

Correspondence between Samuel Lyle Adair, Florella Brown Adair, and their children

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Correspondence between Samuel Lyle Adair, his wife Florella Brown Adair, and their children, Charles, Emma, and Addie. Florella was the half- sister of abolitionist John Brown and Samuel was a minister and established the First Congregational Church of Osawatomie. Their cabin was a station on the Underground Railroad and John Brown's headquarters.

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Some of the Ladies got together a few weeks ago & formed a benevolent society, it was they have arranged to have supper prepared for Christmas afternoon & evening the supper is to be provided by the Ladies & with what help they can get from others & the all are invited to attend & pay 25 cts a piece for the benefit of the Society the proceeds of which is to be used in buying land or fencing in a general burying ground for the place, I have been called upon & expect to do what I can for the supper, whether I shall go down to help eat the supper & pay for it I have not decided, it will depend upon circumstances, I suppose Emma will feel badly if she cannot go & I shall try to arrange it so that she can, I have not been very anxious to take an active part in the society & have not been to but one of their meetings, every person is required to give at least 5 cts at every meeting they attend.

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Dear Pa Ma

We were very glad to get your letter, for we all felt very sad to hear such bad news about Charles but now we hope he is not a prisoner, but is safe + we all hope we shall see him again, it seems a long time since he was here with us, I go to school every day now + Ma thinks I learn some, I get a ticket most every night, + when I get a few more I shall take the back + get a large colored one, Ma bought one basket of apples + gave 1,50 for the + Emma + I have one most every day to take for dinner, I like to ride down + back but some times I walk part of the way home + then I get very tired, We have some nuts to crack evening + we like them very much, Ma is making me a long sleeved delain dress to wear to school + I think it will be nice + good, We all want to see you very much + hope you will come home when you can, the rabbits will crawl through the little places + eat the trees most every night but the white ones they will not touch, It is getting late + Ma is very sleepy + tired so you must take a kiss for Ma + some for your little daughter Ada.

brod gave from Emma