

The war must go on. We must fight it out. The people will carry us gloriously through this struggle. — JOHN ADAMS.



Mersey
Brough
March 21 1862
I will sit
resant

hoping line
May find you
in Ceylon some
Blessing I presume have
later & dated these
over 15 I was sick &
March at first but
am as strong now as
ever was I have not
from you 2 or 3 times
since I heard from
you What is nee-
de stout his our
pick et to day he dont
now there's chance to

Send a letter
didn't mail just a
short ago & I would
like have send you
the money
But is well I have
now is so time & I
like ago was in
the that was in
one I would like
Brockton admit
I can do best you can
tell all the friends
body from I see
Marthy a servant
I hope to see you all
again B for long
god bless you all
William S. Brown



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Handwritten text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the paper. The text is faint and difficult to decipher but appears to include the name 'Henry C. ...' and the word 'President'.

Handwritten signature or name, possibly 'J. C. ...'.

Camp near Nashville Tenn
May the 18 1868

Dear Wife I seat my
self to let you know that I
am well hoping this lines
May find you & your Dear
Children I wrote you a letter
I wrote you in march and sent by
Mathew ~~_____~~ I wrote also
the fifth of ~~_____~~ may and sent
it by Steven ~~_____~~ I wrote you
the Protectors in it I would
like to hear from you all
I have bin all thro' ~~_____~~
of Ky I have bin to ^{state} mure-
by Burroughson Lewisse
all winter there we
saw a hard time there
I went to Lewisville for
horses and was gone 3
weeks and wrote there

to you I have nothing to
say, to you about the war
I hope that it will come to
an end soon & tell alford
rd. Brown that allen is here
and has got his discharges
I got a letter from you dated
December the fifth 15 Wick
gave me joy to receive the
children and you I would
like to see. But if you is
no more see on earth I shall
hope we will meet on
Canaan fears full shore where
parting will be no more
tell the children that Paw
said be good children
and Elbow & Nancy is
promis you that I would ^{not} for
git to pray and I often pray
god to bless me in all my
truels and trubls and get

home and i want you to
pray also i went to pre-
we meeting yesterday in the
presbytery church in
prewe meeting there from
four to five every day dear
father and mother i dont no
what to write to you only
that brit is at bedsted
that receive a letter ated ~~aged~~
May the 3 and said he was
well that is here like he
was at home he has sick spee
Wenaid the trip first start
father i heard from you whe
n William Cruise came o
ver in March he said you
was all well you m tell that
Jonathan Houser is dead
and Michel Houser is dead
and carson anderson is dead
and i Sicket Prier is dead

Andicant tell how many
More is dead and if i die
On the battle field or with sick
ness remember that i die my
Country must be sustain

And the boys calls mee
the old Man for fun Thorsen
Wade is my ordly Sargeant
and a good one

I Am better Satisfied here
than i wold at home and by
out Vaney i wold send
my likness to you but i
cant find out where any one
going to start if this dont
start in the morning i will trie
to sendit now

~~Some~~ ~~what~~ ~~is~~ ~~dead~~ ~~and~~
Thou radger is dead

James Moe Blanchard is dead

Miss Nancy C. Brown

Miss Nancy C. Brown
Knox County Tenn

May the 31 1863

Camp Near Nashville Tennise
Dear wife it is with pleasure I
sent myself to write you a few
lines to let you now that i am
well and hope they lines may
find you enjoy the same blessing
I have wrote you two since i receive
your letter dated December the 15
and i was glad to hear from you
and the rest of my friends i
wold like to hear from you all
now seven month have all
most part away since i saw you
and i expect that the time
has ~~be~~ bin longer to you than
it has to mee for i am better
Satisfide here than i thall i wold.
be tho i dont now when i will
git home i hear from East ten
allmost every week and i
think that prove what i hear
and

What i now that time is no better
there than when i left and i am
better satisfied here than i wold be
there same is talking about going
home i wold like to come very
But when i come i expect to bring
charities i dont like a camp life
much i will give you a list of
the names that has aided in
my Comsey Agurty Bowers
Michel Gourer Spenser Jipou
James Macclanahan J and J
Sicket Prier John Rodgers Co A
We have had a heap of sickness
and i was sick two months and
i was taken at Luis Ville Ky with
Piriver and weakness and they left
me at Libethon there i got on the
Carg and wet to Nashville and
staid there two weeks and was
very and i was Crit from Satur-
dy till Thursday and they had

to move and i went to the barise
and staid there one week and the
boys all thant saw me thant that
i wold die but i got well and stout
and heavy than i every was i
waid 10~~0~~ 57 and i have stood
picket six days and nits out of
~~the~~ sight but we dont have to stand
picket now but i dont know how
soon we may have it to do and fite
two fore some think that we will
start home befor long but i dont
iwish that i cold think it and
it wold be so i pray for it to
be so fancy that book that you
fetch to mee the day i staid i
have got it yet and i have got
that book of haire i love to read
the book . i told you to never
on eary about mee i dont hear
preaching nor praying often
i wold like to be at moorit of

Oliver, and hear broth us preach
for i often think of the good
meat ~~was~~ way thro last fall
Some that way in the church play
Cards and Swares and some dont
and i can keep from all ~~set~~ such
habits and will dot do it pray
that i may continue faith full
and if you i see one earthe no more
~~may~~ i hope we will meet on ^{the} Leana
peasful Shore where parting will
be no more Mearthy you must be
a good ~~god~~ girl and when part
Lancy home we will have fun
elway you said you love sauced
meat part loves it too I may you
must be a god boy and good to
Willy and love your book
Lancy i feel now like i did when
i left you i cant rite what i wish
Sow farwell for the present
you will now know how they
when you set down

I send judy a song
- And Mary attend
paper I sent Marthey
I play in my other
letter I wold like
to see Willy I wold write
u more but my feelings
Will not permit

