

for the next four months, And Mother, I want you to have all matters arranged to your own and Addie's comfort, without any regard to me. If you should wish any of my advice, I will give it to the best of my ability.

One request I will make, that, if you still have Father's watch, I would like to have it kept for me, but for all other necessary depositions, you may dispose of, to suit your own convenience.

The news here by telegraph is very good.

Richmond, Petersburg, Jeff Davis, Lee, are taken and captured, Day before

yesterday one hundred
guns salute were fired
on the taking of Richmond
and yesterday morning,
by a general order from
the War Department,
a salute of one hundred
guns were fired from
every Fort and Flotilla in
the United States, on the
capture of Lee and 39000
of his army. A dispatch
this morning, from Grant
is, that the country is
full of Rebel stragglers,
the ground is strewn with
all kinds of munitions
of war, for the Rebels are
throwing away their
arms and equipments and
shedding for their
homes, and that he (Grant)
is closely following them up.

and says he will drive them as far as there is any need of, and I think from present appearances this bloody contest is nearly at an end, and I hope it may soon be brought to a close, and peace and prosperity once more brood over our land. Prisoners are arriving here by the thousands.

Within the past ten days, between fifteen and twenty-five thousand have arrived here, most of them are from Lee's Army, a few hundred were captured by Sherman. My health is usually good, and I hope this may find yours the same, I send with this a photo of a young fellow here, I will let you judge as to the original, Mother I wish you and Addie would send me your photographs and also Fathers if you have one, Those that I had of Fathers and Addie were lost with my knapsack while I was at Esquina they were left in the Capt's charge.

From your affec^t son & Brother
Geo W Pearl

much love to all. Write soon.