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REEL NO. _____

PAPERS OF ROBERT WATKINS ADAMS, 1839-?

Papers of Robert Watkins Adams, White Springs, Florida. Includes a journal, letters, photographs, newsclippings, and genealogical material.

The journal was kept by Captain Adams, Co. F, 5th Florida Regt. while imprisoned at Johnson's Island, Sandusky Ohio in 1863-1864.

Genealogical material concerns the family and descendants of Margaret Vernon Stiles.

Inventory precedes Collection.

12 items.

In possession of: Mrs. W.E. Waters
3627 Paces Valley Rd. N.W.
Atlanta, Ga.

REDUCTION: 12
EXPOSURE: 70

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ITEM INVENTORY

1. Journal of Captain Robert Watkins Adams, Co. F, 5th Florida Regiment, while imprisoned at Johnson's Island, Sandusky, Ohio. August 1, 1863.-February 10, 1864.
2. Envelope giving information of location of prison camp.
3. Letter, Robert W. Adams, Co. F, 5th Florida Regt., Point Lookout, Maryland to wife, March 1, 1864.
4. Newsclipping, Obituary Notice of Robert Watkins Adams.
5. Ribbon of Demosthenian Society received while in college in Athens.
6. Genealogical Material concerning the family of Margaret Vernon Stiles.
7. Adams Family Bible Record
8. Photographs: 

Mary Mildred Flournay Adams
Nathaniel Alexander Adams
Captain & Mrs. R.W. Adams
R.W. Adams as a young man
R.W. Adams as an older man

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Came to the island to see him today but were not allowed
to see him, not having come provided with Quartermaster's special
permit. Patterson although a native of Ohio, and his relatives
residing in ^{Ohio} Elyria, is a member of the 9th Ill Regt, and is a
staunch Rebel. Sent Bigman of 6th Fla Regt, was called out this
evening to see some friend or relative. Aug 1st - Another month
has opened upon us, and we are still Prisoners of war at the same
Depot on Johnson's Island. We look anxiously forward to the time
of exchange, but fear it is a long way ahead. "Ed" It is amusing
as well as vexatious to read such issues of Lincoln's
fall under our notices. They present a decide contra
style & matter to those sheets which in Ohio espouse to
C. S. Vallandigham, and elsewhere oppose the admin.
3rd. I was agreeably surprised to-day to receive a letter
in the well known hand of Bro W. I had despaired of hearing
at all, and therefore was most glad to hear from him and
that himself and family were all well. He wrote me
kind and brotherly letter, informing me that he had sent me
a 20\$ U.S. Treasury note, to Fort Delaware, my former prison. He
readily offered me a home with him until the war was over -
4th - 4th Can hear nothing from the money sent. I wrote to my
dear Spalden a kind and affectionate letter as I knew how to
indite. He wrote to Brig Gen. Schoeff, commanding Fort Mifflin, about
the money. 5th Meet an old friend from Athens Ga, Capt J. R. Richey
formerly of the firm of White & Richey. He belongs to Sherman's Cavalry
and was captured at Brandy Station some time back. 6th - This
is the old Kangaroo's Thanksgiving Day. Almighty God?
Offering thanks for what? A country stained in blood. A people

borne down beneath the iron heel of a despot? Every right of freedom
impugned? The Constitution and the laws our forefathers framed count
as a bye word and a hissing? Better far that he should appoint
a day penance and atonement and clothed in sack cloth and ashes
seek to find pardon for his career of infamy & crime! 9th I tasted
some ice-cream to day by paying 10c in Greenback, which from
the circumstances of our camp life was quite a "rara avis" 8th I
have come to the conclusion that the authorities that be at Fort
Delaware have by a little Yankee financial stroke, got in possession
9th Again the Sabbath of our Lord dawned upon us
thousand of mile stretch wearily between me and the home
; though Yankee Sentinels guard me, and dizzy conflicting
my brain. yet I bless God for his sabbath, and the chance
word expounded, 10th - I write a letter to Ma in Georgia
against hope, that the letter may reach her, and
my safety - 11th - I am now suffering very much from
my face & neck. I have two moles, one is excessively painful, 12th
I wrote to Mrs. James Robb, formerly Mrs Craig, of Athens, daughter
of Mrs. Alonzo Church, giving her some information about some relatives
of hers in our army. 13th Write to Mrs. Weston of Baltimore, and
Miss Anna Guy of Hagerstown Md, the latter lady was a kind friend
to poor Nelson Hillhouse, last year in his long illness, and no doubt
the news of his untimely fate, will convey sorrow to her. 14th -
Received to day the long expected letter, containing my money; it comes
in good time, and its presence will relieve many wants. 15th, I am
having some rings made from India Rubber Buttons, by some of the
prisoners here, they are to have the letters, A. B. C. and the words
Sophie, Lezzie & Frank on them - The three latter I intend sending

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and we have preaching as customary. I write a letter to my
Dearest Sophia, and enclose a directed envelope, so that she may
reply to it. 17th. A cloudy day, and rather pleasantly cool. My thoughts
are continually turning homeward and to my absent wife and friends.
18th. Quite a cool day, and gives us a slight foretaste of what
winter in this inclement climate will be. 19th. Received a box
of clothing from Spolt & Sister Sarah by Express. They sent me
1 pr pants, 1 pr shoes, 1 pr Drawers, 2 shirts, 2 Hdkfs, 2 prs socks, &
4 Towels. I also received 2 letters from him, one containing 10¢. I immediately
wrote him and also Sister Sarah, thanking them for their kindness.
20th. Some 5 or 6 U. S. Officers, arrived to-day, supposed to be from D. C.
21st. To-day is the time appointed by the President of the Confederate
States as a day of fasting and prayer. Prayer meeting was held
before 10 o'clock this morning, and preaching about 12 o'clock
continued until the middle meal. There was preaching also in
the evening, and it rejoiced to know that, though in prison
we are surrounded by Federal bayonets, a due and appropriate
regard was paid to our Mother, and just honor done our
Country. 22d. To night we are having quite a blustering wind
and rain, mingled with a considerable fall of hail, which
rendered the atmosphere quite cool, and somewhat forbidding
of what we might expect in this sterile climate. 23d.
The Privileges & Blessings of the Sabbath of the Lord, are
in His mercy again re-established. We had kind service this
evening, and listen to a short discourse from the Text, "Be
not deceived, God is not mocked: as ye sow, so shall ye
reap." 24th. This morn to day, a number of Officers arrived

