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Scope and Contents

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A war-date Southern home front letter, 2pp. folio, written by the sister of Lt. Charles Davis, 27th Virginia (Stonewall Brigade), "At home" [Lewisburg, (West) Virginia], March 19, 1861[2], in part: "there is a continual excitement about here for fear that the Yankees will over run this section of country and it is believed that they will start here today from Gauley River. The enemy have a large force in Fayette & Raleigh counties and are bringing up more every day whilst we have a single regiment near Lewisburg which is reported to be ordered away. Twice have the enemy come to Meadow Bluff and stolen property in the Raleigh neighborhood. Mr. Buster's family have gone to Callaghan's to... be out of the way of Yankees. Mr. Valk has moved his family to N. Carolina... you deserve great credit for going in as a private for officers are plenty... Mr. Cornelius [Timothy] Smith [Co. L, 8th Virginia Cavalry] made a speech to the Yaw Hoos at the Blue on Monday but did not get any men to fill out his company... the Greenbrier cavalry is stationed at the Blue. Your friend H--- is in S. Carolina a lieutenant and universally detested in this county. I am glad to hear that Mr. C. T. Smith gained credit for his course at Roanoke Island... Pa is gone , my oldest brother is gone and Charley [Davis 27th Virginia] starts for Genl. Jackson's command tomorrow... the Yankees came to Col. Henry's house and took off [his] sword, uniform etc...".

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