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## Letter to Lulu

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To my Grand mother  
Martha Louisa Starr, age 16 -  
Macon, Ga.

[From Mrs. Williams family]

Charleston Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 1863

My dear Lulu -

I have no letters from you unanswered, are you too busy to write your poor lone uncle? I wish I had you here to keep house for me while your Aunt Mat is in Georgia -

I have a Mr Wagner in our Gay Street house - She has a little boy 14 years old - who stays with me at the store, and assists in distributing the rations to the poor - At Hampstead where

I ~~live~~ sleep, I have two little housekeepers - ~~one~~ Julia and Mary Murray 13 + 16 - none of them can fill the place of my dear wife, & precious children - I have a very dear friend at Sumnerville, Mr Henry King - the author of "Busy Moments of an Idle Woman, Lily etc!" I go up there occasionally on Saturday 5 P.M., and remain until Monday Morning - they meet me at the Depot with the carriage - Mr. King is as kind to me as an own dear Sister - Since this war began - she has lost her husband, Father, Father-in-law, beside several other friends - She is one of the most bilent women in America - her daughter - Adel - is at Greenhill, with Judge Kings family -

Mr King is engaged to be married - (She has been  
a widow about two years) Did you ever see her  
mother? she is very eccentric -

Our little Lizzie has been quite sick with diphtheria,  
but is now nearly well, it is too bad to be  
separated from the loved ones especially when they are  
sick, I am getting very, very, tired of this way  
of living, I feel it my duty to stay here -  
and I am afraid to have my family in Charleston,  
while the enemy have it in their power to shell it -  
I wish you could see Gung and Lizzie - they are  
the sweetest children you ever saw - "buddie and  
sissie" not excepted - Lizzie is more affectionate than  
her brother, I do miss them so much - Your Aunt Mat  
is quite stout, weighs 180 - but is perhaps "better looking"  
than you ever saw her - being tall - her flesh does  
not disfigure her much - Well - We have had President  
Davis with us, I have seen, and shaken hands with  
him, I am highly pleased with our Chief Magistrate,  
he is the right man - in the right place -

I had a letter from your Aunt Sarah a few days  
since, the soldiers, Camp on their horse, and  
are destroying nearly every thing - Sister Martha Gage  
complains, that she does not hear from "Nacoochee"  
only through me - You ought to write to her -  
Bob has quite a manner for writing - Much love to  
your dear Ma, and all - I remain  
Your affectionate Uncle - - - G. W. Williams