at Gettysburg who remained there at Hospital some time. ¹² then
were removed to Hosp at Baltimore. Among the number, an Capt
Bailey Gardner & Lieut Peeler of my Regiment, and some others
of the 24th & 25th. Capt R. H. Gardner paid us a
visit this morning, and entertained us with some interesting accounts of
his lady's circumstances, which he had formed during his stay at the hospital at
Gettysburg. 26th. A Doctor, one of our mess, a very eccentric Englishman, a surgeon
from Alabama, moved to Block 11, where he obtained more comfortable quarters
that Block, being subdivided into small rooms. 27th. A rainy, dull, gloomy
day - threatening cold weather. 28th. Rumours afloat of an Exchange
in perspective. God grant that such may be the case, for mine eyes are
weary of Johnson's Island, and would gladly embrace in their line of
vision the sunny South, and more especially the Land of Flowers. 29th -
To-day it is real cold, so much so that I suffer unduly by the time the
paper shade of Evening - the tenor of the article regarding the matter was
predictable. That we have looked upon it hitherto. 30th. The day of our Lord
was observed by Religious exercises this morning. Col. Lewis of Missouri
delivered a very able sermon, at least such portions as I had the
privilege of hearing. It is quite refreshing to know, that though shut out
from the world, we are not debased the worship of God. 31st. To-day a
Negro Quartet, Minstrel Concert, which considering the chances
of practice, and utter ignorance of performance of parties engaged, & Negro
Officers and Privates of U.S.A. confined here. Sept. 1st. Engaged in a game of
Tenn Ball, in the open space before our block, and for the moment forgot
that I am in Prisoner du Guerre. Ed. Received a letter from Broth.
written in his usual kind, considerate style. Himself and wife were well.
We had been very busy in the practice of his profession. Ed. He replied to
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do not hear from home. As it is, he is my only companion - 4th - Our
Island is a perfect paucementum - We have even a debating society - which
holds its meetings in front of Block 13 - I attended its session this evening and
was very well entertained by some of the Speakers. The war argue the
instability of 'Republics' was the theme of discussion. 5th I attend Divine
service in front of our Block a part of the time this morning. Rev Mr Perry of
Ma - a fellow prisoner & Chaplain - preached, and although not what I style
a talented preacher, did well enough. 6th The debating society met again, but
as I was reading a very interesting novel, did not attend. The subject for
debate was, 'Inhumanity'. Whether our confinement as prisoners on this
Island, would prove beneficial or detrimental? 7th - Was it not for
the chance novels and light literature which fall into my hands, I could
hardly know how to employ the time which hangs so heavily. 8th - As I
look through my window this evening I catch my eyes upon a small procession
winding its way towards the gate - It consists simply of a one horse cart,
containing a mournful monument, reminding of how short is human life
! how uncertain! Attended by some dozen Confederate Officers, who are thus
showing the last feeble token of respect, to a departed comrade in arms. How
penetrating a sight! how fruitful a source of thought does this cortege
present! Perhaps a mother, wife, brother's sister, know not of his fate, nor
where he is, and the cold earth of an alien soil, covers his poor remains!
9th The Debating Society was summarily put to an end by the Yankees.
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or wish to reverse a little man, fully malice. 10th - Wrote to day to Capt
B. M. Cole of my company - a prisoner at Fort De. 11th - Received very unex-
pectedly a kind letter from Mrs. J. Eliza Porter, of Baltimore - mentioning
I replied, thanking her for this evidence of her kindness &c &c 12th -
Wrote a little excitement on the topic. In the Kentucky Register appeared

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a letter, purporting to be written from this point, by a confederate Officer, abusing the South and pro, contra, praising the North - wishing Hell-fire to rain on Charleston &c. &c. The authorship of this letter we from suspicion placed upon one E. P. Tuohy, a Unit of A. C. S. C. Regt - a regular seer of New England, and had he not been denounced outside we would have given him ^{something} to cause us for. He did not return inside - his things being sent for outside - thus evidencing him as the author - 13th Col Lewis preached in the forenoon in front of our block to quite a large crowd of assembled Confederate Officers, Soldiers, and kept them attentive heavens until the end of his discourse. He is an excellent preacher, and I am sorry to see that his health appears infirm. 14th Attended the afternoon session of the Debating Society. The question was, the time has come, upon which the jubilee of successive centuries have opened, viz. The Pentateuch - the Sword - I heard some of the speakers but as the subject was a war, and the speech more so. I retired and commenced the perusal of a novel 15th. This day should be marked in red ink, in this Diary, to distinguish it from the monotony of balance - How truly should it be honored - If I had a glass of wine I should be tempted to drink to its health, for my heart leaped for joy at receiving a letter from my loved & absent wife! It came as if a heavy load was lifted from my heart. I joy signed supper! 16th I wrote again to my dear Wife, encouraged to do so by the favorable issue of my letter of July 29th, which, safely reached her, and stirred her mind by the many anxieties to which I was a prey - God Grant that many more of my letters may reach her, and many of her may be received by me! 17th We have always till when Thursday comes, as on that day we get rations of pickled pork &c. &c. in lieu of beef. Sundays & Thursdays are thus marked in our Ration Calendar, 18th Sunday, I pre-

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vide myself with a carpet sack from the Sutter at \$2.00 and as I have
long wished for something under Rock and Key, in which I could
keep my letters etc - 19th. To day is marked by nothing special except the
Raffle of a watch belonging to Capt M. I believe some mementos of his long
days. He is 60 - 20th. Another Sabbath is commemorated to-day by suitable
services, and I hope such state of affairs may long continue. "21st" I write
again to Bre M. from whom I have not heard in 20 days. I am anxious to
hear from him and can imagine no reason for his silence satisfactory to
myself. I sincerely trust my anxiety may be removed by the coming mail.
22d. To day we heard glorious news! "Regenerals" badly beaten and in
his army in full retreat on Chattanooga! God grant that this news is
sound & that the Rebels may vouchsafe us many victories &
finally bring our loved country this its birth in safety & peace! "23d"
The Evening Int. says, papers admit the loss of 3000 prisoners & 2000
of Artillery in the late fight. This is but about 1/3 of their losses I am en-
raged - as far as accounts from the scene of conflict. 24th. A dull
damp rainy day - drizzle drizzle drizzle: much to befalling their cease
his hope, some monotonous, veiling everything. But seems impossible - indeed
dull many "blueish" - 25th. The Yankees acknowledge at last with many
apologies & apologies, that the boasted Regenerals, have been defeated by Bragg, who
only undid the science of getting out of the former way - with loss of
5000 prisoners & 5000 Artillery. Truly the soldiers of the "best government" the
world ever saw, are demoralized or they would not allow "poor Bragg"
to defeat them - weakened as he was by the continual desertions they
have not failed to chronicle. 26th. To day's dispatches as shown in the
papers give no more indication in the war horizon. Lee & Meade are
now at - Bragg threatens Rose - while the Conf. forces are said to be
after Burnside. From Charleston all quiet. Newfreesboro is after

