

Letter (one page) from Vines L. Coalson to Mattie Lamkin

Bethesda Tex.

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Miss Mattie Lamkin

Dearest Friend

I did not aim to say what I did this morning but I said it before I thought. Everthing is all right with me yet you know what I said in the past notes. I meant ever word I said and a great deal that I could not think of. If your feeling are hurt I am sorry of it. I always could express my thoughts better with a pencil than I could with my tongue. Mattie if that causes us to break up I had about as soon see my grave. For you are the idol of my heart.

To my most be loved companion. Look over all mistakes please.

Your Friend V.L.

P.S. Mattie please tear this note up. I have not got time to tell you all that I want too.