

1865
Camp Greensboro North Carolina May 3rd /65

My Dear Grand Father

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From E. M. W.
April 1865

The "war is over" and the best thing we can do is to get the country quiet and restored, ^{to order} as soon as possible. Hope we will soon have the pleasure of an uninterrupted correspondence, through the regular mails.

Our family has been unusually prosperous considering the times. Little Herbert's death being the only blot. Father belonged to the army but was detailed to collect stores for Government in Portland Me. and therefore did not have to leave home. Mr Walmley, F's partner, has been in service since November / 61. in the same company to which E & myself now belong. The business affairs have done very well; F being better off now, than before the war.

When we return home E - and myself expect to go to school as we are both sadly deficient - in education particularly myself. Have just received a dispatch to carry off and will not be back until night - and will have to close. Love to all. -

From your affectionate Grand Son
Alex R Hall

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