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led, captured by Gen. Smith, and a rumor is current, that Sumner's
force has been captured - a capital success if true. 25th. I attended
Divine Service this forenoon at 11.00 in front of our block. The intro-
ductory portions of the exercises, was conducted according to the establish-
usage of the Episcopal Church, by a Rev Mr McCall of that denom-
ination, assisted by Revs Col Lewis & Graham, and a goodly portion of the
congregation making audible responses, from their common Prayer Book
with which they had been furnished at home by the officiating Clergyman.
I mention this particularly, as I believe it is the first instance on the Western
part of the Island of such a ceremony. Col Lewis arose after these ceremonies
and gave us a very interesting discourse, from the Text, "With Hope, Charity,
to more definite war news. The Herald contains some accounts of the
late engagement between Bragg & Sherman, copied from Richmond Paper.
According to these our loss in General officers has been great. Gen. Howard
reported mortally wounded. No doubt it would be a deplorable calamity
for he undoubtedly is an officer of great merit. From the wounded
generals mentioned, I conclude that Sengstack and at least one
division of his corps participated in the fight. Some 50 pieces of Artillery
a large amount of small arms and prisoners ranging in accounts
from 5 to 10,000 were captured. If this favorable engagement is followed
up by immediate action we may look to see Tennessee recovered.
Kentucky reclaimed, and the torrent of Yankee invasion stemmed.
God grant that the papers tomorrow may bring "that tidings of good
joy 25th. The papers today contain a more extended recapitulation of
former news. We are on the eve of having this end of our Block turned
into a temporary locale for a Society of amateur Theatricals. Drama
stage, and paper decorated screens are now in progress of construction.
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elicited from some of the Dramatic Personae something good. Some
 of the Ladies parts are to be filled by Masculines. "Hooped & padded"
 as the law of Decimus appeared directs, & yet the same sex. Conf. Bros. were
 assembled to witness the debut of the "Hesperian". As the doors were shut and
 windows closed, and Thermometer pretty high, it requires no stretch of the
 imagination to believe that it was unpleasantly hot. The performance con-
 sisted of the delivery of an opening ode written by Lieut. Houston of the, and
 delivered by him in a very happy manner. It was very good also in matter
 and contained some happy hits at the times and our present circumstan-
 ces. Capt. Fellows of Arkansas gave the opening address. He is quite a
 pleasant orator, and both the matter and delivery of his address were
 highly creditable. The first play was the "Secret a Service" which the perfor-
 mers carried off with very good spirit and happy effect causing much
 merriment among the auditors. The farce of "Shaker & Cracker" followed
 and it also was a fine success. The gentlemen who took the part of
 "Benjamin Blowhards" "Extrumpeter of the "Crumskellen Dragon", rendered
 it exceedingly well, as he was just drunk enough to appreciate the part.
 The whole performance went off well, and the audience were highly sat-
 isfied. They speak of keeping up the performances, and I trust they will
 do so after supper, some comrades in arms came in as prisoners among
 them Lieut. Drummer of Co. D 5th Ala. He was wounded at Gettysburg
 and poor fellow! is terribly disfigured. Both. To-day is a Carnival day
 for Slave Runners. Meade whipped and retreating back on Washington.
 Beauregard & Sherman simultaneously attacked and routed, and terms
 of Exchange under the Old Lintel agreed upon. These rumors are good
 of true, but alas! we hear so many rumors. "Oct 15" I have commenced
 this my "birth month" with beautiful weather slighting to it. I sat myself
 down to write to Bro. W. L. G.; having done so folded and backed my letter

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I put it in the Office not recollecting that I had dated it Nov 1st
until too late - Oh yes, October, have I slighted you, but pray forgive me,
for it was inadvertence and I return you the pleasant, most genial &
happiest month of the year under good circumstances. "Ed" It appears
from to-day's news that Bragg has surrounded Chattanooga, and is in pos-
session of Lookout Mountain. If so, he has the key of the position, and
"Old Rozz" as the Yanks call him, will have to "rumor the Ruck" - if
he can. "Bro" To-day is a quiet, smothering one, with almost no news, either
Telegraphic or "grape vine", floating about. I don't understand the apathy
of the army about Charleston - and at Chattanooga. Perhaps it is the
lulling calm before the storm. "Hth" A very cold Sunday, preaching today
in-doors, and a decided inclination among every body to remain in-doors.
5th. Still cold and unpleasant. No news from Bro W. I know not what to concern
as the reason, I am afraid I shall hear from him no more. 6th. Remains
of evacuation of Knoxville, and capture of large train of wagons by
our forces. - The digging of wells in the yard is regarded as a token
that perhaps the Federals anticipate keeping us here this winter. 7th -
Yesterday I was regaled by 2 dear letters, one from Florida, from Dear-
Sophia, the other from Mother from Ga. They were both kind, loving let-
ters, as such loving hearts only can write. This afternoon the Theatricals
gave another entertainment. The first play "The Toolles" was delivered very
happily, and the parts of some years admirably promised. The play of "The
Cracker" was again acted. 8th - Today I received a letter from Bro W. It
states that he had received but one letter from me during past month
and had thought from my silence, that I had been exchanged or
murdered. 9th. I write to my dear Wife and kind Mother to-day in
answer to their dear letter received a few days back of date,
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Broth- in reply to his of Oct 27th just received. 11th. Preaching
 to-day as usual in morning and afternoon. Rev. McTill in the morning
 and Rev. M. Buckell in the evening. 12th in the last 4 or 5 days we
 are heard of the capture of some 4000 or more quakers in Tennessee &
 Indiana. To-day is the eve of a day of great moment to the citizens
 of Ohio. Tomorrow the election for Governor etc. takes place, and then
 if permitted by Abraham will be determined whether Vallandigham
 live in Ohio or be considered by a majority of free Union Citizens as an
 Union traitor. I wish for Vallandigham's success but fear his defeat
 a few days will settle the question. 13th. To-day is destined to be an event
 in the history of the north of the U.S. Perhaps at this moment
 some of violence and lawlessness from Lincoln's impudences in suppress-
 ing the votes of freemen. I anxiously await tomorrow's news. 14th. Vallan-
 digham is evidently badly beaten by a large vote; there is the question settled
 and the major portion of Union the vote of Lincoln's Co. 15th. Capt.
 Gudner is very sick at the Hospital - case of pneumonia has such in-
 creased anguilly, and he can converse only with great difficulty. 16th. Some
 fighting could be in progress in Va. Rumours of an advance by Lee 17th.
 18th. Still rumours in the papers about anti-like movements in Va. The spikes
 loading under Kyphalank are heavily stripped by that attack a few
 days back. 19th. Col Lewis gave us an interesting sermon this afternoon.
 Capt Gudner is much better, and will be up and about in a few days.
 20th. All sort of good news from Va. Meade winning, Lee pursuing him
 fairly, fears entertained for safety of Washington. Meade said to be in the
 fortification of that place. 80,000 men called for by Lincoln's Proclamation.
 21st. This is an eventful day with me, though of course of no conse-
 quence to anyone else, here at least. Today I am 21. Oh! how I wish I
 was at home and sucking in the air, smelt of the old friends! I could

