

Thursday Afternoon.

Aug 18, 1903

Dear Darthey & family:

Just got your letter today of which I was glad to learn that you all were O.K, hope this finds you all O.K, I feel so torn up and worried that I can hardly write.

What in the world did mama jump up and leave the boys for? I never was so shocked and surprised. I don't understand why she did it. It makes me feel so bad I don't know what to do. I haven't heard from any of the folks this week. Does she intend to stay with those people and who are they

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Anyway and where do they live?
I wish you had wrote me all about
it and maybe I could understand
things better. I don't see why
mama or the boys havent wrote
me this week. Do they I wish you
all would please get mama to
come back home as I don't
see how I can stay up here if
she don't. I have enough worry
on my mind and for this to
come up, guess I will finish
going crazy, so if you all can
get mama to come back at all
please do it for her sake and
the sake of her children. Looks
like she don't love her children
like she should or like I thought
she did. I wonder how she thinks

Dennard and Ellis Can keep house
and gather the Crop and Dennard
will want to start to school as it
begins the 30th of this month and
he Can't keep his Cloths fixed to
ware either; so please get mama
to Come back home if you
possible Can. They ~~will~~ may get
Ellis in the Army if mama
don't stay at home, looks like
she may not Care if they did by
her going to keep house for someone
else, and as he has stayed out
this long he may stay out of the
Army if they would go on and mama
stay there on the farm. I know
Dennard would have a fit too
if Ellis had to go too the Army
as they seem have worked so good

together the past year or two. He writes me about what all he and Ellis does about working together. I don't see why they haven't wrote me this week. You all are the only one I have heard from this week. Emona wrote me last week that she may get off three days the 20th, sure wish I could get off now and come home. What did Lillie and Everette say about moma doing that way and how come them not too stay no longer? they didn't stay long enough to pay for their trip. I thought if they come down there they was going to stay a week anyway. Is Everette working now? I still haven't heard from them yet. I don't see why Lillie wants to do me like that either.

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You know mama didnt need money so bad that she had to get out and get a job as I told her when I was at home and I wrote and told her if she needed some money to let me know and I would send her some; And mama knows she didnt have to get a job to make her own living, that one thing that makes me feel so bad about it. I never would have thought she would have pulled up and left her home and everything.

I guess mama and the boys had their differences and didnt get along real good, but as you said everyone has their faults, and they should have been so thankful and glad that everything was as well with them as it ~~was~~ is. I want to talk to

mama so bad I don't know what to do. you can let her read this letter, maybe it may influence her a little bit. Tell mama if she "loves" her Children and wants too help keep Ellis out of the Army. too please, please come back and live there with the boys. when did mama go down there? what do you think caused her to leave the boys that way? she had a house to keep. She had never wrote me about leaving or thinking about anything like that.

you didnt send me Adell's boys address; is he Cousin Eulvie's Grandson? be sure and send it. Tell the boys to hurry and write me, and as soon as you get this. Lots of Love,
Lenard.