Will up to 24 fourth
of may 1867

Camp Near Nashville Ten

June the 5 1863

Dear Wife it is with great
Pleasure i take my pen in hand
to inform you that am well at
presant hoping they lines may
find you enjoying the same
Blessing i recive a letter from some
Body dated ~~you~~ may the 11 it
was sent to me from Carthage ten
and it gave me great joy to hear
from you all i wold like to see
you all and hear you tell how
you have got along i have got a
long first strait i was sick
and not able for duty two month
but iam stout now and have
done a heap of hard duty you
said something about trien to
git along and gain friends
i can tell you that i have the
good will of all in the ridgman

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So fare as i nowe So anuff of
that i have wrote you these letters
before this and got two i cant
Rite any thing about the woor
the leards Say there is abetter
prospect to come home now
than there ever was the report
is here to day that Mierell
had maid and at last on frank
lin and Newbergh burroughs Tenesse
i heard the Couranz yesterday
i think if we git home againe
fall that we will do well Soap
of that sort Father i was
glad to hear from you and
doing the best you could for mee
that is all i cold expect of you
So all who wish i love say to
you that love Engoy myself
the religion that i profess i haire
for got to pray aniwant you to
pray for me that i may

I
Bit home i have newe power lety
from G & C and heis well ~~and~~
and Shertill lives in hopes of
Cunning home and i do to
I woul like to see Brother himes
at old mont olives crist more
and hear him speedek for we
dont hear much preaching
here i cold wite more but
i started two letes home to
two otheres day ^{ago} i expect you will
hear from me and that be
fore they git thare if you will
goose to Squads i want you to
rite to mee and wat if you
have the carek P Doanuff of
that sort inust bring my lines
to closs my name you row when
and when me you see give my
best respect to all ~~of~~ my friends
He l to N C that will
Send you ~~if~~ a few lines

She says he is here on the land
living alivng the life of a
soldier he is not very well to
being a bad cold and cough

Dear Wife i am glad to hear
from you and hear that your
~~well~~ was all i saw the few
lines you sent to Ed and
he sent it to us. William
hitch is here and is well i was
so like to be at home and make
around i would like to write
more if it would do any good
i must bring my lines to a
close I sh^d To Sara &

W. C. C. C.
19 20 21 22
W. C. C. C.

William Se
Brewer
Secretary for ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~the~~
to Brewer
Store County & the
Dear madam

Nancy to Brown and

Sarah to Brown

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Answer through the
bearer in four days

Camp Near Nashville
Ten August the 4 1863

Dear wife and Children
Father and Mother Brothers
and Sisters one and all
Where as it has pleas god in
his mercy i am happy to let
you know that i am well
i recive your letters dated June
the 16th and 17th Which gave
me great Satis faction to hear
from you all i have recive three
or four letters from you and
i heard from you several times
and i have wote to you some
times and sent my letters
to you in may Mother you
said you had heard that some
of pickers men got behind
the bushes that is not so we
have never bin in a fite yet
we had seen ish an ston

Never and ever more good
at his post Nancy you said
to write some thing about
my sick ness it was dise
and weakness, i was able to
wait on my self all the
time i have my helth as well
as i ever did Matz health is
good and he loves to Scout
we Scouted all week last
week and Cant party unless
you may talk about rough
rough hunting but here is
the worst road to git of the
pikes i ever saw i have stood
picket six dayes and nite
out of eight in the last of
april i was detail to go to
Luis Ville for horses i was
there three weeks, i have
had three horses since i am
here one died and was turn
over and i have the other
one

Cloutentou was well the 26 of
July he wite to me few days
and i wite to him when
he hears from home he
wite to me tell Laben So
tinson polky Steve is in
Charville he is Steve yet
he is not able for duty
he came out to se me but
i cant git a pass to go to
see him no soldier is
aloud to go in Nashville
un less he has burners than
Boyd Sharp is well James
Franklen is well Robert
Kule is well Josh Kines is
well Anderson Davis is
here belong to the 60th
Cavalry too of the boys
are most all a goin to wite
home Nancy i cant wite
all inawake that you would
like to hear there is only

about fifteen came over
where i did in the army
Well Martha you and Mary
Must be good girls and
when your ^{cousin} ~~brother~~ brings you
Some thing nice Well
Sudy you and Willy must
be good boys and your
M fetch you some thing
pretty that is if ever come
my dear friends one and
all it is nine months to
rite since i saw any of you
the time too but long to me
but i am beter Satisfied
here than i wold be there
we have a heap of fine
slavery you must not get
out of heart i aint out of
heart yet the boys calls me
dad i want you to pray
for me we have nine books
and where the boys sing
William S. Brewer

when the boys, Lina /

These good old times
it make me feel ^{like} old times
Religion is a form heaven is a
Home and if we meet on
earth I hope we will meet
on a more peaceful shore
where parting will be no more
So fare well for the present

William L. Brown

August the 6th myself
and Mat is well to
day

This letter will start
on the 1st this is my
one hand note

William L. Brown

1 There is pouten fild witt blood
dranproue in manul vains
and sinnes plung beneath that
~~that~~ flood loos all thare guilty &
Stain

The dying thar regoord to se ~~that~~
2 that pouten in his day
and thare may i as vile as he
wark all my sing a way

3 dear dying land they seeeians
blud

shall never loos it power
till all the ransum bowch of god
be saved to sin no more
Eer since by paine i saw the ~~the~~
4 stream

the thy flowing woudz supply
redem ing love has bin my thing
and shall be till i die

Then in a nobler sweeter song
I'll sing the power to save
when they were whispering stammering
song ~~but~~
lies silent in the grave

When you sing this
think of a poor soldier
along ways from home

this is my favorite
hymn

William L Brown to
N L Brown

August the 24 1863
My self and that is
all i receive your letter
last nite and i was glad

in way of to hear from you
though was surpris to hear
you had aboy but iam
glad to hear that you are
as well as you are i dont
know so well about ariane
for the boy you may call
him what you pleas or you
may call him ~~albert~~ albert
Kosenerance i dont know
what so a nuff of that
that Rodgers is well and
all the boys are well Clay
hann is dead Shon Mae
Billie got bound in the mire
and we found him the next
day when you write dont
be afraid write what you
pleas and it will write with
me i must close for well
~~my~~ my friends fare well
W. L. Brown