indeed realize that it was my Birthday. 19th. The day now appears compli-
cated - and hard to unravel. I look for stirring news soon. 20th. I am
non-plussed to know what to get down to night. The news is so brief
that it is not worth chronicling. Prison affairs remain in statu quo
Some plans are in formulation. I believe for endeavoring to escape out
of this enclosure. I fear that the plans will not succeed - there are too many
eyes here, who ~~perceive~~ ^{perceive} ~~what~~ ^{what} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~happening~~ ^{happening} - There was a time
appointed a few days back for attempting to escape, and a signal
was agreed upon, a shot from a horn from Block 1. The guards
showed satisfactorily that they were acquainted with the movement
by sending in after the horn. 20th. Rumors of the removal of Genl.
Meade and appointment of Sickles or Sedgewick to command - Rosecrans
has at last been removed - Bragg's success at Chickamauga has decapitated
him - Grant now commands the Army of the Cumberland 24th. The
N.Y. Herald of 21st contains a column of a controversy between the
commissioners for Exchange, Meredith & Child, in which it is said
that our commissioner has the weight of an argument decidedly on
his side. He met Meredith with a heavy force & a small squad of
Gettysburg invalids came in this evening. Maj W.R. Reed, 2d. He
was among the number, he was wounded in the thigh at the
battle of Gettysburg. He is in our Mass, 25th. He had no preaching
to-day. The reasons for which omission I am not acquainted
with. I am sorry that such are the facts as I love to see the
Sabbath honored with proper observances, as they no longer are
made. 26th. The war upon the coast in Virginia is of an ex-
citing & cheering nature - Genl. Lee after shelling Meade
and his army up to the fortified town of Washington
has recently recrossed the Rappahannock and took up his

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loss Gregg's Division of Cavalry and two Brigades of Infantry
which disputed the crossing. I have no doubt that the
Lee regard Lee as capable of making men - as when they re-
gard him as weakened by desertion of troops sent to other
armies, then he makes his sudden and restless attacks
on their front. 27th. My fill my heart to night, as I
write! Ah! how precious is the sweet to the captive is the wel-
come line from home! I have just received another day
letter from my loved wife - all thank God, we will wept
light sickness. I learned this evening that a letter
received from Mrs. R. D. Matron Florida Hospital, that our
Brigade was in the late cavalry fight at Brainerd Station
and suffered the loss of some good officers & men.
Tonight is very cold, and the hope of leaving here soon
is partaking of the same want of Caloric. I am now
glad that Spring will patch us here if alive.
Since I have been confined here, the recollection of the "A-
ian Nights Entertainment" comes vividly to my mind, and
I cannot help but wish - foolish as it is, that some kind gen-
tle would transport me from this gloomy prison to the loved ones
who would so gladly greet me. 28th. I have written to Bro. H. L.
to send me an overcoat, coat & undershirts. I find that I shall
be required to suffer miles. I do receive additional clothing, 29th.
Received a letter to day from Mrs. R. D. Robb, formerly Mrs.
Wig of Athens Ga. now a resident of Chicago Illinois,
in answer to one written by me to her some months since.

It stated that service illness had prevented her replying ³² soon
or regretting that such had been the case so. She kindly en-
closed me 20¢ - very unexpected, but nevertheless, quite welcome
30th - I answer the kind letter of Mrs. Robb acknowledging
the safe arrival of remittance sent. No stirring war news
Some cavalry engagement in the environs of the Rappa-
hanock, resulting unfavorably to Genl. Buford, the Yankee
Commander - 31st - All the privates, with some few excepted from
personal reasons, have been sent away from this Depot; they amounted
to 380 - Their destination I suppose is Point Lookout, which I believe
is near the mouth of the Potomac River in the State of Maryland.
Some look upon this removal as a token of approaching Exchange
I am sorry that I cannot regard it in that light, as I deem
their removal the result of circumstances - that the buildings
which they occupied here, were needed for Officers who might be sent
here in future - I feel a good deal chagrined that the Commissioners
for Exchange, cannot agree upon any adjustment for Exchange. In
fact, so far from agreeing the best news is that the Yankees Capt
Myrick, stated in a late meeting, that the Secretary of War, had
been opposed to Exchange from the start of the war, and that his
Government had determined to adopt the Secretary's policy for
the future, and therefore he was empowered to offer no term of
Exchange - It seems to me the public opinion of both countries
will put a quietus to non-exchange - It is barbarous and inhuman
in my judgment, to keep the men of both sides whom the operation
of War has placed in confinement, to rot with disease, naturally
resulting from securing of large bodies of men together, when by
a few dashes of the pen, subscribed to by the opposite sides

