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Abstract

Letter from "A. [L.?" to "My Dear Husband," written during the American Civil War, regarding the recent theft of one of their hogs and the capture and whipping of two suspected thieves by the patrol.

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Scope and Content

This collection consists of a single letter signed by "A. [L.?" and written to "My Dear Husband" during the American Civil War. The writer reports that one of the family's hogs had recently been stolen and describes her efforts in tracking the thieves. "It was killed in the pen and taken out and Caried all through the Negroes fields down toward the bay," she writes. Unable to track any farther, she enlisted the assistance of two neighbors, asking them to ride patrol and search. "[T]hey did," she writes, "... and found Jack and Silvey with some in the Pot and when I sertched I found some of a small shote in Duncan house." She then comments that the patrol captured and whipped Jack and Duncan, who implicated one another in the theft. She advises that they "better keep Jack off of the Place as he is ... spoiling the young Negros." She then asks for her husband's advice regarding the killing of a bull and notes that much property has recently been sold in the area. "Negores sold very high," she writes. She finishes by briefly sharing news of several people, presumably family and neighbors. The letter is accompanied by a transcript.

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