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Columbia Murray Co. Tenn. Feb. 16th

Miss Dea. Love

Dear Sister I received your Letter of the 25th of Jan'y day before yesterday but I did not know that I would have any opportunity of sending you an answer so soon. Yes the only news here of importance is about the battle of the 5th of this month near Spring Hill it was a very hard fight the Fed^s had possession of a hill where they were protected from our balls while our force was exposed in an open field though we lost near the same number in killed and wounded it being between 200 and 300 on a side but we captured 2300 of them. While our brigade and Armstrongs were fighting in front Forrest went to the rear and attacked them there and they soon surrendered.

John Joe, P., and I were all welcome
battants this time John was left
back in Mrs Sick Joe had no gun
and I was left with the train on
account of my horse being sick and
lame. John has not had any health
since. he got back with the horses
and I am afraid he will have a
hard spell of it. I have not heard
from him since I left him on
the 10th of Feb. As soon as I hear
from him I will write to you.

Dear I was very sorry to hear of Elders
death though I was not surprised for
she was very sickly. If I was half
as good as Ellen I would not fear to
die for I believe she was one of the
best women I ever saw. John Hook
saw a great many of Parson Mordvalls
friends at Spr. Hill and he also saw
W. E. Moor and I stayed with cousin
Sallies, Sister Miandy three or four

days She is living five or 6 miles
from Pulaskia She doesn't favor
Cousin Sallie much but her manner
in conversation is precisely like Sallie
and I think all that is necessary for me
to like her as well is to know her as
I do Sallie. I also stayed with her
Father 2 nights and a day They were all
enjoying tolerably good health.

I didn't see Mrs Walker though ^{her} ~~that~~
family were well. They asked me a
good many questions about Sallie and
I answered them the best I could.
They had not heard from her in
about 2 years before. The Yanks did
not do them much mischief when they
had possession of the country before
but they ~~did not~~ are ruining the country
where they go now and if they get many
Co. again they will be ruined with the
rest. Tell Cousin Sallie if she
will send her letters to me I can

Send them to her people for her.
If this letter gets there before
Pete starts back tell her to send
a letter by him and I will send
it to whoever it may be directed
but if it does not she might
send by any one she can and if
it gets to me I can send it to them.

I Dea I forgot to tell you that
we lost 8 ^{in our co.} wounded and one
killed one of the wounded has
died since a young man by
the name of Smith.
A young man by the
name of Lemons was
killed dead they were
both from Waco