

Fort Delaware Del
Feb 28th 1865

Dear Cousin;

I wrote you about ten days ago requesting you to send me a pair of pants, since which time I have not heard from you; last week I saw a letter in the Philadelphia Enquirer from Col Skulford asst agent of exchange stating that prisoners on both sides would soon be exchanged and that it would be useful for friends of prisoners to send them any more clothing or money; In hope of a speedy release from prison I request that you will send me the likeness of yourself and family that I may convey them to your relatives in va. If it is convenient have them all taken in a group; but if it would put you to unnecessary expense or trouble I do not insist; we would like very much to have them. If you have not started the clothing you had better not send them now; In case I should not be exchanged I will continue to write you. I received a letter from home since I wrote you last my family were all well and anxious to get a letter from you. I send you a Confederate stamp to send your letter ^{by flag of truce} through the lines; My health is as good as usual. A number of Confederate Officers left here this morning on exchange. The weather is very pleasant; hope I may hear from you as soon as possible it is convenient for you to write. Give my love to Cousin Margaret and except of the same yourself

Benj Reed Lt
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