

well Mary few lines to you
I have nothing strange to write
you I am living wright in the heart
of the Tories at least half of my neighbour
is secesionist nearly one half of them
wear Buternut Breast pins and I was
told yesterday a Campbellite Preacher
Preaced on Sunday with one on, and it is
no uncommon thing to hear them hurraugh
for Jeff Davis, it is said that in Jasper
County they are Drilling Regular, yet we have
some very strong Union men here I hope you
are not infested with such traitors in
your country, I hope to see the day they may
have to plead for mercy, enough of this
the prospect is dull wither for a crop of
wheat this season I have 20 acres in wheat
this year and I do not think I will raise
half as much to the acre as I did last year
and mine is the best I know of anywhere
in the Neighbourhood I have done but
little towards farming yet it is too wet

we have our oats and flax sowed
and our Potatoes planted and a little
Corn ground broke, we have as yet a
good prospect for peaches my apple
Orchard is too young to bear much yet
though there is some trees in bloom now
and perhaps there will be a few apples
this year I have as nice a young orchard
as I ever see, we will have plenty Straw
berries Raspberries Goosberries and cements
and perhaps some Pears, all well and
doing the best we can and that is none
the best but in a worldly point of view
as well as our Neighbours I will close
my scribbling for this time, Direct
your Letters to Martinsville Clark
County Illinois Samuel McKiff
Mrs Mary Woodruff