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Dear Friend,

~~I have much to have~~
elapsed since I received your epistle,
but a favorable opportunity of sending a letter
not presenting itself before, I have delayed
writing thus long. I assure you it was
no intentional neglect on my part, for
I did intend to respond some time
since to your worthy missive.

I acknowledge that I might have sent a
letter by one or two persons that have
been here, but they were entire strangers
to me and I did not know whether to
presume to request a favor of them by
asking them to mail a letter.

I now have an opportunity of sending a
letter to Monticell, to your bro. George

by some soldiers with whom I am acquainted, to be forwarded to you. I shall beg you, in their beginning to excuse me for not writing a long letter. I have time to write only a short note.

You made the supposition in your letter that the Federals had visited us before now. I am happy to inform you that as yet they have not discovered us. We now see Confederate soldiers occasionally, and I do not think the Federals will visit us as long as any of them remain in here. There are a good many soldiers at Monticello which is only twenty five miles from here. Both of your brothers are there. I wish Mrs Wright or some of you would come there to see them, and then come on and stay some with us. How happy would we be to see a friend.

We had a very unexpected visit just before last from my sister Ella who had been over with Gen. Bragg's army: but she did not remain with us a week before she

returned to Georgia and Sister Fannie went with her. It was a great trial to give her up so soon especially since it had been so long since we had seen her, and then for another sister to go. Oh! it made us so sad. Ma would never have consented for sister Fannie to have gone if her health had not been so bad, and she thought the trip might benefit her.

You told me in your letter that I must not marry until you saw me. I can assure you there is no danger of that while this war lasts.

Tell your ma I am very much obliged to her for the turkey red. I am afraid she deprived herself. Give my best love to your ma and Mrs Morgan also the children. Ma joins me, kindest regards to Major Wright. Good night, I must go and do some sewing for a soldier to night.

Yours friend

Fannie King