquire Brooks', - child (seven months old, died this forenoon.

The Vigilant fire Company; are on parade, and are laying the corner stone of their new house to day.

I was in our new house to day - they are getting along very fast with it - so that I think, it will be ready in time for us.

I think you had better try and get a girl, as you will have so much to do, when you come home and for a long time after we move - as business is getting pretty brisk, it will be impossible for me to be at home very much - and you know that it allways [sic] grieves me to see you slaving your self as you must necessarily do without a girl.

I know that I am sometimes very careless and illnated - but I trust that you allways forgive me - knowing that I love you so dearly, I would not part with you for another three weeks, under any consideration - unless my sweet little Alice was old enough to stay with papa. and mama, wanted very badly to pay a visit - then, and only then, can I again consent to be separated from my loving and beloved wife, for so long a time as three weeks.

Kiss my little one, and think of your poor lonesome and affectionate Husband.

Thomas Welsh



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I will bring the Shawl and patterns

As I left you with but little money - and as you may want to use some before leaving Lebanon - I herewith enclose seven dollars, I have plenty left for myself.

Analysis: Wiggin

Contains local and personal news, reports on his unsuccessful candidacy for Representative at the County Convention, and expresses how much he misses his wife and daughter, who are apparently on an extended visit to Annie's sister in Lebanon. He says he plans to pick them up in Lebanon on Sunday.

Scope and Content:

Handwritten letter from Thomas Welsh to his wife, Annie, which contains local and personal news, including a report on the progress of work on the family home and Welsh's unsuccessful candidacy for representative at the county convention. Welsh clearly misses both his wife and daughter, Alice, who are apparently on an extended visit to Annie's ister Lydia Young Karmany in Lebanon, Pennsylvania. Welsh states that he plans to pick them up in Lebanon on Sunday.

