

Springfield May 21st 65

Dear Sister

We like you are
having very warm weather
but our season is the reverse
of yours in forwardness
we are two weeks later
than usual I have
got the Lincoln Wreath
for you Josephine got it
from her Mother Mrs Edwards
It was made and placed
on the coffin in Chicago
by Miss Arnold of that place
She is a daughter of Congressman
Arnold of that place
The Wreath is a large one
and is made of very choice
Flowers and retains a
very sweet scent. yet
I have packed it away

in a paper box to keep
it in as good shape as
possible. Strangers are
making great efforts to
get relics from this place.
Josephine expected to
get three Wreaths but could
only get this one and
part of an other which
she gave to Mary. Sister
has several articles of
furniture which she
got from them when they
went to Washington.
Josephine is to have enough
of Mr Lincoln's hair to
fill a small socket.
John is still acting
Quarter Master at Camp Butler.
Mr Simmons called to
see us yesterday he had
been down in Missouri
on business he says he

will go down again
in about 3 weeks and will
leave his wife here
2 or 3 days while he is
gone Our bookkeeper
Mr Beach married Miss
Lelia Lane week before
last I attended the wedding
they have gone east
on a bridal trip will
visit her friends in
West Stockbridge It is a
very flattering invitation which
I got and from Mrs Couch
but I don't see how
I can accept of it
The 1st Church have
unanimously called the
Rev Mr Winans to become
their Pastor have offered
him \$2000 per year he is an
Abolitionist and Therefore
there is no doubt about

his loyalty I hope your
early season may give
mother better health
than gave report her
as having all are well
Yours and Affection
Love

A M Black

P.S. I send you with
this a Harpers with
view of Catalpa
representatives Hall
State House instead of
City Hall and all
view of Tomb both
are very good

A M B