

## Hiram McAdams to Alice Williamson – June 1, 1890 (Page 1 of 5)

*Original spelling, punctuation and grammar have been preserved. Extra spaces have been added between sentences to improve readability, because no end of sentence punctuation was used in the original letter.*

*Note: "inst" was commonly used in 19th century correspondence to indicate "next" in dates. For example, "11 inst" means "the next 11th". "Monday inst" means "next Monday", etc.*

**At Home**

**June the 1st 1890**

**Miss Alice Williamson**

Estemed friend Owing to the disifromitmin (disinformation?) that I met with to day I wil write you a few lines as I didnt get a chance to express my views to day although I injoyed my Self Splended at though didnt know but I was intruding(?) on some other fellows time

If I was I didnt no it and please excuse me for so doing Miss Alice you have often told me a bout your fellow or fellows I suppose that I met with them to day and as thare is so many canidates in the field I wish to anounce my Self as a canidate so as to make the race interesting So give me a chance by saying that I may call at any time that will suit you best I carried two of my pictures up thar to day So that you might take choice of them but before i give my picture to you you must make me a promis in the first place I want to know whether you Just want it as a friend or not Some times I think that you dont care for me more than a friend and that is the point that I want to get at if you care for me more than a friend You would do me a great favor to say so and relieve an aichin hart and then I wil say what I wanted to in regard to the picture

Miss Alice you must try to go up to Madisonville on the 11 or 12 inst it would afford me great pleasure (\_\_\_?) to call and carrie you up but as the girls is up thare I wil have to go prepared to bring them home if you dont go up to Madisonville you must write ehen I may call and spend a short time, when your fellows is not thare. dont undrstand me that I dont wish to meet them but dont care to inturupt thare Ingagements if you have no Ingagements for 5th Sunday I would be glad to cost (?) you out and would be glad to call before that time If is suits

**I am very truley your friend**

**H A McAdams**

## **Hiram McAdams to Alice Williamson – June 1, 1890 (Page 2 of 5)**

*Alice Williamson did, in fact, have several suitors. The following is from Mary Frances Payne Murphy, Hiram McAdams' granddaughter:*

*Yes, she had several. I have her old autograph book and looked through it to see the names of her friends. Sure enough on Jan 4, 1891 there was an entry:*

***Beadies January 4th 1891  
As I never try to write for fame  
So I will only write my name  
H.A. McAdams***

*There was one from at least 4 other men: D.J. McDonald, Asa Griffith Apr 1891, R. S. Callender Jan 1891 and from one named Wilson whose first name I could not read. Note the dates on these entries. She had not made up her mind by then! Another funny one:*

***Miss Alice,  
If ever a husban you should have  
and he this book should see  
tell him of your youthful days  
and kiss him once for me  
Your kind friend  
J.E. Mulkay  
Nov the 30, 1890***

at Home

June the 1<sup>st</sup> 1890

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race interesting so give me a  
chance by saying that I may call  
at any time that will suit  
you best I carried two of my  
pictures up there to day so that  
you might take choice of them  
but before I give my picture  
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a short time, when your fellows  
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their Engagements if you have  
no Engagements for 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
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H. A. McAdams