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Dear Aline:

I know I have been tardy about writing but I have had a lot on my mind- I have had a virus in my left eye for three months and it is clear now - I hope it stays that way- I am to have an operation for cataract on the right eye on the 24th of this month if it turns out that the left eye is o k, so I thought I had better drop you a line because it will be a while before I can get my glasses and of course I wont be able to see to write.

All is well down here - Mardi Gras is starting with the first parade today and then we have them continuously for a while and then it will all be over Tuesday (Mardi Gras Day) the 14th of this month. I do not participate any more in the balls but your Uncle Tommie and his wife go to almost all of them and just love it - she also is going to ride in one of the parades on Mardi Gras day (there are four parades on that day). Amalie's daughter and her youngest daughter are riding on the floats tonight - that will be her daughter and granddaughter both. They have a grand time and the balls are pretty but it is rather a task to get invitations as you have to know a member of course.

Well I do hope all is well with you and that your health is better now. Tell your daughter that her great grandfather was from Austria and became a citizen of the U S and I have his citizenship's papers and also he belonged to the Volunteer Firemen here in Mobile and I have a certificate for that also and he served in the Confederate Army too. The name is definitely Austrian and there are some other families here with the lich in the ~~ist~~ last part of their name such as Carmilich Petronivich Paulivich and others and their names are all Austrian in fact two are related to us. Carmilich was Papa's cousins and Paulivich married into the family.

Love to all,

*Laura O'Delia*