

GENEALOGY

and

FAMILY HISTORY

This information is a collection of foot steps in time, echoing into the future for generations to come.

I feel that if we neglect the chance to leave our history for our descendants that we cheat them out of their heritage, and with the fabric of their personalities. Our ancestors provided the very building blocks that we are made up from, and in some mysterious way the controlling force of what we may become or who we really are. I will not be guilty of cheating the future generations out of the knowledge of their own extended past!

Please take care of yourself and your extended family. In memory of your loved ones that have been recently lost. Keep recording the history of all you love.

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**To: South Carolina Archives
Columbia, South Carolina**

Subject: George Waldon Bush love letter to Eliza Crankfield

George Waldon Bush of Clark County, Kentucky wrote a beautiful love letter to Eliza Crankfield of Fairfield District, SC in 1841 and the letter has become a family treasure.

The three great great grand-daughters of Eliza Crankfield-Bush wish to submit this love letter to the South Carolina Archives for historical preservation.

The three great great grand-daughters are:

**Nancy Morris Hardman Crenshaw
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Claudette Sharpe Moreland**

**Sincerely,
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A Love Letter...

Clark County Kentucky June 26th
1841

My Dear,
For so I must call you I arrived home in
March after many troubles in Georgia
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be at your Father's this month which
is my excuse for not writing to you
before this time but the business I
expected to attend to a range of other
wise I have not heard ~~word~~ ~~of~~
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J. R. C. BROOKSHIRE, and his wife came to Boyle County over 50 years ago. Now 85 years of age, he is a retired farmer and lives at Perryville.

PERRYVILLE (Spl.) — A letter of love is one of the most prized possessions of 85-year-old Perryville resident J.R.C. Brookshire.

Written June 25, 1841, by his grandfather, George W. Bush, a Winchester schoolmaster, to his grandmother, Eliza Crankfield who was living in South Carolina, the letter has been treasured by the family and in the possession of Brookshire's sister, Mrs. J.A. Bush of Winchester, until recently.

The 19th century letter was named the winner in a love letter contest in Michigan at one time.

Although it reflects the schoolmaster's worry that he had lost his lady love, Brookshire said he himself is evidence that all turned out well.

The lovers were married in South Carolina and returned to Winchester on horseback bringing their wedding gift, 10 Negro slaves, to their Kentucky plantation in Clark County.

The letter reads as follows:

Clark County, Kentucky
June 26, 1841

My Dear,

For so I must call you, I arrived home in March after many troubles in Georgia on the business I was in. I expected to be at your father's house this month, which is my excuse for not writing to you before this time, but the business I expected to attend to is arranged otherwise. I have not heard a word from you since I saw you. I have undertaken to write you several times, but did not send the letters. The reason was, I expected to get

there as soon as the letters. I hope you will pardon me for ill treatment to you in neglecting you so much. I have long entertained an ambition to make the wife the most agreeable and delightful name in nature.

Marriage is an institution calculated for a constant scene of as much delight as our being is capable of. Two persons who have chosen each other out of all the species with a design to be each other's mutual comfort and entertainment have in that action bound themselves to good-humored, affable, discreet, and imperfections to the end of their lives. Therefore, I hope you will forgive.

You know all our obligations to each other and I hope you have not become dissatisfied with me, I want you on the receipt of this letter to write me immediately. You may be sure I have not forgotten you, though it looks like I have. I expect when I hear from you to come to South Carolina if it is agreeable with you for me to come as it depends on your answer whether I will come to the South or not. Direct your letters to Winchester, Clark County, Kentucky. It will be endless to exhibit the various pictures of delight which my imagination has formed of being your husband if I should be fortunate enough to obtain you through the blessings of Providence. My friends are all well as common.

I am your affectionate lover,
George W. Bush