

Rock Island

Annie

Darling Girl

Do not

laugh at this writing for it
is the best I can do left
handed I suppose that you
know that I have a felon
in the center of my
right hand to day
I feel some better &
want to try & express

my thanks for your precious
gift to me Christmas
as yet I have been
unable to return it or
express to you the good
it has done me do
not think me foolish

when I tell you that
your gifts be in my hands
every day & that you
are always my thought
how I love to kiss
the lovely Churn & always
think of you Annie I rec
a good many gifts
Christmas one, a portrait
of myself painted by
the artist I married
for this summer & it
is worth \$100 & I also
got two \$5 gold pieces
but all of them tog-
ether are nothing to
your sweet Churn
my hand begins to
ach & I can not write
more now please write
very soon I love to
rec yours dear letter

They always make me
feel happy & will
come up & see you
when I get well
come as soon as
you see
Yours forever

J P Gayard



Miss Annie Woodruff.

Carroll Co. Savanna.

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