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My Dear Cousin Melissa (Dickinson)

Here is a note just here from cousin Jessie. I had sent her several of her Aunt Anna's letters to Sister Mary - - And sure enough to-day Lucy E. who has been spending these two months here - rumaging through my old boxes - found a photo of Cousin Anna - with a little child at her knee - she is sitting - I cannot enlighten Jessie as to whose baby it was - but Anna's eyes are black & beautiful & jet black - glossy hair - combed down over her ears - is rich.

Well - the G. A. R. "boys" are gathering in Chicago - and I am thinking how happy Cousin Albert makes happy there ? his old companions who gather there - and I am thinking too - how dear brother Merritt would be coming there - if he had remained this side. Did I tell you that he went into the taylors that very evening that dropped out from amonst us - to try on a new army suit - that he was getting made - and one of his Army Post men told me he was calculating to come east this summer! -- But all is over - here with his goings & comings - save only in our thoughts - and he is more constantly in my mind than I could ever have dreamed!! Lucy E. Sister May and I broke bread with niece Anna O. last evening. She got up a beautiful dinner - & seemed very, very happy - as did her husband. We all like him very much - - With love to each & all -

from Cousin

Susan B. Anthony