

Rocky Mount - N. C.  
Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> 1889 -

My dear Mr. Carr:-

I send  
you by this mail, something  
I know you will prize more  
than any thing I could give  
you. Whenever you look at  
it, I am sure you will  
have only pleasant thoughts  
of one of the best & noblest  
men that ever lived, a one  
who loved you. You lost  
a sincere friend when my  
dear husband died.  
Knowing that you loved a

appreciated him, will always  
bring to you the highest regard  
and esteem from my children  
and myself.

I hope you will have a  
merry, pleasant Christmas,  
and a New Year filled  
with God's choicest blessings  
for you and yours.

Believe me always

Your most sincere friend  
Mary Parker Battle.

To

Mr. Elias Carr,