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Document: *Letter from daughter Alice, June 3, 1861*

Transcript:

Columbia June 3th 1861

My Dear Papa

This is the first letter I have written to you since you left York. I am writing to you in school. I am just done writing in my copy book. Mamma said we must keep all our copy books till you come home so we can show them to you. Mamma wrote to you this morning and I took it to the post office. Aunt Mary was here on thursday and she went home on friday. I go to the post office every[?] morning after school when the mail comes in I think there will be a letter there for Mamma Blanty has a stie on his eye. One of the pigs were sick and Mamma gave it some sulpher and some lard and molasses and it is well again Mamma thinks she gave it to much grass. Tommy's[?] sister Mary is comming up on saturday. We are all well. Please write soon to your affectionate

Daughter
Alice

[Transcribed by Rick Wiggin, 2017]

Analysis: Wiggin

Alice is age 9½

Aunt Mary is probably the wife of Samuel D. Young, Annie's brother. Another more remote possibility is that she may be the sister of Thomas, but this is unlikely because there has been no record of her since 1857, when Thomas became legal guardian of her children.

Tommy[?]and his sister Mary are unidentified, unless they be son and daughter of Thomas' sister Catherine Rich from whom little has been heard since 1857 when the partnership Welsh & Rich failed. Note, however, that Paul Rich and Tom (Rich?) are mentioned in Mazies letter to her Dad on July 1, 1861 [TW-D-61-12], just a month later.

Scope and Content Note:

Handwritten letter from 9-year old Alice to her father, Thomas Welsh. From Columbia. Letter mentions her work in her copybooks and mentions a stye suffered by Blanty (Blanton), an issue with pigs, and various family members who will or have visited. Note: Aunt Mary may be the wife of Samuel D. Young, Annie's brother. [Tommy] and sister Mary may be son and daughter of Welsh's sister Catherine Rich.



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