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Transcription:

**Head-Quarters Ninth Army Corps.
Lexington, Ky, Sept 5th 1863**

Dear Sir:

Your letter of August 27th was received yesterday. I am sorry that I am so situated as to prevent personal attention to the charge given me by Mrs. Welsh, but I think I have made such arrangement as will be equally satisfactory and avoid the delay required for an interchange of letters on the subject. I am on duty at Corps Headquarters at Lexington while the General's effects are at Division Headquarters at Crab Orchard, some fifty miles south. I had no authority to take possession of them - indeed considered them as safer and better cared for where they were than they would have been had they been stopped at Cincinnati. I presume that I could obtain the privilege of running down to Crab Orchard for a day to attend to the sale of the horses, & c., but to close up a sale of that kind without some previous negotiation would probably be to sell to poor advantage. I have therefore requested Capt. Hicks, the General's Asst. Adj. Genl., to make the sale for me to the best advantage. He is a man of first rate understanding - and will probably - if he consents to undertake the sale, do better than I could were I able to take the whole thing in my hands. Both Colonel and Captain Curtin expressed a willingness to give for the big horse what the General paid for him - \$200. "Jerry" all hands pronounce used up, so I imagine he will not bring a great deal. The General's saddle, blankets, etc. are with the baggage at Division Hd.Qtrs - at least they were. The sword I am sorry to say, was lost on the railroad, on the journey from Cairo to Cincinnati. It was left in the hurry of changing cars at some point on the railroad together with a number of articles - blanket, etc. I think all of which were immediately telegraphed for by the officers accompanying the General. Everything arrived by the next train except the sword and they were never able to obtain any tidings of it.

I have suggested to Capt. Hicks that the saddle, blankets, etc. be collected and that they be sent on in charge of the first Columbian who may obtain leave or furlough.

I shall probably hear from Capt. Hicks in a day or two, when I will again communicate with you.

I regret to hear of Mrs. Welsh's indisposition. The blow must have been a terrible one to her, but under the circumstances I was unable to soften it by a word of preparation.

Hoping the steps I have taken will meet the approval of Mrs Welsh and of yourself. I am

Very Respy
Samuel Wright

C. S. Young, Esq.



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Analysis: Wiggin

Annie's father, Samuel, died when she was age 5; her mother, Elizabeth, died when she was 9½, according to the Family Bible (of which I have a photocopy; the original or a copy resides with NJT). Annie was one of 9 children, according to a Young Family lineage chart presumably drawn up by Emily Benson Welsh (Sr.) as an accompaniment to a Jan. 29, 1928 letter to Mrs. Lasher (and circulated as an attachment to a 2004 email from Susan Anderson to Tom Welsh and Marion Wiggin)

Therefore, addressee (could conceivably be E.S. Young, instead of C.S. Young) is almost certainly Annie's brother.

Scope and Content Note:

Handwritten letter E. S. Young, brother of Annie Welsh, from Samuel Wright, Headquarters Ninth Army Corps, Lexington, Kentucky. Letter expresses Wright's regret in not being able to personally direct final accounting of Welsh's personal belongings as requested by Annie Welsh. Provides details regarding the sale of Welsh's horse and apologizes for loss of Welsh's sword in transit to Cincinnati. Expresses concern over the health of Mrs. Welsh. Note: Addressed to C. S. Young, but most likely intended for E. S. Young, brother of Annie Young Welsh.