Camp near Cadoville

September ~~at~~ the 1 1863

Dear father and Mother Brothers
And Sisters i sent my self to let
you know that i am well and
When few lines comes to hand
May they find you in good the
same blessing i recive your letter
Dated oct the 14 and it gave me
Great satisfaction to hear from
you father you said you wanted
to start in ten days to see but i
Dont blame you for that and i wo
like to see you but it would not be
Much satisfaction to you you would
have to get a pass and like as not
you would be beat in to Cadoville
As a farmer Mother you said
you intended to come to see us
when the way gets open i would
be glad to see you coming but
the talk is we wont stay here
long it is hard to tell

Harriet i want for got you
James you said you had not time
to come for worke say kids i
Wish i was there to help you and
Robert i gess they ease you busy
Goyen to mill Mary game i
was glad to hear you intende
to be a good girl Hamilton
if you come wille Mother i will
give you a good heat i got a letter
from Crit day before yesterday
and he said he was well and
was at Gyles party forty five
miles below Knoxville. Tell Boyd
Sharp is well Josh hines is well
Fletcher Murphy is Dead Mat
Bodens is well i must close for i
Must write to exit and clean my
Gun to go on in spection in the mor
ing give my best respect to all
i dont know where anderson davis
is write as soon as you git this
William H Brown

the^r

Castville Ten Septem
Dear wife i am well at
presant and hope when
tho few lines come to
hand they will find you
enjoyin the same blessing
I Recive your letter dated
July the 8 and it gave me
great satisfaction to hear
that you was as well as
could be expected i note
to you sent it by the
way of S B i will send
this one by the same
I have nothing much
to write Mac Rule and your
Gripen got here safe
but at alexander ten
and we are fixen to leave
here and it is said we
will come to Knoxville

I expect you hear the news
as fast as I do the yankeys
is as nice you as the rebels is
me if no bad luck I will
some where on the Ten
River before long I don't
think we will come home
my opinion is we will go
in to Georgia I fear the
time will be long before
we can come home if we
are kept on every slight
wind I will not have it
talk of going to Lewinside
if we do we will come
home when you ~~write~~ write
I want you to write to me
where bout, the usicks
live in in ellys ways so
I can write to them you
said for me to send a
name for the boy I rate

My other letter you may
call it about Rosen eranie
if you like the name i
have no choiz in names i
Wold send you some pictures
and but it cost more than
they are worth i payd one
Dollar for my likeness
and fifty cents a letter
I have had money twice
and i can ~~so~~ send you
some if the man will
carry it and i have
Lone~~22~~ and have spent
about sixty and could
spend more. We can buy
pics for ten cents and
a few duncelens for five
there is the largest
water milens here i ever
Saw and the price is as

larg Martha they i will
Send you and Mary a
thimble a spec and some
needles Sudron I send you
and Willey Sam Cutters
be good children and when
you see come he will bring
you more petyes all

Claney i will send you
ten dollars and if you
swafe it for confed but mon
ey make it pay well dont
let any have un less it
will pay well i must close
I give my best respect to
all my friends and may
god bless you is my prayer

I am wel Satisfide tho i
wold like to see home

William H Brown

Claney & Brown
of
Knox County Tenn
South of the river

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Cockville ten Sep 13

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Dear wife i scate myself
this evening to drop you a
few lines to let you know
that i am on the land of
the living i am not very
i have had the dysore but
it is stop on me and i am
pable for duty i am happy
to hear that east ten is re
live and i wold like to cum
home but i dont know
whether we can or not i
have wote you two letters
sine i receive your letter
that was wote june the 8
i wite everchare i have
i wold rather hear from
you now at any time
sine i left i wiste i cold
come home and see you
and the children and

dill my friends i have
heard what old doley punch
ch said about poor men
they aut to pite for they
have no land and the
Boys has land at a time
when i have time to write
i will give her particuler
thunder i must close
it is time to head give
my best respect to all
my friends and may
god bless you all in my
peace and if i never
meat you on earth i still
hope to meat you on
canan peaceful shore
when parting will be
no more say for me
that i may hold out
paille full untill death
William Le Brown

Mr. Nancy C Brown
Knox County, Tenn
fourteenth
District

Camp near Nashville sep
the 20 1863



Dear father and mother
I am well and
when the lines come
to hand they may
find you in good
health I got a letter
that said the boys had
bin sick and one said
you had was sick I hope
you will git well Mother
or you must not get
out of heart the yankees
has come and we will
come some time the
war will not last all

ways if it does it will
be the first wave that
last that long Mother
i hear from Brit ever
weak or two he was here
about three weeks ago
he was at Mac Bain
ville ten and i dont
know when he is now
i write to him a few days
ago Well harriet if old
Copen come i ges you
can give him thunders
Well James i wish i
could be there to help
you work Well
Hamilton i recetore

you wish i would come
home so you could git
shit of my thing Will
Robert you must be a
good boy and i will
treat you to something
y some time every year
you must do the same
and i will git you abou
st pin Boyd sherp is
well Josh hines is well
and all the boys i well
from that nabor hood
tell Elmer and Alfred
i have that litle bottle
yet and fifty cents
of silver i am ceasing

for to remember them
father i want you to
rite how you are getting
along at tanning and
farming my Cousin
y is a craft set of fellows
but we get along fine
i saw three men tide
down to day for getting
drunk and more out
to be i must close for
i have to go on picket
to nite when i get time
i will rite again and
rite more about my love
my sapor well W^m B
Brown to Shou Brown



