

Dear Brother Carl -
I was very glad to get
a letter from you - & to hear that your
health was still good enough to permit
you to attend to your duties - But Oh dear
me! - what news I have had since then
& many of your men killed, wounded,
or prisoners - There must be a great many
that we know - as so many went from this
section - Poor fellows - my heart aches
for them, & their families - How fortunate
you & Henry were - to escape - It seems
miraculous to me - We were all very thankful
that you were spared - The Lord is very
merciful - & we cannot be too thankful -
I do so hope you will not have to fight
any more this fall - I can't judge very
much about your movements down there
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God bless & save you & always as he has done. Your sister C. G. Prince

You are so sudden, as Heat Toby says -
I wish you could have been here to the
wedding - We had a nice time - every thing
passed off nicely - There were 31 invited guests.
They were married, & refreshments were
served - & they then left us - Sat I sent you
& Henry a box of her wedding cake -

Every one expressed their regrets that the
Boys could not be here - Some were more
sorry than Belle herself - I hope you can
get a "leave" - this winter - I don't want
Henry to come again until he comes for good.
It will be but a short time now until his
time is out - & it would be too hard to have
him go back - We are having beautiful weather
now - & it is very fortunate for Pather's
potato digging - as he was afraid about two
acres would have to lie out this winter -

Yesterday he had George Sanford - two of
the Age Boys - & Piti Blanchard - for help -
The potatoes are splendid - & there is over three
hundred bushels of them - I rec^d a letter
from Belle Friday - She arrived safely in

Ottawa - just a week after they were
married - She thinks she has a very pleasant
home - After they get settled - Will Throp
& his wife - will board with them - I am
glad she is going to house-keeping - for it
will be pleasanter for her - I hope she will
be very happy in her husband's love - He is
a fine man I think - And they are a fine
family - Frank - is a splendid girl - & the
Doct - is very agreeable - & pleasant - & Juddy
is a nice little fellow too - We enjoyed their
visit very much -

Monday morning - & it is still
pleasant - & the way recruits are coming
in - is a caution - 120 men - & eight boys -
so I think the potatoes are bound to come
out - I am very glad - for Pather has to work
too hard - It makes him grow old -
He ought to have kept a hired man this
summer - Help was so scarce, he thought
he would do without - Pather, Mother &
Leatic rode up to Jay yesterday - to get the mail -
I got a letter from Henry - saying that Moffe

had had his leg off & they thought he would
die - Poor man - I feel sorry for him -
Where is the Doct. & Miss? & the Col.?
Poor Forbes was killed - & we heard that Harry
Randall - & Ashley Prime - were among the
prisoners - How terrible it is - The P. O. is back
to Uncle Gibbs - Byron is going to Leesville
to live - Mrs Baker fills a Ston, & Byron ~~is~~
~~the same~~ - ~~Henry writes me that my~~
Brother-in-law - has gone for a Soldier - & has
dropped down amongst you - I had not
heard that he had enlisted - Mother heard
when she was at Uncle Gibbs - that his wife
& little boys were at Mathus - You ask me
if Mary is married - She may be for all that
I can tell you - as she has not written me
since last July - I dont think she is - but I dont
know - Your "Mary Ann" - must be a queer
girl - (if she is yours) - to go away & not inform
you - but some girls will do, about as they
have a mind - Grandma is with us now - she
came down to the wedding - & we coaxed her to
stay - as we should be so lonesome - You &
Henry must write to Belle as often as you
can for she will be very anxious about you -
Your vote came the other night - Tomorrow
I suppose decides who shall preside over us for
the next four years - I hope they will not be