

Paulsville Mo. July 28th 1865

Dear Cousin

Your welcome letter of July 8th was duly received. Kindly read & highly appreciated. You say you are surprised that I did not return when I was released from Prison. I will tell you the reason. When I was captured last fall the Yankees took every thing I had even to my Boots, Hat & Gloves all the Federal money I had. if it had not been for some Ladies in Alexandria where I was there I should have suffered they came to the prison and brought me clothes & provisions and gave me some money which added greatly to my relief when I was released from Prison I had no clothes except a Confederate uniform and but

fifty cents in money. I could
not return in that condition so
I thought I would write until
I could make enough money to
get some clothes. I had hardly
got out of Prison before I was
arrested because I had on a Bible
and form. I was told to change
my clothes or I would be taken
to Prison again when they knew
that I had been in Prison and had
no other clothes and had not reached
my destination. If I have my
health I shall return next winter.
You say all the boys have returned
I am truly ~~near~~ ~~of~~ ~~them~~ glad to
hear so many of them escaped. ~~in that~~
Poor John Parsons was the only
one of our acquaintance that was
killed never did a more gallant
fellow live than he. I was very
sorry to hear of his death.

You say you are going to farm
next year. and some say you are
to be married. Now be candid
with me and tell me at once
that such is the fact for I know
you are not going to keep back
half. Tell me when it is going
off. I should like to be at the
wedding. You will write
further Notice address me at
Burnsland Mt. I am annoyed
so much by another man by my
name taking my letters out of
the office at George Town.
My Love to all my Relations &
Friends Excuse my badly written
letter Yours cousin
Alexr

P.S I did not receive the papers

21. I have not received the papers
of the
letter of the 10th inst. and have
been very much surprised
to find that you had not
the office at present vacant
and that you had not
been thinking of it as yet
to much of another man
I am very much
satisfied with the
proceedings of the
committee and will not
be able to do so at the
present time. I should like to be at the
meeting with you when it is going
on and have had many of these things
but I am not going to be at the
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Letter written to Mr Elijah T. P. Gilbreath -
Grandfather of Miss Gladys Gilbreath. Snowfield
Md. by his Cousin Celect H King - telling of
his days in prison after being captured by
the Yankees during Civil War.
Letter dated July 28th 1865.