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equatable arrangements could be formed, whereby they might
restored to their vocations - I trust that a better feeling may
take possession of the Belligerents, and that a speedy exchange
may release us - November 1865 Each night I write to my wife,
how pleasant moments thus employed glide by. I could write all of a
night, and then arise, conscious that I have not said half that
I would like - but to be confined to a paltry page of letter
paper is too bad. - Today the bodies of 3 brother Officers were
carried from the Hospital to their graves. Alas! how unhappy
a fate, how sad a finale of life! To die in a prison, and not
in an alien's grave, better far if it be the will of God to find
with honor on the field of Battle! We are having very cold
weather now, and a promenade now with the wind in one's
face is ought but pleasant, I expect a letter from Bro. Wiley soon
and trust to receive an overcoat soon - If I get it, I shall be
better prepared to meet old Winter "2d" Yesterday our boys were
considerably excited by Exchange news. Bro. B. in his private
letters, one letter from Washington, another from Philadelphia
contained the pleasant intelligence that a speedy exchange
had been in contemplation and would undoubtedly soon
take place, and one was so certain of the fact that
it contained a letter for a lady in the Confederacy
which the Officer was requested to deliver to its owner
on arrival. This news is quite refreshing if true, but I
for one can place no confidence in it. Rumors are
equally as startling, and equally as authentic have
been ventilated often before. "3d" I received
a 3 page letter today from Bro. W. in which he

endeavor to give me what he calls some "good advice" ²⁴
the said advice being to take the oath of allegiance to
the U.S. government, or in other words turn traitor to the
land that bred and bore me, and my father before
my mother, the wife of my bosom, my kind relatives
and friends. To turn aside from the gory plains of
my native South, and strike hands with the murderers
who have polluted her soil. God go, bid that ever such
a thought should penetrate my mind. I would sooner
rot in this prison, sooner drink a poisoned chalice.
Nov 4th - I mailed a letter to-day of 3 pages length to S. H.
in answer to the one just received from him. It was a quite a
decided letter, and I have no doubt it will create quite a stir
among the examiners. It cost me 10¢ for the examination. I
have no idea, that the letter will ever reach its destination
but I wanted to let out a little of the spirit that was boiling
in me. The Herald states that an additional man has been
assigned as an assistant to Meredith the Yankee Agent for Exchange.
It is a patent fact that the business needs assistance and that
of it to expedite an exchange. A "loyal" Alabama Cavalry
Regt. has been captured lately, when on a raid. The besieging
forces at Charleston have again awoke to something like
activity. The "poor debris" of Fort Sumpter has again been
a mark for the combined fire of the Yankees with long range
sniper to sniper, with little effect, killing about 4 men.
The war news generally is very meagre, in fact the Yankees
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opening piece "Pochontas" were specially adapted to ²⁵the
times in which we now live, and the circumstances in which
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ing, and furnished much amusement. The after piece was the
farce of Grimshaw, Broadshaw & Bagshaw - "Not 5 K"
The conflict at Charleston continues quite vigorous, though not
amounting to much, as far as material advantage to the enemy
is concerned. The object of the Yankees appears to be the perfect
demolishment of Fort Sumpter, in order to prevent the erection
of any work by our forces on the ruins. We do it is anticipated
will soon give Dec. battle - judging the forces under the latter
to be comparatively small. Perhaps when he involves himself in
an engagement, he may not find the demolition of Fort
Sumpter a task, as he would fondly imagine - Jeff Davis has
been taking a tour through the southwestern portion of the
Confederacy, and has met, joyful exceptions everywhere. He is sanguine
of success if the people at home will cordially cooperate with
the armies in the field. Some enterprising Rebels are going into
business here, as if demoralized for the War - A Bath Room and
Oyster Saloon on Restaurant, are in progress of construction.
Forty Johnson's Island is becoming a miniature N. York, with
all kinds of Southern feelings - I pass a goodly portion of my spare
time in playing Chess, a game into whose mystery I have penetrated
what I could since my arrival here. The game of draughts being finished
and it is not yet time for more war. It is quite a
barbarous sport and therefore I can indulge in it with impunity
to - I am again anxious to hear from loved ones at home
Oh! that I could get another dear letter from her to whom

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towards whom I am ever turning with my anxious, loving
thoughts - May angels guard thee precious one! Sweet be
thy life, unsullied thy joys. 17th - The Yankees are publishing
all sorts of lies and scandal about the treatment of their
prisoners at Richmond. Actually having the audacity to
state that they are being systematically starved to death.
These lies are amusing to us in one sense of the word, when
we are aware of their utter falsity - but in another point of
view they are hurtful as well as malicious, as we are al-
ready threatened with retaliatory measures for the supposed
outrage. 18th. Today is Sunday, and as is usual, some captives
is borne out to its last resting place. The person deceased
is a native of Louisiana, a Confederate, but a middle-aged
man who leaves a wife and family behind, unacquainted
with their loss. Poor fellows! He looks me over. The Yankees
have destroyed his property - burned down his houses, took
up his horses in his orchard and shot them, run off
his negroes, and now, perhaps, as a last duty, must lay
his poor remains in a straight pine box and consign
them to the charities of death. O! it is cold enough of a
body, but far more pitiful than that which animates the
organs of these cheating politicians. 19th - The news is
The Rappahannock is not so favorable as I would wish
judging from the Yankee accounts. They say they have
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ment. If this account be true, the fact is a disgrace to
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flying in the same place from which it was once taken
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 in evidence to the combined Yankee Squadron's army. 10th-
 Today is quite a cold day, and the ground still bears the heavy
 mantle of yesterday's slight fall of snow. The snow was of
 the character, familiarly denominated "Hemlock Snow", and
 presented in falling, quite a picturesque appearance. The papers
 bring no important tidings to day - The Conspiracy case in Ohio
 is attracting some attention now. The trial is pending in the District
 Court of Ohio. The parties under arrest, are charged with the
 bill of indictment of conspiring against the peace and
 well being to so of the U. States, in intending to set free such
 false traitors as John Morgan, Daniel Drake, and others, for
 furnishing clothing to the Confederate, and having in view the capture
 of the U. S. steamer "Michigan", now anchored in Lake Erie, oppo-
 site this point. Exchange has evidently played out, shots even
 talked of now in the papers. Some among us, are sanguine
 enough to look for terms of agreement, and one party, even
 offered to bet an hundred dollars, that we are exchanged
 before 1st Jan'y 1864. Such is not my opinion. And thinking
 thus, I shall only be agreeably disappointed if, true to our
 my fear inco, set - I fully expected to hear in some manner
 from Apr 11, today, that I have been disappointed. I am anxious
 for an eventual, it will be a great comfort if it arrives.
 11th - To day a dead letter was buried - "God blesses not the
 mortally the wicked!" It is a sad thing to think upon, how
 long will the "Old Fly" and "Old Fly" continue to live in the "Old Fly"?