Mr John Brown
of
Knoxville Tennessee
South of the River

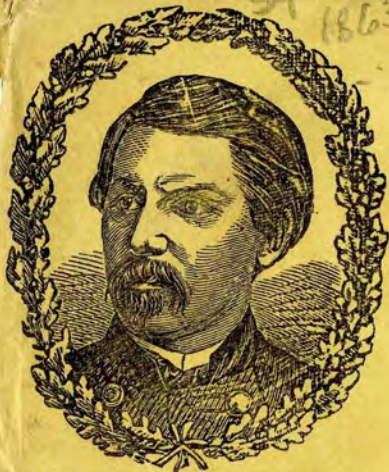
Septem Ber the 20
1863

Camp near Nashville Tenn
Dear wife i seat myself to let you
know that i am well and
hope that when they come to
hand it may find you in
good health i recieve your
leter dated aug the fifth and
sixteenth and was glad to
hear that you was all alive tho
not so well i hope you may all
git well you must not git out of
heart you must not study about
me sometele i think you study
too much you said some thing
about my sickness it was
the dyse and weakness i was
able to wait on my self and was
with the ridgment all the
time but one week and then
i was in the barne in Nashville
i was taken in december and

and was not able for duty till
the first of february and since
that time i have ~~been~~ had my
heath very well Nancy i think
the time long to come home but
i gess you think it longer than i
do and i fear you will think it
longer yet for i think we will not
git home soon the talk is that
we will have to go down on the
mill road twenty miles below
Charville but it is hard to tell
when we will go but unless we
can git a pawlow we cant come home
and i have no hopes of that i
think that the way will soon
open and we can rite home with
any trouble i have wrote three leters
and started to you since i sent
my likeness and thes one will be
paww and serve thes i sent one
by the same man that bring
my likeness and ten dollars.

and some present for you
and the children and if i have
the chance i will send you some
more etaney if i could come
home i would petek you afine
bress and the children one a
square etantuy i ges you have
quoad ahead you must learn
to read and rite and what man
tell you to do do it like a good
girl Mary you must do like
man tell you Judy you and
Wiley must be good to albert
rosenerance and when pane come
home he will petek you some
thing pretty ~~with~~ Wiley i ex
pect you wouldnt know pane
etaney i have that little
book you gave me yet and i
take good care of it and read
it i have red it thow and i
read in it ever chane i have
etaney i wish i was there to

Meating this fall like i did
last fall i enjoy myself betwe
than i thot i cold i dont drink
A any more whiskey herthan
i did at home and i dont swar
nor play Cards nor i dont
in tend to god beinging my
helpor tell brother hiner
that i wold like to hear him
speak ~~at~~ Vaney when you
rite if you know rite where
the Cousins lives in illegnoy
and i will rite to them there
are some buter nuts and copor
heads amaking for home they
are not friend to there
cuntry if they was able to
fite i must elose we ~~have~~
have had frost in august and
there was her last nite and
nite before last and are ice cold
to day so pass well William
Le Brown to C C Brown



Mrs N C Brown
Knox County
South of the
river
on shore
Brown

MAJOR GENERAL GEO. B. McCLELLAN.

October the 2 1863
Camp Near Nashville

My dear wife i seat my
self to let you know that
i receive your letters dated oct
the 4 and it gave me great
satisfaction to hear you was
all well i am well and mat
is well i hav jest return from
a nine days scout i havnt
bin in camp but three days
in twenty we cant go reely
and eild 4 and never got
a man hurt the rebels was
on a bluff clear Senter
Ville and as the advance guard
was crossing duck river they
fired an us and the were
surround the bluff and cant
them it was a good place to bust
whack ~~but~~ for the river was
deaf a nuff to swim some

swome horses my horse is a
large black and when we
made the charge in to Senter
will i was the second man in
third East Tennessee when we
make a charge every man take
care of him self when i was
on the scout i wanted to pite
one morning we had a com-
pany of mounted infantry
with us and they robd a
house of ever thing and there
was a little girl the only child
the man had and her sister
had dide and left her a fine
quilt and a Countysin and
her likeness to remember her
and she beg them to ~~let~~ leave
her them and they wold not
and if i had a road it i wold
adide wite there or she shold
shold a had them

i have al way. done to all
men as i want them do to
me if a man is over at
home ~~the~~ he is over here i am
not in fire to write old bill
pickens the old drunkard
told you a lye i havnt got
any office and dont want
any and a man that will
tell such a lye as that is a
mean man and he is not
counel yet nor i hope he w
ont be i cald not beleve him
an oath i will come home as
soon as i can if you had
plenty to go on i wold like
to stay in the cuntry but
if i can git out i will
do it i havnt heard from
erit sine the pite i dont git
much tin to write you sa
id you wanted to know

my wait i way 1060
and am as stout as i need
imust close the bngle has
Glad to water horse
the boys is all in good he
alth there is letery coming
here every day from
East Tennessee . i have bin
all most to the Tennessee
were i wold wite more
but i dont know what
to wite give my best respect
to all i will wite in a few
days may god bless you
all is w my peace so
fare well for the present

William S Brown

Mrs Nancy C Brown
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Hennoville East Tenn



Camp near Hartsville
Ten Oct the 4th 1863

Dear Wife and children twelve
Months ago to day i was in the
hills near home but now i am at
Chicksville i am well and mat is well
and when thers few lines comes to
elbay they find you in good the
same great blessing i have nothing of
im portance to write to you more than
i have note only i heard from
Brit and he said he was well and
was at Cleysparry forty miles be
Low Knoxville i have got all the letters
you sent me and i answerd them
Nancy i have sene a great deal on
yesterday i was in a workis show for
the first time and if i ever git
home and have the chane i will
take the children in one for i think
they ant to seay sitch things
Nancy if i bold git out of the ar
mey now i wold not bequa

giving my time for i have seen a
great deal and learnt a heap and
if i could git some man to take
my place i would give him my in-
trust in the ware just to git to em
^{house} though i like the rowes first
strait i can git along with the
boys fine they call me pap and
i dont care what they call me so
they call me to dinner i bin in
the rowes twelve month and i had
bin put on exeloy duty yet i am
all ways at my post wite and day
and if i cant see out at sool call
they dont exose me tho i hardly
ever mis sool call and when the
ordley tell me it is my time to
go on duty i dont grumble and
i always ~~er~~ keep a good horse i
have drowd three horses and swap
twice and that makes five i love
to ride a good horse good horses
are hard to git this is the pille

