

Gaffney S.C. April 13-1891 ①

My very dear Addie. (Mrs Judson Linton) who was Adelaide Reynolds of R.F. S.C.  
Your truly loving and welcome letter reached me  
some weeks ago and should have been answered  
at once but for my distressed feelings about my  
precious Lewis (Sam's) situation hear such dis-  
couraging accounts about him both his Pa (Uncle  
miles B Sam's) and Henry (Sam's) who go down often to see  
him, he is so weak has often such severe fits  
of coughing can only lie on one side, has to get  
up every night and sit up for hours, hoping to rest  
himself some in that way. We looked so eagerly  
for him week before last he thought of going from  
here to N.C. to meet a German Doctor from  
Connecticut who was pass through there wanted  
him to examine and prescribe for him. but as he  
had been having fever and the weather was  
cold and blustering, he thought it most prudent to  
give up that trip. I had a short letter from him  
written on the 10th speaks more of going on the latter  
part of this month, either to New York or Philadelphia  
and place him self in a hospital there for  
treatment for about a month unless (unless) ad-  
vised to the contrary, wants to come up and pay  
us a short visit and go on from here, there but  
says he may find it best to take the steamer  
to Savannah and a steamer direct from  
there north, as it will be less (less) fatiguing than



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the care. I have written begging Henry (Dauer) to go along with him. Mr. Miles B. Dauer says he is too weak to travel alone, he is too old or would go himself is also urging Henry to go and he is perfectly willing to do so mean to interest Lewis also to consent to his going as it would make us so much better satisfied knowing what a help he would be. Oh! that the Lord would be pleased to spare his life, if it be his holy will and sanctify all of his afflictions to his Eternal good, many prevent fetters go up continually in his behalf in which I know dear child you join yours, how weak our joints often in poor weak mortals, especially when under the Chastity rod yet to whom else could we go for comfort. Your last (letter) was received late Saturday night to which I am trying to reply this morning, am so sorry that so many of our important papers have been destroyed not only by the Yankees but in other ways as to prevent my giving the exact date as to any of your beloved ones death. Dear Brother R. (Brother Richard Reynolds) died in November 22<sup>nd</sup> 1861 at Mrs. Horace Rivers in Charleston S.C. dear little Robby (Robert Reynolds) died in Summerville S.C. in the latter part of Spring in 1862 - age 3 years or perhaps a little older. John (Reynolds) somewhere the latter part of the same year or early in 1863 in Virginia con page 3



dear Richie - Richard Reynolds Jr. in McPhersonville  
 S.C. soon after he joined the Beaufort Artillery then  
 stationed there, Lewis (Dams) went down and saw  
 the dear boy buried, Lieutenant John Rhodes went  
 along and several others from the Company, he  
 was laid by Lieut Rhodes Father, dear Lewis  
 saw him breathe his last, after the fearful  
 accident - have often I have heard him allude  
 to it and what his feelings were, said how  
 miserable his dear Aunt Ann and Uncle Richard  
 as well as all others so dear to him were  
 spared the heart rending scene. [Note Richard Reynolds  
 was accidentally shot by Henry Elliott his devoted  
 friend, Richard was the son of Ann Oswald & Richard  
 Reynolds Sr of Beaufort S.C.]  
 Poor dear Sally (Sarah <sup>Sonias</sup> Reynolds sister of John Reynolds  
 and children of Richard Reynolds & Margaret McKee)  
 died after the dear boy (Richard Reynolds) was taken  
 sick at the Limestone Institute, where she was  
 teaching and was carried from there to  
 Spartanburg to Mrs Horace Rivers and your Aunt  
 Sally (Aunt Sally Reynolds aunt of Richard Reynolds  
 Sr.) a near neighbor of ours here who was living  
 in Spartanburg at the time says she was  
 buried in the cemetery, previous to hearing there  
 was under the impression she was buried  
 or interred in this cemetery here and have often



