

Florissant S. T. Louis count  
Mo.  
[Florissant, St. Louis County, Missouri]

December the 19<sup>th</sup> 1858

Mr. Mayse [sic]

Dear Friend: I feel for you. I feel I must be in trudeing [sic – intruding] on goo[d] nature. I think it will be the best thing you can do to sell my little Mares. And pay your Self for your trouble and send me the rest of the money. Or you buy them I will give you a bargin [sic] in in the trade. And when I come out I will bring some fine stock to the country. I will bring stock you All will want. You will buy one or 2. Share, sell or buy my little stock. I will Send you the bill of Sale when the trade is made. Write me ---- involvings [?] of your trade. You oblige me your friend. My Father sends his respects to you and family. My Mother sends her love to you Babe [refers to Sarah Dunman Mayes] in return. I send my respects to all inquireing friends if I have them. Tell Jerusha and Sarah Sol.<sup>1</sup> they havent [sic] answered my last letter.

I remain your friend,  
C. S. MATTINGLY

<sup>1</sup> This probably refers to Jerusha (Kipp) Wallis, the wife of Daniel B. Wallis, and also to Sarah (Labadie) Wallis, the wife of Sol B. Wallis. In some of the early families where several people had the same name, they might call her Sol's Sarah, which over a period of time might get turned around into "Sarah Sol." This might also refer to both Sarah Labadie Wallis and her husband Sol.

Letter from  
C. S. Mattingly to  
Mr. Mayse  
[Joshua Jackson Mayes]

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