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Excitement exists today both inside and in our entire world, outside
from and anticipation of dreadful things about to take place.
Kaiser's Hoffmann's Battalion in air support. Gunboats from Can-
ada in desperate mood, as coast artillery to pounce upon
Johnson's Island from the Lakes. The United States and
their designs. Indian and troops have been sent on the island.
A Battery also, which is now in position fronting the bay. The
land opposite has also no military & fortifications. From up
all around it is in a fever of excitement. The Legation, State, at
the expected attack & a "General" has arrived to take command
of the Military. Almost 1000 men. There are now employed, fully as
many men for the purpose of guarding us as there are of our
defensible side. There is a 1st. Regiment & a battery of the 11th Regt.
Within a small way we are doing our best to supply some little ser-
vice, although in danger of it. Inside is also in a state of
tremor, enjoying the joke of the Blue bellies, fighting, wondering
why the Express is not delivered; debating whether they are indeed getting
our Rations; and above all, received from the fact that the latter
is in danger of being taken from his business, and being suspected
as a spy or disloyal. The same morning the British troops, remains
forward on the river upon a steamer. Banks being very low, kept
out of the water most. 13th, I attended the entertainment of
the Arab Thespians this evening. The Melodrama, Battle of
Gettysburg - written by Lieut Anderson. I feel, of course, of my Regt.
It was quite creditable taken as a whole, and being totally con-
federate in sentiment, and containing some happy hits at
the Yankees, was quite a source of excitement, during the delivery
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vociferous cheering and unbounded enthusiasm - 14th The Yankees
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from Camp Chase state that they dread the attack of two Quakers
fitted out in Canada, some rumors are current of disaster to Burnside
& his command. I sincerely hope the rumor of two. 15th Sunday
again but no preaching. I am sorry for I should like to hear a ser
mon. To day, it is a cloudy, gloomy day and my feelings partake of
the same gloomy coloring. 16th - Baltimore received a letter from his brother
saying that in his ship he has a box containing some bibles, have
some deep gaffs, crackers etc. which when received will prove
quite acceptable to us as we do not get enough to eat now and we
living on not quite half ration. 17th Capt. Nick received a
letter from Mrs. W. S. Lombard, now of N. Y. City, formerly a friend
of his. Her husband died about a year since.
one begged to be remembered to me. 18th Received a letter from
my mother in Goldsboro N. C. all well at my old home. Arrived
at Elgin there on a visit expected to remain some 2 or 3 weeks.
I plan to correspond there, and on the shore myself. 19th Some
prisoners were taken upon the capture of Burnside's staff
they report that there are 1000 men were captured. They
report on getting of which I had some may be true. 20th -
No news of the war in Europe in operation. The purpose of which is
made. In the future, in military matters we have had 2 or
3 or 4 times, and on the subject of getting of advancing some things
18th. Last night was very cold and this morning the ground
is frozen hard, and ice is plentiful - we are in now for some
of old winter with its variations. My papers as are the majority

to meet his approach we shall accordingly expect. 23d. Various
"grape" intelligence is in circulation. Rumors are said to be sorely
pressed, by Genl. Longstreet at Knoxville - Grant heavily reinforced
at Chattanooga - Rumors of a fight at the latter place - Bragg
said to be in retreat - As we have been cut off from newspapers and
the latter moved his working papers, we have no means of deter-
mining the truth or falsity of those various rumors - Certainly some-
thing has occurred and is now occurring perhaps of vital impor-
tance in Tennessee, but for the actual state of affairs, I prefer not
relying too much on "grape" - Grape is a comprehensive cognomen
given to all intelligence, which comes in suddenly and secretly, with-
out much foundation and with no one to father it, and which, more
often than not, is false, if it has one, some close relative of the truth
of lies. 23d. We are in a state of suspense and uncertainty, can be
no more good, bad, or indifferent, which bears the shadow of certainty
on its face. 24th. Our prisoners arrive who were captured, having
been cut off from their commands. They were sent in Burnside's
to capture his wagon train, but found them going from him
instead of towards him, and judge from this that something
has happened to the great rather uncomfortable. 25th. The
prisoners who arrived, state I understand that they saw near
the Bulletin Board at Cincinnati, in large letters, several ex-
changes of prisoners agreed upon. I am strongly in hopes that this
is a fact, but the judgment of my own militates against it.
26th. Today the Commissioners for Exchange met at City Hall.
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ment may be entered into, that we may again reach our native
shores, and I may once again clasp my wife & child to my

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form, and receive thanks to God, for his kind mercies. 27th - Report
about the result of the Commissioners interview, state the result to be simply
this, that neither side could come to any terms unless the Negro question
were decided, one side refusing to listen to any terms of exchange, unless
the contrabands were included therein, the other equally as obstinate
in refusing any term which meddled the inclusion of them in the
treaty. - so exchange is still played out. 28th - exceedingly cold
weather now, snow on the ground several inches deep, and the
contrabands don't give us much cause to keep us warm. I see hard
times will be their portion - but as I can hear nothing from Spett-
ing reported supply of thick clothing is out of sight - The Papers
have a more account of the reported disappearance of Bragg's
Army. Bumide reported as closely invested at Knoxville by Genl
Crittenden, and Lee & Meade reported on the eve of a fight. Both the
reportable John Mercer has effected his escape from the Confederates
aided by the potent help of some Greenbacks. He is reported
in bondage. The Yankees are offering large rewards for his capture
at some safe margin, they will surely catch him as he has
a long start - 31st - Since the dismissal of the Sutler's
by chance to get Tobacco & Ham etc. is this the confederate
who made me well. As for all other goods are in for a short
and time - and I have to give him 50 in gratitude for getting
me out nothing home to my wife. As for other things
in proportion. Dec 1st - The weather is looking worse. I received
letters to day - one from Dr. Sophia, the other from David
the one at Fort Delaware. The poor fellows, they have suffered terribly
the last by the report are now doing better. There only from a thousand
to 1200 - perhaps there more. Several of our Brigades have died of starvation

