

MACK TO NAN

Sunday Morning Aprile 2

Again I find my-self seated by my little bed-stand thinking of you and to try to converse with you by the means of pen and ink. I wish I was with you this morning to talk together face to face but as that is out of reach today I am glad we can convey our thoughts and wishes to each other by writing. I am not prepared to say what day or even what week I will get to start home, but I think I will get to go this week, but I am not certain of it. Nan I am in quite a pickle to know what to do. I wood enjoy a visit at home much better if you was with me. and again if we was at home to take a satisfactory visit I could not have time to come to Jackson to stay any length of time. therefore I have thought this way, that Pap and Mother is old, and I wood like to see them as life is uncertain even with all of us. and I will go home and make a brief visit at home and then come to Jackson. You wont blame me for this will you. if you take a notion to make a visit to Steubenville I wood be glad to meet you there, and if you dont go there I wont go by there as I go to Jackson for it wood be better and cheaper to stop at Steubenville as I come from Jackson to Philadelphia. or if you want to visit Mr and Mrs Abbot and Lydia if you rather wait till I start bck from Jackson, and come with me that far, but by that time I expect Al will be gone back to his Rendesvoos. I dont know where he is now as I hant had any letter from him since he went to Mich. Bess wrote that he and Lydia had got there and he was going to try to get his furrow extended, but I dont know wether he did or not, but if you want to see him I think you had better come to Steubenville as soon as you get this and stay till I come from home, and meet you there. but do as you think best or wish. you probably know when he will be at Steubenville. As soon as you get this write and tell me wether you will go to Steubenville or not, so I will know wether to go that way or not. I think I will be safe to tell you to direct your letter to Cambria Mills, for I think I will get to go the first of next week any how if not the last of this week. I dont hear from Andy or any of the boys since the Battles where they are. the Rebs tried to Brake our lines again this last week at the same place where they tried it on last Saturday week, and if the Boys escaped the first fight they may have been captured killed or wounded the last fight, for the fights was near our camp. I hant any letter from home for some time, neither from Mr Abbott. I have nothing more of importance to write today. I hope to see you before many days. this is a beautiful day clear and warm. I am full of anxiety and hope of seeing you and Baby Boy and the rest of the folks soon. now dont delay to write so I will be sure to get your letter for I shant stay but few days at home. I am well today and hope this will find you all well.

I hant had any letter from you sin[ce] the one spoke of in the other sheet, but I look for one tomorrow or next day. good by for today. your Old Man Mc Nan and Baby Boy

Note: Written on the inside flap were these words: "Love hope and anxiety".

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