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anything by the of the wether now
we will have a Death, Wheat is sell-
ing at 1 Dollar 03 Cents at 65 Cts
Even the same firm has another
Span of Colts, ^{horses} and they nice
I tell you he has 1 Span a year old
he will sell in the fall horses are
very high so is Beef and hogs
Stake is 14 Cents per pound hams 20
per pound Butter 20 Eggs 10 potatoes
15 they have been a Dollar Fruit the
dry wether and frosts have used up
we had 2 trees Blossom 1 Pear 1 Apple
but no Fruit will come firm has
one hundred Apple trees, 3 Pears &
several tame Plumbs, and several
wild Plumb trees if Crops had been
good it would made us pretty comfortable
but still we wont suffer and we ought
thankfull I must close Wallace is waiting
to you his letter is in the School and I dont
know what he has written I am very sorry
to hear of Cousin Dan being sick giving
kind love to him if you see him and
if not let me know where to write to him
firm joins in love to you he is pleased
to hear of your promotion I remain your
Loving Sister Kate

write to me Springdale June 12th
always when
you can as I always
feel anxious about you
Dear Brother

I received yours of the 27
and it was a most welcome letter as
I felt very anxious about you I thought
you must be sick or left Newbern I
would have written but did not know
as you would get it if I did I am sorry
your health is so poor, and also pleased to
hear of your advancement in Military
honors if you get to be Lieut it will be just
an honor but then you will be more
liable to be called into active service
and I am afraid you would not stand
it long, I really feel sorry you have lost
your clothes and Watch as it is quite a loss
to you but as you say better than that
you for if you were taken prisoner you
would not live a great while and I hope
it will never be your misfortune to be
in the hands of the Rebels for they are
not better than Demons the way they

use our men it makes me sick at heart
to hear how they treat the poor fellows
but such is War, and Oh that this One
was over Mary let me know you had
a Boy all I hope you will both live to
see each other I like his Name well I will
tell you we have got another girl her
name is Alice she was born the 16th
of April she is a nice Baby I am not
very well altho I get round and doing
work my limbs trouble me a great
deal and I lack strength but I still have
the will and that does a good deal you know
Katherine sent Jim & Lena a Box when
he enlisted Jim got a pair of good Boots
an over coat 2 pair pants and 2 Caps
Lena 4 Dresses of I dare say of Marys Delairy
the Skirts will make Dresses for Lena
and a Silk Tissue with several aprons
I da not had out grown they come in handy
these hard times Mary sent me a Coat
made from a Soldiers overcoat and a
Black Silk Bonnet she wore last winter

at winter I was to wear it but
weather I had a letter from Mary & was
and Walter was quite sick then he had
taken a severe Cold & was threatened
with fever it is true Allen Walter was
a foolish fellow for leaving his home
he dont know when he is well off he
is so when it is to late he is not very
tough and very careless Mary seems to
feel bad about it I got Walth Marys
Hers Photographs and they are nice Walth
looks well he wears a heavy Beaver
well. I must tell you the farm very
well. Here it is a hard sight for
the farmers this year we have had no
rain in 7 weeks the Wheat does not look
as well as it did 3 weeks ago & what there
is the half of it is dead & corn you can
hardly see grass there is none it is
fairly burnt up there is scarcely
any one got a Garden Wheat is not
sure if it does rain we have had 4
hard frosts hard enough to kill