Day of ~~October~~ ~~September~~ Now
Well Elaney you sayd you went
to Knoxville to se Cornuel Pickens i
shure you went farder to se aly
er then i wold when he told you
that i was in office, ~~the~~ he noad
it was a lye i cold a got Corfid
place if i had a wanted it and
if you had a rodd him as well
as i do you wold not went
and if you cold hear all that
some men dose you wold be
surprise Well Elworthy and
Mary i got the peases of your
Dresses and aprons and i was
glad to know that you had
as good dresses as them Well
Judson par was glad to hear
you was learning your letters
Willey you must not git
two close to the fire for i am
afraid you will git burnt
i must close for well for this time

Since, bin my misfortune
for to be a bare away from home
and a soldier for to be
my true love do not know for me

William H Brown to
M^r C Brown

Give my best respect to all
my friends

Nancy iⁿ May 1068

Nashville Ten Sept
~~Nov~~ Oct the 4 1864

Dear wife i seat myself
to drop you a few lines to
let you know that i am well
at present hoping thes lines
may find you in good health
clancy it is all most a leven
months since i give you the
Parting hand in a few hours
and the time will be five
and i have paid well to be
in the midle of so many dang
ers and accidens several ac
cidences have hapend in
this ridgment with pistols
Capiten Sam was looking
at a very small pistol
yesterday evening and he let
it go off and shot throu
mooon in the belly and
he is alive yet and we hope
he will get well. for every

like him and several more
cases have took place but
not serious it is a wonder more
men dont get killed than
dose they are so careless & I an
cy i am looking for a letter pro
~~from~~ you before long and
havent heard from Brit since
the pite near Chattanooga
& I ancy i am well satisfide
as cold colabe is expected and
i st ill hope to get home
god has bless me wittle good
health so fare ellat is well
and the boys is ginerly well
we have a heap of duty to
do last saturday nite i rode
all nite and saturday all
day and cant only five
els and we have to take sitch
trips every aften October
the 5th Show Moon Tide this
Mornning Oct the 10. i am

Well and Mat is Well and
the Small Pocks is in this
Regiment and we are ~~are~~ ^{are} all
all got vaccinated fletcher
etherspy and Shon forster
has them and was sent to the
hosp pittle last nite the weather
is cool i havnt heard from erit
since the fite / Oct the 15
Shon forster is dead i Resive
your letter on the 15 an i havnt
had time to write till this
Mornning i hav bin on duty
all the time Staney i wish
i cold be at home to go to
meating Staney i was glad
to hear you was able to go to
Knowville to se Coonel Sickers
and he told you a lye i have
no opice and dont want any
he yest told you that to make
fun of you and i will tell

time
of it if i ever see him it
Maid me mad when i
saw it sine he had the com
and of a few men he think
if ^{he} some body he is a drunkard
and has bin under arrest for
giten drunk and he ties men
down when he will do the
same thing th him self i have
bin in the servey all most 12
month and i havnt never bin
under gard i stay in Camps
and tend to my one birney ~~do~~
and if he had told you there
was no chane for me to com
home i wold a thought as well
of him so a ruff of that
Stavey i will ~~never~~ send you
my wait in my next letter
My boyz says i will way 1075
but i dont think that i will
way more than 1055 this is the
18 day of october W. S. Brown

Mrs Nancy C. Brown
Henrieville East Tenn
South of the River



October 18 1863

Dear father and Mother
Brothers and sisters, I receive
your letter dated Sep the 27
and it gave great satisfaction
to hear that you ^{was} all well we
are ~~all~~ both well and Bowen
is well David Sharp is well
there is no new cases of the
small pox in the end of the
Well I guess you feel like you
was all most out of lunge
father I can just see you or they
way you did when the your
eye came there Well Mother
I have forgot you I think
of you ever day and you
must not get out of heart
Well have I have forgot them
since if we get any pias here
we have to pay high for the
me Well Mary gave you

must be a good girl and the
first chance I have I will send
you a servant James you must
learn to write Hamilton you
and Robert must learn to write
and the first letter you write
to me I will send you all a
gold pen give my best respects
to all my friends father if al-
len brown is in that country
I want you to see him he owes
me ten dollars and I want you
to get it I loan it to him when
he left Eastville and I have
heard from him never tell mis-
ter things Josh is well and tell
all the children to pray for
peace the peace of the world
availeth much and may
god bless you all I must
close we will have to move
our camp today and fix our
quarters W L Brown

10
11th November the 10 1863

Dear wife i am well to day i
Preive the letter youe sent by
Colonel Pickens and socks you
sent me i was glad to se them
for the socks we draw out me
tels acont know while i am
witen i have got a letter from
Brit and he is well and has
bin in a pite & Nancy Colonel
Peride telling you i was in of
ices he said you ask him if i
could regine and he told you
i could and him and me has
had some short talk about
it if he had told me it was a
lye it wold have bin a bad
time for is intended to hit him
i haunt felt as much like witen
since i left home i must close
So far well for this time
William Le Brown

November the 10 1863

Dear father and Mother Brothers
Sisters i Seat myself to let you
know that i am well and mat
is well and we got the letters you
sent by Cornel pickens and the
y gave me great Satisfaction to
hear from you i got them day
before yesterday i had alexer write
them to send to you and i will
anser this one as short as i can i
was glad to hear that you was all
doing as well as you are and i
am well satis fide but if i could git
out of the army i wold do so
Boyd sharp is well and pink
thaemou and will is well and
the Redgment is in better health
than it ever was i ways 1068
Mat ways 100 i am stout er than
i ever was i got alexer from erit
to day it was wrote the 27 and he
was well W L B J M Brown

September the 13
Nov

Dear wife i read my self
to let you know that i am
well at pres ant and hope
thes few lines may find
you in good health i got
the lacer and socks you
sent by Council Jackson
and i answered it and
sent it by male i have
time to write now to wit
Johnson Wade and some
other persons will start
home in the morning
i intend to leave this reg-
iment if i have to go in
a battery i expect to dye
in the ~~war~~ army i must
close for this i cant
see to write i will write in
a few days so fare well
for this time Wm. Seab
rows

