

[Letter from G. Wadley in Louisiana to his wife in Limestone County, Texas. Written during the Civil War]

Shreveport Arsenal – Apr the 9th [1863?]

Dear Wife

I am happy to say to you that I recieve [receive] two letters from you yesterday evening one of the 19th of March and one of the 24th. I would have answered yours of the 19th before this but I was not here when it come. I was gone out with a wagon to [name unclear] Panolar [Panola] County Texas with [unclear] to a large ordnance train of wagons. I was gone 4 days. I enjoid [enjoyed] the trip verry [very] much. I wish I could have gone on home. I want to see you and the babe verry [very] much but I have no ider [idea] when I will be favored with so dear an opportunity as that woul [would] be to me

I will look for Thom Miller tomorrow. I was glad to here [hear] that you was getting Along so well but I [letter torn along fold line and several words illegible] that the babe was [illegible] I know you have suffered a great deal on her account. I hope she is well by this time you dont [don't] know how much it hirts [hurts] me to be compeld [compelled] to stay here away from you and know that you and the babe are boath [both] sick. I tell you it is a hard thing for me to stand but I cant [can't] help my self without makeing [making] a bad matter worse pleas [please] dont [don't] give the babe any strong medisens [medicine] while it is sick. I am done with strong medisens [medicines] I think some little simple [words unclear] is better than medisens [medicines] for a young babe. I expect that Aunt Emily knows as well what to do for it as the doctor does and when you get to Springfield you will have old Mother [Sw----] to tell you what to do for it when it gets sick. I would rather risk her proscriptions [prescriptions] for a child than any Doctor. I think Dr Thorne make a verry [very] liberal charge you didnt [didn't] say whether John H. Yarbrough paid you that money or not let me know will you

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Well Dear I think you done exactly rite [right] in selling the Junes. I am glad you had it to sell I wonder if you have ever got my letter of March the 12th I sent by Mr Meek when you answer any of my letters I wish you would say which dates you are answering as it would save me the trouble of writing the same thing twist [twice] sometimes on the 12th I wrote that I would send you the gray cloth and domestick [?] by Mr Meek but when he went to pack up he could not carry the gray cloth as I have written before I thought you proberbly [probably] need the domestic the worst and I sent it to Springfield in care of fannie Miller. I also sent uncle Wadley some powder with it I give 20 dollars for the powder I dont [don't] know how much ther [there] is I just gave 20 dollars for the lot it sells here for 40 to 50 dollars per pound. did you ever make that cloth for Dick I sent you the buttons for his coat but you never said whether you had maid [made] the cloth or not I know you was not able to make much I am glad you sold mine I dont [don't] know that I will need it next winter even I intend to make the government clothe me if I can. I recon [reckon] I can as I wrote to you once upon a time it is not so good as the cloth made at home but it is good enough for me. Well my good wife you must doo [do] the best you can for your self. I dont [don't] know when I will get to go home. I will try to send you some money soon if I can get it to send. Well take care of your little girl Babe will you kiss it for me & tell her how much I want to see her I recived [received] the little bunch of hair you sent me it is verry [very] fine and sweete [sweet] I laugh every time I see it. Give my love to sister &ct [etc] to aunt & uncle & family and recive [receive] a full share to yourself and babe. I am as ever your divoted [devoted] husband

G. Wadley

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Jack is well and doing well and joins [*joins*] me in love to you & Babe