

Henry Co. County Va

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Dear Bell

I take the pleasure in writing these few lines hoping they will find you and Ellie and little Della enjoying your good health as I do at present thanks be to God for all his blessings he bestows upon us I wish you would hurry and send me a check shirt for it is very warm here this day and we are likely to have it very warm this next month and I can't think of wearing those flannel shirts they will scald my skin I can't wear them without wearing flannel you better mail the shirt it won't cost me more than twenty five cents mind don't put no writing in side the shirt with out a postage stamp if you have not got the baby's picture made get your's and Ellie and the baby's so I can have all my family to look at every day I saw a picture of a man's wife and four children but full drawd in a kind of a book frame like some of them you have got I don't want you to send me yours in any of them lockets keep them at home for they will bulge and break if you will send them as soon as you possible can for fear that we will move away I don't hear if I thought I would have send for them long ago I have but one dollar to my name at present but we expect to be payd soon there is three months due to me since yesterday I will send you ten or twenty dollars as soon as I receive my money I bought sum shuger yester day I can get a meal of Tea any time of Capt Fonystock he is a good friend to me I can get any thing that is in my son that he has use are sinking a well to get water with handy in our own Camp with in ten yards of my Tent we are down about sixteen feet and we will have to dig five or