

To Henrietta from her son, [Bud] Louis. This letter was full of misspellings and no punctuation. Louis has started attending the Kentucky Military Institute as his brother did. From appearances of grammar and handwriting, he has just begun his studies.

Kentucky Military Institute

May 9th 1875

Dear Mother

I received your letter yesterday. I went to town yesterday and went through the prison. It is the first time I was ever in there. Why didn't you come up and see me? Mrs. Allen was looking for you. She had a room fixed up for you and Pa. I don't think you want (to) see me very bad if you did you would come and see me. Tell Pa to please plant me a watermelon.....*[the paper is torn here]* John he must.....this time school.....near out and I don't.....have hardly time to write. Poor Mrs. B I feel so sorry for her. Give my love to Pa and John. Tell them I will write soon. Ma you must excuse me I wrote in a hurry. Good night write soon to your son L Gex

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