At November 18th 18

Dear wife i am well and
hope these few lines may
find you well i got the
letter you sent by Conrad
pickens i was glad to
see them socks i will not
ate untech i will write
in a few day so fare
well for this time

I love Brown to
Sary L. Brown

Mrs. N. C. Brown
and Mary L. Brown

November the 20 1863

Come Near Nashville
Dear Wife i seat my self to
let you know that i am
on the land of the living and
in good health and all that is well
Claney i sent you ten dolers by
Jonzon wade and told him
to leavit with Roof Brown
We got the leters and socks you
sent by Cornel jekens or his
men they got her last sunday
was a week a go and there
was glad to see them tell fatter
the men that he sent me wor
d by told me that they was all
well and i was to glad to see the
me but they cant tell untech
claney i have sen the lane
tieke arilems and it was a
sile to see i cant dig cube to
~~the~~ you they buty of it

on yesterday we went out
on ~~general~~ general review and
there was six thousand men
on the field the time may
come when the war will
come to an end but we must
live to see it i wish i was out
of it now for there is a great
deal of comparison and par
ity here. Elbiger
Cattel will start home
in the morning and a
good many other men
that has no family
a man that is no kind
to ~~and~~ a man that was
Sealy has no chance here
in the letter i sent to you
by Johnson Wade i said
that i was a going to
leave the regiment if i
had going a battery

i dont know how that
will work i will try
to git a dis charge but
i dont hardly think i
can git it it is abad
chance to git a dis charge
Capten Slater will do
all he can for me there
is a good many that want
to have a dis charge if i
am ex amend and con
sidered not fit for field
duty i might be sent to
the invalid case house
and i dont think i wold
like to go in to it if i cant
git a dis charge i will stay
in the cridmen Steuve
Jougan was sen to the in
valid case i got a letter from
him dated the 27 of last
month and he was well

Mat was at Ellersbury
Borough and he saw anders
on davis and he was well Boid
Shors is well ~~A~~ Josh Jones is
well there is a boutig that
came over as i did that goin
the army and there is was 50
started there is many thing
i cold tell you if i cold tell
you if it was rising the
paper of the morning says
there is that piling near
know will i hope the rebels
will get there rite if they
will send for the third
they will hold the place
i wish i was there to pite
rite there i must close give
my best respect to all my
friends fare well for this
time William H Brown
and J M Brown

No 16

To Messrs Nancy C Brown
Leave this with Rufus Brown
Knoxville E. Tenn

Camp Nashville

1863

Tennisse November the 2^d
Dear father and Mother I
sent self to let you know
that I am on the land of the
living and in good health I
have heard the news from the
site of near Knoxville I wish
I had bin there there is two
hundred men you on a scout
the news is favorable refugees
are coming from allabamnia
the state of affairs in that state
are bad two females was hung
for refusing to tell where
their husband was the leaders
of the south are begining to
come to their milk but the
war will not end soon the
federal government has two
mitch aristocerty the

oficers i think dont care how
long the war last so they git
the money there is two or three
regiments bin Maid up in
Middle Tennessee the slave holder
are giten there with great dis
tinction of negroes and other
things this has bin a fine country
but many farms have bin
ruind the war has bin the
ruin of thousand of men you
have no idea how men that
was counted honest what was
kelt ~~there~~ they were i have seen
things done to rebels that made
arouse the fearings of any man
that has a sole i am in favour
of doying any thing to put
down the rebellion but to steal
and robe houses i dont think
a sitch conduct will do any
any good and the man that

will do shiteh dont think
ethuleh of a his contrey here is
the place to find out am an
father as Rambo tells me you
wanted me to git a dis charge
i dont think i can git a dis
charge i will try for it i am
afraid that i will when we a
man be sent to the invalid
Coar and i dont think i wold
like it i have traveld a good
deal i have bin in Sacouville
india and nearby all over mi
dle tennissee as for down as
duck River some sixty miles
from Nashville i cant tell the
Number of towns i have bin
in i have travele more than
that had and if i cold git
out of the army know i
wold not be grudy my time
it has leavnt me more than
i had any idey i wold

Well there may be some faults
especially about me there if
you get this before Johnson wade
starts back ask him about
how it along tell him you
want the broote and he will
tell the broote for he is a respect-
etabel man the health
of the sudy ment is good
allat ~~is~~ well he is gon to la-
vaca and will return to
Morro Anderson Davis was
well last Tuesday i must
close give you my best respect
if this letter come to hand
if you will try you may
see Major Cattel for he
will start home in a few
dayes i am in hope the time
will come when i can come home
farewell for this time

William Le Brown to
John Brown and Mary Brown



TEN

Mr. John Brown
Knoxville
Tennessee

South of the river

Camp Near Nashville

December the 6. 1863

My Dear Brother i am well
to day that is well i got your
leter about one hour ago i was
glad to hear from you you
said ^{had you} had note in your other
leter about father being there
i never got that leter i had heard
d that father had bin there
i sent you a leter a few days ago
Parson burnett is Chaplen of
this regiment ~~and~~ and will prea-
ch to day at one o'clock for the
first time we bro'd money last
week i will send you three stamps
and them envelope Mistor Abbott
has got back and he left Knoxville
on the 18 he was in the retreat from
Chattanooga but left before the
file was over i wish i had bin
there i think if the east ten
troop had bin there the rebelz

bin a praid to go in to east ten
again but the rebellion will
not be put down as long
as the government treats rebels
as they do i could tell a good deal
more if i thant it was necessary
the time has come that
soldiers has to fare
with the disloil the war
will never end as long
as men spite for money
for i think they think
they love gear back
better than they love
the government i must
i will send you them
stamp and them in relap
if you have a chance to write
home write that i am well
and that is well may god
bles you is my prayer
William Le Brown