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while at Robby's (Robert C. Saus) at Limestone  
Robby and self have walked all over it trying to  
find the dear ones grave. She was under the  
impression that dear Ricky was still alive  
wrote me soon after we had heard of his death  
saying she wanted to be near us all again,  
had engaged a situation in Mr Ben Broad  
Bostick's family to teach and begged Ricky to  
meet her in Blackville S.C. The last time  
I heard from her - soon after we heard of her  
death, while still in Laurtonville at Henry  
Johnson's I got your Uncle Miles (B Saus) to go up  
at once to Barnwell from there he took the  
train from Blackville to Columbia where  
Mr Henry McKee and family were refugeeing  
and he brought in dear Brother R's (Richard  
Reynolds Sr.) desk containing her papers  
and his and your dear mother's (Ann Correll)  
watches and other jewelry that had been  
saved. Mrs Rivers sent for me McKee he got  
there either just before she died or soon  
after (Dolly Reynolds John's sister) and carried all  
of her things back to Columbia with him, several  
large trunks I heard containing a great  
many bed clothes, table linen & Chers  
and all the coloured clothing of the family  
but your Uncle R. was only given the desk  
which he left in Barnwell with dear mother

Ann Correll



what because of her heavy large silver soup  
 ladle which she bought not long before she  
 died with money that her mother gave her  
 giving her her beautiful work box with  
 gold thimble and other valuable things &  
 the silver cup that your Uncle Miles gave  
 Ricky, I cannot tell, Casar told me they were  
 all saved when they left Beaufort. Mr McKee  
 told Mr Sams (mils) he had opened the desk  
 and taken out two silver ladders as his  
 Sister had told him in case of her childrens  
 death were to be his, after the Yankees had  
 passed through Barnwell and left them so  
 poor altho " she had so much having to do it  
 got dear Aunt Martha to take down her watch  
 chain and some seals of your Fathers & try to  
 sell in order to get some things for your  
 self and sisters. I think Mr Ben Rhodes  
 bought them, she had given her <sup>mother's</sup> watch  
 and chain before her marriage, have a teen  
 thought how shameful it was in Mrs Dye  
 Duncan trying you. I send your dear Parents  
 that <sup>watch</sup> ~~was~~ by B. Sams and that they  
 were so satisfied" saying you were in want  
 of shoes and other things, when she had  
 promised to do for you as for her own  
 child but I hear her no make the -



Lord is the Judge, you have all had hard  
 struggles the Lord in mercy grant that  
 you may all soon obtain help and enough  
 to make yourselves and loved ones comfort  
 able.

Mr McKees children have no claim on the  
 Ladies Island place. I heard Mrs Richard Reynolds  
 say myself after she married your dear father  
 how much it was in him to sell his  
 fine place at Whale Branch to settle hers  
 on Ladies Island, when Mr John Verdes a lawyer  
 in Beaufort who married one of her elder  
 sisters, and who her father Mr John McKee  
 in his last sickness got him to draw up  
 his will, by some clause in it in case  
 of her marriage and her dying <sup>without</sup> ~~estate~~  
 children, it was to go to her, that her father  
 never intended it should be drawn in that  
 way but John & Sally lived many years  
 after they were grown up - The Town property  
 he bought himself also Joseph and  
 Jericho, this place was settled on Aunt  
 Cecilia (Conrad) and her children after they  
 all grew up they petitioned the Court to have  
 it sold for a division which was granted  
 and your Pa (Richard Reynolds Sr.) was the



the purchaser, the entailment stopped with  
 them, as with us of our mothers. I think with  
 you that now is the time for the heirs to put  
 in their claim for their part as I heard  
 your Uncle Robert (Crawford) said he had only  
 sold his claim to both house and lot in Beaufort  
 and the Jericho place. Mother bought the house  
 and lots long after my marriage and paid  
 up in full. Crofut ~~knows~~ it is not safe  
 property therefore he's allowed the house  
 to go to ruin suppose he feels the same  
 about the Jericho place and Little Baynard  
 way to Aunt Martha (Baynard) and her children  
 all having been originally one tract and  
 left in that way to his three daughters  
 Mr Benjamin S. Chaplin of St Helena Island  
 suppose Aunt Martha (Baynard) here will put  
 in <sup>their</sup> claim for that, poor Cassin Calder (Baynard)  
 needs help sadly. Now dear Aedee I must  
 close, do hope dear (William Lantier) will soon  
 be quite well again and that you now  
 have your sweet good friend Miss Minnie  
 (McLead) with you. Pobby, Sam & Emma  
 join me in much love. Your Uncle Robert  
 Crawford's post office is Atlanta Ga, general



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delivered as Elywood is in the corporate limits  
of the city, do dear Addie don't bring my name  
in in any way in there being written to. may  
the Lord help and keep you and yours is  
my ever my prayer. your devoted Aunt

C M James  
Caroline Matilda James