

of the Confederates making an advance upon Ky. Kinney writes that he hopes to have the pleasure of dining with you - as he prepared - How is Ellen and Lily I would as like to see them. I often think of the few months I passed at your house. Cousin Willie is still here, but in bad health. I have seen him several times he expects soon to leave for Nancy - Why do they not write to him he never receives letters from home - Gordon I suppose will soon leave for the Confederacy. You must excuse this badly written letter but I have been in such a hurry these French people do not give me much time. Write me all about brother Hart. With much love to all and many kisses to the children

I remain

Your devoted sister

Louise

Please send me the children

photographs - do not forget

always send my letters to brother Hart -



Convent de l'Assomption
Antwerp June 12th 1864

Dear Sister Mary,

You see I do not wait for you to answer my letter, as I am very anxious to hear from brother Hart. I wrote her him some weeks ago and have not received ^{an answer} so I feel uneasy. I have just finished reading two letters from the Confederacy, one from brother ^{the} Kinney. Both write in glorious spirits, they write on the one of a battle God grant they may escape. Cousin Willie Johnston is trying in Richmond to have brother Hart exchanged. I hope by this time that he is on his way to Richmond.

Col. Grishby is well and in Johnston the friendship of the Government
army. Tell Cousin Susan I will for us France must recognize
soon write to her and let her us. I don't want the French to
know all about him, if she help our soldiers fight the Yankees
would enclose me letters for they can do their own fighting
him I would with pleasure but to recognize us. to do
send them by the blockade, as the justice so readily accords
runners, which are going into to other nations. I think once
to Confederacy every few days. recognized a powerful peace
In fact I think there is a regular party would at once spring
mail, which bears every latitude up at the North and the war
Napoleon made overtures to cease. But I must stop writing
Lord Russell and Palmerston about the war, it is very hard
seven days ago, the latter was thought to think and speak of
willing to aid Napoleon in any thing else. I suppose you
any thing he undertook for the hear very seldom from the
South, but the former folded South, if you would write
his views and said, he would to some of our brothers it would
not have any assistance, given please them so much please
Mr. Mason has left for England as Sister and Pa are still
therefore I think that something living in New Orleans, they second
important may occur or to be very much pleased, it must
has taken place. I hope Mr have been very dull on the
Giddell may be able to get the plantation. Are you still living
French Government to appreciate in Livingston, are will you ever
our Cause and help us. I have in the country this summer. Do
no doubt but that he has secured not be surprised if you hear

Lexington March 19th 1877

Dear Aunt Mary.

Papa reached home a week ago, safe and sound, much to our relief, for we had come to the conclusion that he was lost, as we had not had a letter from him during his absence. He enjoyed his visit to you immensely, in fact is quite spirited and hardly has courage enough to rec-
tise to Harland, but Mamma says we must go home to-morrow volens volens.

Many thanks for the presents you sent by him. They came very opportunely, my birth-day being the 12th March and then I had just lost a very pretty lace scarf and had made up my mind to practice a little self-denial. The articles are all very pretty. Be sure I shall always think

of you when Susan them. Willie
will be glad to know you have not
forgotten her. She is at Oak Forest,
left very unexpectedly with Tobias as
escort to Aunt Sarah who seemed so
unwilling to take the long journey
alone that Mama was persuaded
to let the children accompany her.
We do not look for them until the
early Summer when Aunt Sarah or
family think of coming to Kentucky.
We enjoyed their visit so much last
year, that we shall be greatly dis-
appointed if they do not visit us
again this Summer.

When are we to have the pleasure
of a visit from yourself? Papa has
quite excited our curiosity about the chil-
dren, says they are so bright, handsome
and interesting. Can't you persuade Uncle
Sam to at least leave his card for us
when he passes through Kentucky

again.

Brother has had his eye ope-
rated upon by a German oculist
now a resident of Lexington, who has
been very successful in a great many
similar cases in Lexington and the
surrounding counties. He is very hopeful
of complete success with Brother's eye,
but we are very nervous about it.
The operation was extremely painful but
Brother bore it very manfully.

Dear Aunt Mary we have all passed
through a terrible ordeal during the past
few months. Aunt Louisa was a great favor
to visit us all. Even now, it is difficult
to realize that so much intellect, beauty
and warmth, has been taken from us forever.

Please remember me to your Mother
and Grace and Dicky. With kisses for the
little ones and much love to Uncle Sam and
Yourselves Affectionately Your Niece
Louisiana. H. L. L.


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MISSING**

The House has concluded to remain
on the Baker place - and Col Johnston
and family were at Col Blackford
this day week -

There are some Cubans in New Orleans
looking for plantations to rent and buy
and I hope in some degree they are
sensible - I would be sure of it if I
was only a man - but petticoats are so
fatal to business success in a woman
and this is not near fast enough to
keep up with the fast lane - that we
dread about now - There has been
some delay which I am sure has
not been ~~the~~ - but perhaps not
I am so ~~impatient~~ that I find myself
impatient -

Well but I thought I would bring
of white cane from Mrs Minor's last
fall and planted it in the garden
and have been measuring & working
and experimenting with it ever since
and have succeeded in growing it
fifteen joints and larger around than
any other - that is not as big as a bed
post, but it is much the finest cane
I have seen - I have the ground all
ready and will cut it & plant it to day -

my grand children will probably grind
from this beginning -

Suey is away just now, on her first
visit to the McWilliams and Miners
Shelly gave a large party on Thursday
night and had a band of music to
dance by & Suey could not resist
that temptation - besides she has never
seen a sugar house under way and
wants to make her visit at a time to
enjoy the sugar house smells and see
it run before my winter visitors begin
to come - She and Sally are both
looking very well, but Suey is really thin
she weighed a few days ago 120 lbs
and Sally 122,  is as fat
as a pig, although she still suffers
from dyspepsia occasionally - Mr
Progers says he has never seen Suey
looking so well, but she may stouten
during the summer than she is now -
The little boys are tall and broad, but
has not yet caught up with his feet
hands and nose - He and Eustace
are out at the saw mill to day where
they spend every Saturday superintending
the grinding of meal for the country and
will they take the bill for me -