Mr G C Brown
Co C 6 Regiment
East Tennessee Volunteers
In care of Colonel Cooper



Kindred True

Nashville Tennessee

December the 21 1869

Dear wife it is a gain i
Seat my self to ad dress you
A letter in order to let you
know that i am in good hea
lth and hope thes lines may
find you all in joyen the
Same blessing i have note you
Several letters since Cornel P
Came back and i have not
heard from you since i wold
like to hear from you a gain
as the rebels has bin in there
and are there yet i am afraid
they will be hard to git out
of East ten the talk is we will
leave here before long but i
think it un sweten the sma
ll pocks are here yet and
lucy hood didd with the

Small pocks there is from
~~two~~ one to three cases a day
three other deaths in two days
with other diseases Davey
Cunick is on the mend i think
he will git well i send a letter
ever chance i have by hand
and by male i sent two by
hand ~~and~~ ten dollars by
Johnson wade Stacey if you
cant live in eastern i want you
to leave and come to Nashville
and i will send you back north
i dont expect to come home
till the war is over if i escape
my health i cant git a dis
charge if the ridgmont comes
i will come they say we are
coming to Knoxville but i dont
think so i have bin fooled
so often i wont believe it till
i git there i expect to send
this by milles bacon

in the evening i have found out that the officers think we will go to napuey i dont know how we will come home or go down there i dont know yet in the next ten days i can tell what is well and is you to lavery n to day and will come back to morrow fifteen miles distence from this place we have a fine time here a fite a casual i saw the master fite last nite i ever saw it was two nigees So a nuff of that well shartney i want you to and mary to be good girls and loan your books and paw will send you a gold pen a piece the first chance i have sent to New York for them if i get them i will send them for you

Judson i wold like to see you
and wley and albert you
must be good boys and when
pau comes home he will fetch
you some thing pretty be
good children and do as
mua tell you and god will
bles you that is the way
for children to do and they
will do rite may god bles
u with good health and food
fill till pau comes home
and if we never meet on
earth may we meet in heav
en aord as we make one fam
ley on earth grant that we
may make one in heaven
thats to sing the praise of god
for ever more amen i cant
rite all i wish rite as soon
as you get this

William Le Brown

December the 22

i am well this Morning
i send this letter by Miles
Bacon i will ~~at~~ tell you
they Dream i dream last
nite and will be here
last i was at home and
i hope i will be from
home or get to come be
fore long Boid Sharp is
well Josh line is well that
Bodgers is well tell William
Houson i saw his Cousin
will godred last nite the
stuse is this morning that
long street is cold and all
his men there there fore
that i say i must close i
will have to start this in a
few minuty i want you to
live in hopes if you die in
dis space that is my fate

tell att my the nabor
that i am as fat as a bare
i way one hundred and
eighty that waig 190

William H Brown
Do D C C B

A B C D E F G H I
J K L M N O P Q
R S T U V W X Y Z

Dec. 1863

Mrs Nancy C Brown

Knobville E. Tenn

A Soldier's letter

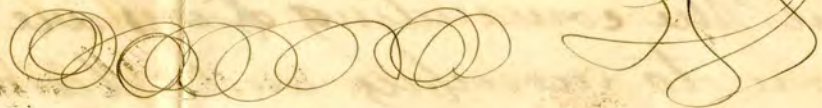
Shelby Co Ten Jan the 20
1864

Dear wife and children I
seat myself to let you know
that i am well at present and
hope thes lines may find you
in good health we left Ashvi
lle on the 27 day of December
and we have march our hun
dard and 96 miles and have
near Colliers ville west ten 25
Miles above Memphis Nancy i
hant herd from you since Cor
nel pickens came back i wote a
leter a few days before i left
Ashville and sent it by Miles
but on i wold like to hear from
you very much but god only
knows whether we will meet
again or not i hope we will one
time more on earth but if i
ever se you on earth i hope
to meet you on Canaan happy

Shore i cant rite much
We left Ashville the 27 day of
December and got to Columbia
on the 29 of decemr and left Colum
ba on the fourth of Jan on the 1
day of Jan Cross the ten River at
Savannah Jan the 8 we got to Corvinn
the Mississippia Sunday Jan the 10
We took Shipen and came to middle
town ten there we lay up one
day and then we march to large
ange ten and lay up one day
and then march to this place
the name of this place is Colliers
ville ten we have travel along
the rail road all the time i dont
know wher we will go next we
are orderd to take up winter
quarte but we cant draw tents
we have made this march with
ant tents i bout myself a gun
Clarke and gave seven dollars

for it and got it stold from
me i cold ride oll day in the rain
and not git abit wet anan in
the sth then got it i will know it
if i see it i will have it if i see it
a great meny of the boyes has got
their feet frost bit Mat has
his frost bit the wether has bin
very cold in meny places we
had to cut the ice to cross the
breaks when we left Nashville
we did not expect to be gone more
than 15 days and we did not
peteh but me goat of close with
us and the gray backs like to eat
us up before we cold git to
waste the wether is pleasant to
day there is some talk of the
brigade refusing to stay here
unless the rebels were out of east
ten the commanding officers are
gone to members and i dont

know what will be don
if you git this site and
back your letter to W L
Brown Third East ten Cavalry
Co B Mat is well but his
feet is frost bit and a good
many others Sary Mat says
if the rebels haunt got Sos fown
you to sell her if you want to
he says he is as well Satisfide
as an man cold be in a sandy
countery the time may come
when we will se each other
and i hope it wout be long
My best ter friends i hope to
meet you all again. i live in
hope if i de in dis have
W. L. Brown and
J. M. Brown



