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Gazette

The tradition of gifting Valentine's Day cards gained popularity during the 1700s, as men and women handmade cards for loved ones. American entrepreneur Esther Allen Howland (1828-1904) sold the first mass-produced valentines during the 1840s, instigating a global tradition for centuries to come!





Chap's Corner

February is known for Valentine's Day and expressions of love to our sweethearts. In similar fashion, I offer you a love letter from a Kentucky soldier serving in Braxton Bragg's army who wrote the following correspondence from Grenada, Mississippi to his wife on July 27, 1864:

After nearly three years of bitter and cruel separation, my darling wife, on tomorrow we must separate again, you to a life of loneliness and privation and I to one of danger and sorrow... There is but one thing left us and that is trust in God's providence which has done so much for us, and the hope that it may not desert us in the future..."And behold a new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another." Through the coming time of our separation your image and our dear boy's shall be ever with me, sleeping or waking, in sickness, in health, in quiet or in danger, to bless and cheer me and not recalled in order to bring to mind some unpleasant remembrance of the past. I pray God it may be so with you. Each succeeding year robs us of some loved friend or some cherished hope. Let us then cling the closer together and build new hopes on the ruins of the fallen...I have but one wife and one darling boy to whom my heart clings as its anchor and to whom it will continue to cling while I live. (Phillip Hugh Wallace, www.docsouth.unc.edu.)

Like Wallace, may we be reminded of Jesus' commandment to "love one another" (John 15:12). Calling us to brotherly love (*philia*) and affectionate regard for each other (not to be confused with *erotic* love intimating romantic passion), I'm grateful for the genuine camaraderie that we share as a "band of brothers" and pards in the 2nd Florida family. God bless you and keep you safe as we

*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers* 

Suzie Arnaud

Heather and baby Dean

Wayne Alonzo



Welcome Baby Dean!

Our 7-pound and 3-ounce bundle of love delivered 2-3 weeks early





Otter Springs



Mt. Dora



**Memorial Service
for
Gen. Goodrich**





Medical personal preparing for wounded



**Mr. Keck
interviewing
soldier while
Dr. Dan tends
to his wound.**