Dec 2^d From what we gather this paper's newspapers accounts it may
seem that there has been quite a fight between Bagg's Grant, at
Missionary Ridge. We had thought our forces it seems the Pickets at the
were surprised by the attack - driving the enemy who were in open
view in the plain before to be on general ground. The principle mistake
we were in the capture of the pickets, who being ordered to hold the position
at all hazards, foregoed bravery against overpowering numbers until cap-
tured. Afterward a severe fight occurred similar somewhat to the Gettysburg
affair: only with positions reversed and the Yankees lost terribly - 3rd of
Reynolds, conflicting in some are numbered. Some report they captured
some - all right. At any rate more from Knoxville is seen, and some-
thing is evidently wrong to the Yankees in that quarter. Burnside has an indefi-
nite foe in Longstreet. With Burnside's imprisonment and I may say with this
throughout life I have done but little washing for myself. I washed my clothes
at Fort Sumner, and since I have been here, having hired a slave at
other times, but now I shall have to wash myself by capture in self-defense
as I have no "greenbacks" to pay for having it done. I am, in fact, very poor
considering my experience. 5th I write home to Sabbath - Bless her! then thoughts
of her cheer me, and how her kind loving letters prove yet more true.
Ah! how dearly days live along! Oh! for me to change - 6th - Sunday
is again with us, and its privileges - Teaching the morning and evening -
All kind of rumours and grape intelligence in circulation. 7th -
From the paper to-day it would seem that there may be some pos-
sibility of the capture of Burnside being authentic. Perry had crossed
at Knoxville but the capture of Burnside had not been officially
confirmed. 8th - All the rumours in reference to capture of Burnside it is
now all lost. Since the serious consequent falling back of Bragg's army he
has been necessitated to raise the siege of Knoxville and was proceeding at last reports to

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Boat for sleep, a good many officers were alive captured at Missionary Ridge
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the was formerly a scholar of mine Nathan Bryan son of Milton Bryan of Florida
Army. Under my life. Tom Frothingham my first cousin, son of my kind aunt at Bellair
and John Nash formerly of Col. St. John's. I had only seen it in 1862. He was out west 1862. I have
heard much lately through my friends of his many friends and his own. I am glad to hear of
his well being. I have only partially recovered from the illness I had in the fall
of 1862. I have been especially attended to by a number of the ladies of Capt. St.
John's. At Fort Sumter. I have after a short illness been out for only a few
hours. I have been able to give some explanation of the situation. I have been engaged in
making up my mind to go in person to buy from Sumner a large quantity of iron. We have
a number of guns of various sizes without any projectiles, and what amounts to
the same thing, the guns have become so much soiled and rusted that the fact is
that they are almost useless. I have been very busy writing home. As to the situation concerning them
of the capture, I do not think any of them any thoughts are being made and a new secret
has been made. I have been very busy with my eyes. 11th. Today Sunday a storm
of wind and rain. The boat was exposed to the danger of being driven off the ground and
our men are reported upon the beach side of the island. A few men were seen
kneeling on the beach. I saw three or four women looking at the dead bodies on the ground.
They were all the first that I have seen since I saw my confinement here. I was
never assigned to duty there by the fleet and for all I know I am now a
captain of cavalry. What attracts the attention of the people is the fact that
I am a Confederate officer, and for consequence gentleman. It is some of our
boys of late have been digging out under the water (things only taken from the water) and this
has made the people on the shore very much before any thing, and in it is a report of a
large number of things they found into one of their own men, who had a vessel who had

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just dug out, and in this evening the authorities outside have been engaged for some time past in putting up another tenement building for our guards, and the building was now nearly towards completion, when a severe gust of wind this evening toppled it over, killing two men I believe, and wounding others. As my the breath of the Hurricane smacks to the mortal oblivion, the huge Babel of iniquity which stands the same as ever - evening 16th. The message of A. Lincoln President of the U.S. has been going the rounds of the high north. I had the pleasure of reading it at an age and the appended Proclamation. One rises from its perusal, indubitably alive to the little of all the man and the spirit of the nation set before a guileless people. He offers in his proclamation amnesty to all who forthwith surrender (per herring) will take the oath of allegiance to the Federal Government. This oath in substance may be defined thus: The person swears to support each and every act passed by the Federal Congress, and all proclamations made by Lincoln during his administration. One remark on this is enough. It abundantly speaks too plainly for itself. The subject of Exchange was not tied out, except the probability of any acquittal of differences so far as to bring about an exchange is still in the future for confirmation. Genl. Keasey Butler is desirous of securing the office of agent of Exchange for the Federal government and thinks he has seen cause to a satisfactory arrangement. 18th. The message of our Honorable and State-mandible President is also in the Boston paper. It is a characteristic specimen of the noble unflinching man. It touches upon all necessary points, gives wise suggestions, wise counsels, and advice for improvement in points of vital importance. If our Congress will, with the spirit of true patriots, put their shoulders to the wheel, and feel only with community, Mr. Davis material good will come.

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18 Decr. - The Enemy's papers report Longstreet killed, and his forces surrounded. This is of course a cowardly, as time will sufficiently prove. Longstreet will yet live to cause the death of many a Yankee I hope. 20th. As I prophesied, Longstreet was up alive again, and pitching right & left into his Yankee pursuers. Another rumor reports him as having rejoined Lee, and that Meade had fallen back. etc. The papers state that Grant Rubler has gone to City Point with a thousand Prisoners to attempt an Exchange. Mr. Butler seems to have taken the thing in hand, and I am willing for him to succeed, although I do not admire the man, and am willing now for any one to lay his hands on him. 22d. The monitor Weehawken lately went down in a gale in Charleston harbor, one left for the noble army at Charleston to fight. It is reported also that on an attempt to proceed up Charleston harbor, thinking that the gale had broken away the obstructions, several monitors were injured and had to return. 23d. Gen. Haggard was removed at his own request and Gen. Hardie has been appointed his successor. I have just learned through a direct letter from the Regt. that Col. Statist has been resigned, taking effect in April last. It is what he should have done long ago. 24th. I have at last established an epistolary connection with Bro W. again after near two months interval. He has sent me some winter clothing which will help to get me in a day or two. 25th. Today is Christmas - What a different condition of things from what Christmas usually is to me! My Christmas dinner consists of Pickled Pork and sweet. I see one table in our mess hall laden with dainties. Turkey, preserves, fruit cake, jam, etc. It is a pleasure to me to know that some of our boys are enjoying Christmas if I am not. 26th. Today receiving my box of clothing - an overcoat, a coat, two flannel undershirts, two pair socks, 1 pair hose. These articles are sent to me by Bro W. and they are truly acceptable. 27th. Sunday again came around, and I am glad to learn that we are to have marching in our block to day, Capt Allen of Va. in the leading service. A Regiment by divisions gave us quite an interesting and entertaining service, which probably did not do any good to our health, as some are

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My Dear Wife,

Point Lookout, Md.
H. G. Hays Ward 11. March 15th 1862.

