

Lt. Colonel William Henry Chapman Society

Greensboro, N.C.

At Mr. Jefferies Jan 3rd 1865

Dear Father,

Our part of the Battalion 43 Va. Battalion Mosby's Command left this evening for the Northern Neck Sam in Command. They will probably reach their destination about Friday. They will have a cold and disagreeable night to start on. I will leave tomorrow for Richmond and Gen. Lee's Hd. Qts. And go by Fredericksburg on cars where I will find one of the boys waiting with my horse. I was anxious to come by home but will not have the time. I wanted to go by Uncle Edmonds but owing to Col. Mosby's getting wounded I will not have (time to go) much leisure this winter.

Josie is sitting by me with a very long face, thinking of my leaving in the morning, we have never been separated more than a week at a time. I am anxious for her to spend a part of her time at home if you can come for her. I have bought 15 Bbl corn at Mr. Frank Rixey, which you can have by sending for it and Mr. R told me this evening that he would let you have enough to (fill) make out the load, and would like you to bring a load of Tobacco for him from Koohety's above Honeyville (for him) and he would pay corn for the hauling. Now if you can make this arrangement, (can) send (a) the team to Rixey's for the corn and come to Mr. Jeffries with the carriage for Josephine. She is complaining just now so it would not be well for her to turn out such weather, but you can select your own time. If you (Rixey will be in Page in ten day you may see him) come I would write advise you to come soon as account of the corn as the Yankees or our own army may get it. The best road is to come to Amisville and from there to Orleans and there to Rixey's. He lives five miles from Orleans on the Salem grade. If coming that road you would have pikes(p) nearly all the way, and if you come ahead with the carriage you can act as advance guard. If you come write to her and let know it, John will leave for home on Thursday. Josie has a black boy in Roanoke to, if you want him you can have him too, but if they intent to enroll them I will take them with me. You may sell the colt as soon as you can. I paid \$1000.00 will take the same now perhaps he will bring more in spring. Josie say bring Kate with you, all join in sending much love to all the family. Would like so much to have come by home but cannot.

My love to Mother and all the rest

From you Son

W. H. Chapman

I left Rebecca shedding a few tears at Sam's departure this evening.