

on that subject. Then it will
be all right. I trust as you
do that some day we will
meet again & then can have a
long talk over old times &c. I
like your paper very much &
trust you will succeed in it.
Are you detached in any govern-
ment employ. & where & what
is L^r Hogg doing. Is he sick
in Hospital. I remember you
wrote Ellis very well. He wrote
me about his office being moved
& presume he is still in Kentucky
I am glad your relatives all
gave you such a warm reception
when you reached home. I think
you are perfectly right in visiting
the Lady's when you can, as noth-
ing tends to promote the happi-
ness & moral worth of young

La Grange. July 9th

Your long & very very interesting
letter Cousin David was per-
used by me with a great
deal of pleasure & I think
under all circumstances you
have acted a very honorable
and noble part since your
departure from St Louis in 82
It is impossible for me now
to take the time to write you
of all I have passed thro in
that length of time for I am
too busy caring for the sick and
wounded soldier's here. I am
in no way connecting with the
Hospital as I found I could
relieve their wants much more
efficiently by not being under

their permission. The lady's here
are doing all they can, but those
who work. The most are mostly
refugees & exiles. I go early in
the morning with a strong pot
of pure coffee, & give a little
to the weakest & sickest men
and find it a much better stim-
ulant than Confed Whiskey. The
lady's are assigned to different
wards and their duty is to take
care of the very sick men prepare
their food &c. & better the condi-
tion of the others by sending them
nicely cooked vegetables &c. Inde-
pendent of taking care of your
own ward you visit all the others
to talk to the patients. I am
continually employed making pillows
& shams &c for wounded men. I
read with great interest your
campaign in Kentucky & the

Kentucky you induced to get
out. I honor you all the more
for it. I am sorry your wound
still troubles you & hardly yet
think you are fit for cavalry service.
I am truly glad to hear you have
joined the church & are pre-
paring to enter your long home. Your
care now be truly blessed
among the brave christian
soldiers & I trust by your
example many other noble
fellow may be induced
to follow in your footsteps. As
regards being married I think
it poor policy for young men
to marry so early especially these
times when no knowing what
a day may bring forth. But I
think it is best to wait for some
time yet. & if you both agree

men more (5) than from all
society. These are sad sad times
and the children in the land
is enough to make us all thoughtful
of the future. The people here are
all very despondent (I mean the
entire) and talk as if we
were all subjugated & whipped
already. I have no fear myself
of the junks ever taking Atlanta
and if they do. That will not
end the War. I shall be glad
to hear from you at any time
and thankful you are doing
so well. Give my kindest regards
to your lady love and in your
next tell me her name. Hop
my to see you soon, & that you
may be successful in all
your undertakings. I remain
your true Esile Cousin
L. Welch

I received the papers and like it
very much.