

Cincinnati June 4th 1840

My Dear Charley.

I suppose you are very tired of waiting for the letter I promised you; but when you get to be a man, and a lawyer, and have an office, and speeches to make, you will understand why I have not written to you sooner.

Your father has told you long ago, about your little Cousin Daniel, so that I need not say much about him. He is almost as large as you were when you went to Athens; and is so strong that he can stand on his feet, without any help, except just enough to keep him from falling. He laughs, and crows a great deal, and is a very good boy. He has eyes just the color of yours, and looks very much like you. If your Papa comes down to Cincinnati next fall, you must ask him if he will not please to bring you with him, to see your little Cousin. By that time, he will be old enough to play on the Carpet with you, and you can have a great deal of "fun" together. Besides, if you will come, I will make as much "moozit" for you as you want; and will give you a little fiddle

for your self, or a little flute, which ever you would like best; and then you may play the "Irish Washerwoman," and "Oh dear, what can the matter be," and "Washington's March" for Aunt Pru, and Betty, and your sisters to dance to.

Your Cousin Daniel, is not quite old enough to write you a letter; so that you must ask Mama, and Sister Mary to teach you to write, and then you can write a letter to him.

Your Aunt Elizabeth and I would like very much to see you; and if your Papa and Mama will let you and Mary and Henrietta, come down and see us next fall, I will promise to send your Cousin Daniel, up to Athens, to gather flowers, and play in the grass with you, as soon as he is old enough.

Have you any body to "make fun" for you, and "toss" you, as "Little Elliott" used to do? If you have not, we will have a great "frolut," when you come down. The grapes will be ripe, and you can eat as many as you please. When you were here last the grapes were green, and not healthy for little boys, but in the fall they will be ripe, and quite sweet and good, and there will be a great many of them; - more than you and your sisters could eat in a month.

Do you see any little Squirrels, about Athens? If you can catch one, your aunt Lizzy has a nice cage, which she will give you to put it in. One end of the cage is built like a little house, with windows in it; and at the other end there is a wire wheel, which the squirrel can turn, when he wants to play. But if you should get one, you must take good care or he may bite your fingers.

Tell sister Henrietta that I was at Mansfield a few days ago, and saw Harriet Tucker, who used to go to school with her to Miss Shunkaw. She enquired if Henrietta was well, and whether she was going to school, and what she was studying; and told me to give her a great deal of love when she came to Cincinnati.

Tell sister Mary that Master Edward Mansfield, is very well, and has grown to be quite tall; and that she must not write so many letters to him, as the poor little fellow may not have money enough to pay the Postage. Old Isaac Morgan, who used to black your shoes for you, enquires for his "little friend, Charley" every few days; and says he loves you very much, and would admire to see you!

Kiss your sisters for me, and ask Aunt Pru whether her pipe stem needs fixing.

In much love, I am your "Muttie Elliott"

A. H. McCaffrey
to Master C. S.
McCaffrey —
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To be answered
when Charles C.
writes —

Master Charles S. McCaffrey

Athens

By D. Drake.

Ohio

