

Hiram McAdams to Alice Williamson –February 15, 1891 (Page 1 of 4)

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.

When this letter was written, Hiram McAdams was 46 years old. Alice Williamson was 23 (she would be 24 on March 9). They would be married 11 months later on January 22, 1892.

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.

Note: "Not the 14" in the date. Was Hiram trying to emphasize that this letter was NOT written on Valentine Day?

**Not the 14
Huntsville Feb 15-91**

Miss Alice Williamson

Dear Friend with pleasure to night I wil answer your highly appreciated letter of 3 inst which was carefully red and re red because I thought that you had mistaken what I ment why wil you treat me so indifert when you know that there is no one else that occupies the position that you do in my hart Just revurse the care and think

if you had all of your affection placed on a object that you knew was worthy and then you was treated indifunt wouldn't you feel grived over it Miss Alice in regard to what I said about my expressing my self too fully I have always had utmost conficence in you but I hird a remark the other day that mad me feel like that thare was something out but I guess that I was too fast in my speculations as I find my self often If I am too fast in

accusing you rongfully I beg pardon and hope that you wil for give me in regard to calling I wanted to call to day but didn't have a chance to let you know therefore as next Sunday is our preaching day I can't call until the 1 Sunday in March unless I call in the weak if I can I am going to call the last of this weak if you don't care Say Saturday evning that is the day that the darkes wants to call but in this case you must excuse me I will not look for an answer in as you wont have time to write I am as ever your true friend so by by

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