

## 2009 Virginia Women in History

### TRANSCRIPTION

#### Pauline Forstall Colclough Adams Wrote to Her Son from Prison, 30 September 1917

Work House, District of Columbia

#### RULES FOR PRISONERS

With a perfect record for 30 days, a prisoner will be permitted to write to father, mother, brother or sister, wife, son or daughter upon arrival, and one letter each month thereafter, so long as the prisoner maintains a perfect record. Prisoners will be given permission by the Superintendent to write a special letters pertaining to business.

Money coming in letters will be held in office until the prisoner is discharged.

Smoking and chewing of tobacco not permitted.

Prisoners will be permitted to receive from their relatives by mail 1 toothbrush, 1 pair of suspenders, 1 weekly paper, 1 weekly or monthly magazine.

Packages sent to prisoners by express will not be receipted for.

Letters must be sent to Superintendent's office without folding.

W. H. WHITTAKER, Supt.,

Occoquan, Virginia

Mr Edward Forstall Adams

500 Olney Road

Norfolk, Va.

Sept 30 Sunday.

Dear Forsty, You seem so very far away that I write this wondering if it will ever reach you. I ought to write Elizabeth instead of you for she has been better in writing me but you see from the head of the letter that we can write to a son but not a neice but tell her it is meant for her too. I

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expect you are all having a high old time and wonder if you ever went on the Croonenberg picnic. What a grand time you must have had with Mrs Muir. Her father, Col. Catlin, led the Marines in the parade in Washington on the day of our arrest. On Sunday they put white aprons and colars and cuffs on us and we are lent five pins to fasten them on with. We sit around like little Dutch women in our blue checks (not stripes) but do not go to church on Sunday. Last Sunday however uplifters came and handed out leaflets with lost sheep pictures on them. However we were even glad of that diversion. Drink and drugs are the causes of all the down falls I've seen. And you know men invented them therefore "Votes for Women." We are on the homeward stretch now so if it is too much trouble don't bother about the bathing cap for me as I know how hard it is to find time to do anything like sending off a package. I am glad Byrd is there to pack off some wool for Jamie Byrd occasionally.

Tell Dad that I hope he is not too busy to sometimes think of his "old lady" "doing time" even though I know it is hard to get time to write. Yesterday our Counsel came and we were so glad to hear a little outside news from her. She brought us some candy which we can only eat in her presence and as there were so many suffragists for her to see (19) (and one at a time) ~~that~~ I only got three pieces for I had to talk and eat in a hurry. She brought two sandwiches too for each. Whenever you laugh the keeper says "Shss" It will be so nice to see sugar and milk on the table again. Tell Elizabeth I certainly appreciate her working so hard and am so glad she looks stylish. Give my love to Dad and a kiss to yourself from Mother.

crazy about Forsty-Write me.