I had the pleasure of receiving a very dear letter from you of date Jan'y 25th which was forwarded me from Johnsons Island and came to hand today. I assure you I was very glad to hear from you, and to know again, the comforting assurance that all was well. You will have learned thro' my previous letter written on the journey from Johnsons Island, and since my arrival here, if our voyage to this point. We are much more pleased here than on the Island. What thoughts spring to my mind, when you say in your letter, "Fighting at our old Home!" What an inestimable privilege it should be, to be able to spend even a brief time with you there! I would not stay, dear Sophia, then with me company, it is entirely too long and dull. I left John Goodbrand & Michael Bryan on the Island, they were anxious to come but their names were not on this list. I have a little news to tell. First, Kather, is about exchanging ⁵⁰ for any Officers to City Point for a trial exchange, and I am one of the number, we start in a day or two. Now there is nothing at hand, about our being exchanged when we are at City Point, for our authorities may refuse to do so, and then we will have to come back as we went, Prisoners of War, even after having seen the ruins of "Missis". I hope we may get through, but I much doubt it. I shall carry this letter with me, and if the attempt to exchange is fairly, I shall mail it to you, and if it reaches you, you will know that I am now exchanged and have returned to City Point Lookout. I am sorry that you are troubling yourself about getting money to me. I am doing very well, and insist that you shall keep the money you have for your own use. Write soon, my dear wife. Give my love to all - Kiss little Frank - With much love
Your aff. husband
H. G. Hays



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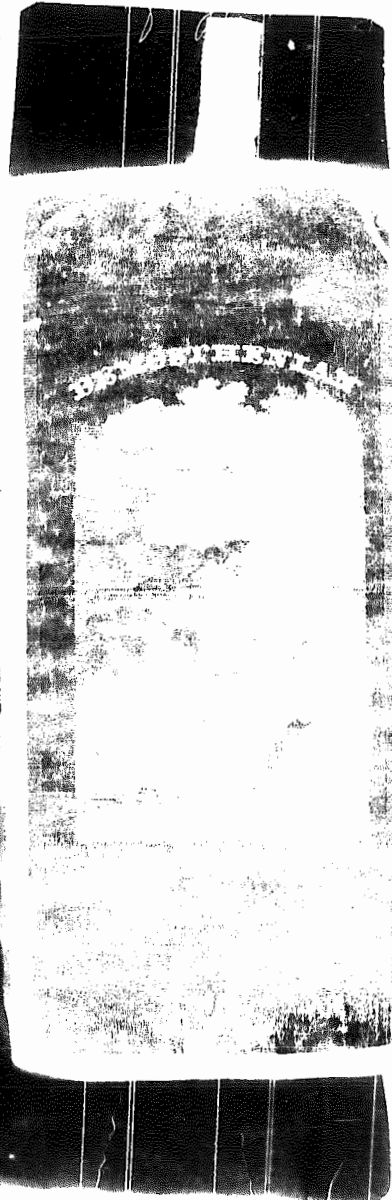
The young men gave an impromptu dance at the Oakley House on Monday evening, in honor of Miss Adams, of White Springs.

Willie Crabtree who has been spending several weeks here, returned to his home in Jacksonville on Thursday.

To those farmers who wish to use a phosphate for all crops we particularly invite attention to H. J. Baker & Bro's A. A. AMMONIATED SUPER PHOSPHATE.

Bryan Boylston & Co.
 Jacksonville Fla.

Miss Adams, of White Springs, who has been visiting Miss Helen Postman, returned home Thursday.



Thou hast caused
Caused me sorrow
Tho. to-night we
I'll forgive thee
* * * * *

Fondly cherished

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Now it's perished, withered, dead-

Loved I then and love I yet

Love like mine can ne'er be broken.

Tho. we part to night forever.

Darling, I'll forgive thee and forget

The heart's confession

Florida Normal College
White Springs, Florida.

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Mrs. W. H. King
623 Dancy Ave.
Savannah, Ga.



Mrs. William Emory Waters
3627 Paces Valley Rd., N.W.
Atlanta
Georgia 30327

Line I

1. Natalie Stickland Waters #1149
2. Minnie Adams Stickland
3. R. Watkins Adams. m. Sophia Broward
4. Nathaniel Adams - m. Mary Flannoy
5. Major Robert Flannoy - m. Mary Willis Cobb
6. John Cobb - m. Mildred Lewis
[John Cobb found not to be son of Samuel Cobb]
7. Howell Lewis - m. Mary Isabella Willis

[It was the brother of Howell Lewis - not the father - who was the Robert Lewis married to Jane Menwether. Therefore Nicholas Menwether, David Crawford, and Robert Lewis III are your collaterals.]

8. Charles Lewis II m. Mary Howell
9. John Lewis - m. Elizabeth Warner

(Elizabeth's sister, Mildred Warner, who married Lawrence Washington - Therefore he, and John Washington I, and Nathaniel Pope are collaterals)

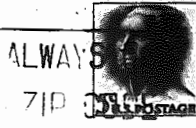
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8. Charles Lewis m. Mary Howell
9. John Lewis II - m. Elizabeth Warner
10. Major John Lewis I - m. Isabella Miller (not Isabella Warner)

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9. John Lewis II - m. Elizabeth Warner
10. Augustine Warner II - m. Mildred Reade

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Emily Waters
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The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America
in the State of Georgia

Mrs. Walter H. Strong
623 Dancy Avenue
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Waters,

Mrs. Huger and I examined your
paper and found several mistakes.
It is so wise of you to ask our
genealogist to bring your lineage
up to present standards of
documentation. As material
becomes available it is possible
to do more competent research.

I hope you will not be losing any
of your favorite ancestors. They are
still collaterals.

Most sincerely yours
Julia E. Strong
Registrar

October 28th 1966