

Franklin, Va.
March 2, 1863

Dear Sister,

I take my pen in hand to write you a few lines to let you know that I am well except the headache. I received your letter in three days after it was written and was glad to hear from you all.

You say that Hager has got a child. I am mad as the devil about it. I want Barnes to hear her out. I don't want so many parishiners on my _____ (word not clear),

I have heard that Calvin Aycock was dead and died with the small pox. I don't know whether it is so or not. You wrote me that he was well.

I have left my picket post and have gone to the regiment and have to go on a scout once a week, and I do dread to see a.

I have a notion of selling my mare and trying to get transferred to Bill Gaddis company, but there is a talk of the regiment going to North Carolina. I hope to God it will, and stay.

If you have got me an over coat, don't send it. I have done about so long, I can make out tell warm weather.

We are expecting a big fit here. We are reinforcing very fast. I saw Jed (or Jess) Aycock and Isaac the other day. They are both sick. Jed (or Jess) has chills.

You wrote me that you had found that _____ (word not clear) hog in the well. I think you were mistaken about it being in the well two months. I don't want you to have the field next to the meeting house tended this year only in pasture. I think if you don't _____ (word not clear) you will all wish to come to work but Ark, as I expect he is going to see his wife half of his time.

Tell sister Doll I received her letter & would of wrote you both before now but I have not had the chance. I read all the letters you send me. I would like to hear from you soon and let me know if Calvin Aycock is dead or not.

I must come to a close. Give my best respect to all inquiring friends if any. Excuse my hand writing for I have to write by the fire.

Gabriel Aycock

A few lines to Barnes Aycock

Dear Brother,

I make you a few lines concerning a few things that have I heard

Aycock
Gabriel

(My aless lines) to Barnes (Page 4)

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I sent you fifty dollars by George Thurston. I would like to know if you have got it. He said that he was going to keep it. But I am not uneasy about that. If you want to you can use it just as you think best. I shall _____ (word unclear) five dollars more in a few days. Cate is sick and all was is, _____ (word unclear) on her.

I must come to a close. From Gabriel Aycock to Mr. Barnes Aycock