

Dear Augusta

Friday morning  
in the post -  
office - all  
well - no  
answer yet  
to our dear  
Sister

Brother has left some this  
page to fill, and I am afraid I have nothing  
interesting to write -

Today Aunt Ann told me how flat  
and her brother-in-law were in on their  
way to Washington - It seems, Judge Flat  
and his friend or partner or whatever he was  
Judge Fielding was arrested a few days ago  
and sent to Vicksburg - Judge F. held  
some office under the government, and is  
said to have made a great deal of money  
He has been charged with defrauding  
the government - Poor Anna is going  
to see the President herself, she says, if she  
can't get her uncle T. J. Smith to see

Chase and I feel very sorry for them  
they have had so much trouble -  
I saw Mrs. Brach & Mrs. C. tonight - all  
well at both places, but very anxious to hear  
from you, particularly at the former place.

My best love to Luther - Do telegraph us  
if you need any of us, to come to you, or if  
don't go on well - your affectionate sister  
Mary

Brother, Mary's letter  
June 4th 1864

Dayton June 4th 1864

My dear Augusta. I was just sitting  
down to answer those of the 4th when  
Ler's letter of today came, and relieved  
us very considerably, of course we are still  
very anxious, and hope thee will keep us  
advised of Luther's condition, let it be  
what it may, we had begun to feel at  
ease respecting him, and most of our  
anxiety was on Howard's account, now,  
again we feel drawn two ways, I ~~feel~~  
thee will not be strong enough to contin-  
ue nursing so long, How is it with thee?  
I wish I could relieve thee, let us know  
if thee needs any of us,

How is Luther affected? The only says  
he is worse, and that erysipilass has  
made its appearance, Where does it  
show itself? And can it be controlled?  
Has L. a fever? And is he much pros-  
trated? Remember, we know scarce  
anything about how he is affected,

Mr. C. I think, writes but <sup>2</sup> little. They seem to know, even less than we do. I thought Lee's letter made things look so much better, and I felt so much better myself, after hearing it. That I would write immediately, not wait till evening, as Mary said. Then Mrs. Richards, of Urbana, came in, and I am writing while she makes a few calls on old acquaintances. Her son Edward is Assistant Adjutant General on Andy Johnson's Staff. (Our Vice President, that is to be.) She came here on business, and thought of returning this evening, fearing it would not be convenient for us to have her all night. I pressed her to stay and take Mary's room. We have heard nothing from Howard since the last battle, and am very uneasy. His last was dated May 30<sup>th</sup>. And as it is said John Morgan is on a raid through Kentucky.

I fear the communications will be cut, between us, and Sherman's Army, and it may be some time before we can hear from him, "We must possess our souls in patience." But, it is hard to do,

Baby was here today, and she is very well, looks quite bronzed. They draw her out in the little carriage every day, and often bring her in when they come, and leave her with me. She is very happy, and looks better than I ever saw her. The other children are well too, and Sella has made good progress with her preciding. If Moe has time, tell us all about L. As I said, we are very much in the dark as to how he is affected, and anxious to know. Give my best self love to him, and except much thy dear child from  
Mother