

Washington August 20<sup>th</sup> 1861

My Dear Husband

Your letter written by  
the steamer which I ought to have got yesterday  
afternoon I never got until this morning Thos  
Hardenburgh went out in the country to see Mr  
Selby as soon as he arrived and carried my letter  
with him you can imagine what a fever I was  
in all night. This morning Sarah told me she  
saw him last night on main street with Bennett  
McDonald I much George sturt by times this  
morning and told him not to stop until he found  
him he succeeded in finding him and sent me up  
the letter just now by Truman Banks but no dirty  
clothes. We received the two dozen needles and return  
our sincere thanks they were a treat we all enjoy  
very much. Don't neglect to write to Warren about your  
business with John Stanley if you do you will never  
get one dollar out of him. I shall write to Amie  
and Dennis and tell them as soon as you leave  
Kirksville I want them home I am very lonely  
without them. I am glad your men are coming back  
particularly Ed Shaw. Be sure and write again when

the steamer comes back you may be able to tell  
me more about your future movements. Johnnie  
missed his father very much he went all about  
the house calling Papa it almost killed me  
to hear him & made me feel so sad. This war  
has been a terrible thing for all of us both north  
and south. Carlis was around yesterday & he spoke  
very affectionately of you and seemed to feel very  
badly about your going away. God bless you my own  
dear husband watch over protect and take care  
of you will be the constant prayer of the Lovel  
ones left behind. Your friend

Annie Spurrum

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