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Document: *Letter from Alice Welsh to Thomas Welsh, dated January 30, 1863*

Transcript:

Columbia January 30th 1863.

My Dear Papa,

Mamma wrote to you day before yesterday, I guess you have not received it yet. I suppose Uncle Ed is married he was to be married on the 28th if he is we have an Aunt Sudie. Effie is better she is able to be down stairs. Her birthday ~~was~~ was on the 22nd of this month we bought a turkey to send to you and then we heard that you had moved so we killed it and had it on her birth day she was going to have a party on saturday but she took sick on saturday afternoon, I guess she will have it next week. Effie, Lillie, Blanty, and Alice Vache are playing, Blanty is pretending he is a little clored coleyed [colored] boy. Mamma say she thinks that since you have gotten so stout that coat will fit you that M^r. Worrel made.

We had a deep snow yesterday there was sleighing yesterday and today. I am going to write to Uncle David, and Annie Wright today. M^r. Strine is well again, he is out, he said when he got well he was going to go and shake hands

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and rub up against everybody that was afraid of him. Adjutant Budding was here on Monday and he gave Mamma one of his pictures. Mrs Lockard was just here to see if it was true that 30 of your men had deserted from the Regiment, she sent Jimmie a large box and she thought it would be a great loss if he did not get it, it is lying at Washington. Mrs Lockard thought perhaps you would send for it if he could not get it.

Mazie and I were to hear the old folks last night we were very much pleased, the hall was crowded with people some had to sit on chairs. Mazie and Lillie have just gone out to sled, Effie is not able to be out yet or she would be sledding too. One of ~~our~~ the school teachers are dead he lived in lancaster his name is M^r. Bowman he died with the small pocks we had no school yesterday because all the teachers went to the funeral. I cannot think of any thing more to write. I wish that this war was over and you could come home. Effie is waiting for an answer to her letter. This is all at present, Answer soon.

Mamma, Ann, Maggie, Mazie, Effie, Lillie, Blanty, all join me in sending their love to you
Good bye.

From your affectionate
daughter Alice

Scope and Content:

Handwritten letter to Thomas Welsh from his 11-year old daughter, Alice. From Columbia. Letter mentions various activities by various family members as well as snow and sledding, a birthday celebration for Effie, the death of a local schoolteacher, and how much she misses her father.



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