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Letter from Darius Lobdell (Stanton, Kans.) to his mother and half-sister, Betsey (Lobdell) Thew and Kate Thew, August 7, 1864

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My own dear Mother and sister

I was surprised to hear by your letters last night that you had not heard from me in such a long time for I have written 3 letters since then to you, one of them while away down in Dixie I got home night before last and found my family all well but the baby she was suffering some with the summer complaint and nothing which annoys her very much I have not been on duty with my company for the last 20 days and cannot tell when I shall be again I return to fort Scott tomorrow and what I shall then have to do I cannot tell my health is good though my duty has been so hard and so much siding

in the night that I am almost
worn out-but still am able for
any thing that comes up in the
line of duty My Wife's Brother
who is in the same company with
me had a sad accident happen
to him the other evening while
on skermish drill his horse was
going at full speed when he stum-
bled and fell breaking his leg twice
between the knee and ankle he is
in the Hospital at Fort Scott and
doing well I have no important
news to write so will have to confine
myself to our own private affairs
first I will tell you about Charley
he is a great fat boy rough and
mischievous as any you ever saw
but a good boy to mind and very
easy to learn I imagine he
is something as I was at his age
Addie is more like her brother the
same still quiet disposition and

I suppose you would love her best
if you could see them though I
cannot tell that I love one any better
than the other. When I was at home
last week I intended to go and have
our Paquerooty feathers taken for you
but the first night I was at home
my horse was taken or rather took
himself off and I did not find him
until I came home this time one of
our neighbors had found him and
caught him up for me and this
time I have not the time being
ordered on duty which has taken
all my time and attention perhaps
you would like to know what I
am doing I am acting Detective for
the southern department of Kansas
and have a good prospect of
getting the appointment in a
short time so to draw the pay as
well as do the duty of the Officer
Roxanna says tell you the first time

her Father goes to Paola so she can
go with him she will go and have the
Childrens likenesses taken and send them
to you when I get back to the Co
and get on my uniform I will send
my own, and now for the close write soon
to me Direct to Fort-Scott Kansas Co 15th
N. D. C. care of Capt. Quise give my
respects to Father and all the family
and to Mr. Merrills folks and all the
rest - till then if they have any sympathy
with this rebellion to come to Kansas and
they will find an infallible remedy
It never has nor never will a blue
pill or hump rightly administered will
cure the most aggravated case in 5
minutes Coranna says tell you the
reason she did not write any is her
Mother and sister are not very well
and she had me to write for her she also
sends her love to all dont forget to
write soon, tell me all I want to know
write to Roxz to and you will hear from both
from Dyce

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