Mrs Nancy C Brown
Knoxville Tennessee
A soldier letter



March the 25 1864
Rondor ^{of} Viree Nere Nashville ten

Dear father and Elattor Brothers and
Sister as the time has so swiftly pass a way
since i recated my self to ad dress you a letter
Day after day has pass away But god has
Bless ede with another opportunity of addressen
you in abroaf letter to let you know that i
am well at this time and have bin well
for the last ~~at~~ five monthe i a way 170
Mats ways 190 i haunt never rote how
i like the arney if i cold git to come
home i wold like the Duce very well
i have ~~that~~ had my health very well
and i have ~~been~~ ^{been} ~~at~~ ^{at} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~country~~ ^{country} and seen a heap
of the country. you sayd if we cold
send you some money you cold pay
it Back we haunt debad any money
since we came back there is three
pore aboutt pay due us and we hve to
Stle for our clothing and it will take
about five dolers to pay for mine and
it will take twenty to pay Mats i
cold if i had a chance i cold send
you some if i cold git a pordow i
cold petch it to you but old
bill pickens wont let ~~the~~ ^{us}
have pordows i ~~see~~ think there

is better then in the rebel army than he is
i dont like him and i never did but i thought
he would make a good bond but he is a over
bare painful or at best i always thought so
and i dont really thing to the contrary because
there is a good many men here that dont like him
can give him yester i will not say any thing
about him father i have seen all most
half my time and if it was out know i would
be glad for this is not the government i thought it
was when it comes to protecting rebel property
and taken all that a federal soldier wife has
and more than that what the government will
allow men that i know to fight in the rebel
army two years and then because they
will take the oath allow them to fight side by
side with good men i can tell you i dont like
fight for a government that will allow men or
these parables to be treated in any such a way
there men in east ten that i know have been
persecuted and good union men had to suffer and
i will give you a few in evidence of it alexander
white and Pearson lines i am in form has had
there pens burnt and shaken shook site between
them was let alone and old misler wade and
sons pensing was burnt and james Sharp pens
was let alone and all this done by the federal
troops i dont like to burn pens but if any has to

between let the rebels burn first they way
of roben houses wont pay and i say if the
east ten troops had a got to come in there they
could have save the property of the good lot men
this is not all i hope the time will come when
ten will soon come when the lawes and civil law
will rule in ten and all the men that is able
will have to come out and fight some there is men
that i know that has said they never intend
to make them selves target for the rebels to shoot
at and i dont think they are any better than
rebels i have swore about half my time out
and i dont think i can swer the balance
fathers i think if you old sell out and
git a pare price you could dabit ex for you
could git transportation out of there and it
would not cost much to have and if nancy
cant draw from the government i want
her to come out of there if she has to come
i want you to write to me when you think
she will have to start and what time
she will have git to Nashville and i will
try to git to go with her back north
for nashville is not fit for deen folks to live
and i think any body in east tennessee out
to leave for i wont live there any more
tho i wodd like to come home on a brief
visit and tell just what the government

is doing for i cant write in a week
What i could tell in one hour if i
cant get a pencil i will all ways think
i am too i must close i will give you the
names of the towns i went thro when i
was on the road Hillsborough and Collins
a pleasant view Howeyville Wainsborough
Savannah all these in Tennessee and then then
to Corinth Mississippi and pokehuntas Mass
Middleton Seagrange Morgo Colliersville
Serran town all these in Tennessee
Haley springs pontock New Albany
Celay and others little towns in the state
and as we came back we came through
Middleburg Boliver Lexington Huntington
Paris and short the ten River at port
Henry near port timberman and came
By port donison then to Clarksville
i will quit if my foolishness i will write
in a few days and see if i can do better

William Le Brown to John
Brown and family and to all want
to see it i am afraid to write

Mr John Brown
Honorville E Tennessee
Soldier letter



~~March~~ April the 16th 1862

My Dear wife i in brace the
servant to drop you a few lines to
let you know that i am well at
presen and hope thes lines comes
to hand they may find you in
goyen the same blessing i recived
your letter of the 29 and 30 i was
glad to hear from you and that
you was all well i have nothing of
in portence to write only that we
will draw money in a few
days and then there will be a
chance for purloins and then
i will try to earn home if i do
nt git to earn in the first round
i will come in the second tell
Juddy i will fetch him a book
and i will all the children
some thing when i come if i git
to earn home tell Mary Jane
i like them galles very well

and and these socks i never put
on till this morning the first ones
was stold i hear from you were
few days eber James King Com
wee last yite and he said he had
Saw father a few dayes ago
and said the folks was all well
eTaney i wold like to se the
Mingeyz as they pass by this
place and bid them the time
adue i wish them a safe journey
along journey never to return
eTaney i never had any hand
in that lebe James franklin
note but he told me about it
eTaney i want you to stay in
old East ten as long as you can
and when the war is over east
ten will be the greatest place
you have of in life i must
close this page and be
gin abeter subject

Nancy i have god seeing to
to believe your fears have bin
answered i can you with shance
that i have paid my whole
for some time but god has
carried me safe throo and i
leave not up to my duty
it is god that take the army
over the mountains and throo
w the valleys and the battle
field and i en tend to try
to do ~~bet~~ beter from this
time god being my helper
Nancy i am gone to wite
alove to uncle joseph bro
wer and maby i can hear
from your father folks
i was sorry to hear that
josh was dead i wold be
glad to see them may
god help us all i my
swore

Tell Markey i role
this letter with love
good by for this time

William L Brown
Jo S C Brown
And children
Ow Marthey L Brown
Mary M Brown
Jane J Brown
William H Brown
Albert R Brown

Mrs Nancy C Brown
Lenoxville
Tenn



Camp Cattel
Near Nashville

April the 15 1864

Dear Brother & Sister:

Seat my self to let you know
that i am well at present &
hope thees few lines may find
en you in the same blessing i
re give your letter any be fore
yesterday & i was glad to hear
from you & from hance i have
bin with andersa all winter
but i forgot to write to you
in my other letter about him
he is well at this time i can re
him any day i shad him
the letter i got from you he
said he had wrote to you heway
i think you leave dou well
by not going in the army if
cold git out of the army i
wold give the government a
clear recit and there is 6 more ^{the}

pay due me at this time money
is no temptation to me i have
bin you from home all most 18
Months i wold like to come home
a few day but i dont know whether
or i can git the chane to come if
i cant i can stay. Joseph Lust
is here & has bin for some time
~~you~~ he is well this you may
tell his paurey Seapriet Cornet
Died this Morning the measles
& Small pox is still in this
Redgment but it is not so
bad as it was Marget an.
That says he dolets you hate
the rebz as bad as he dose he
is well and like the army as
well as cold be expected i
am detail to cut logs to make
abridg we have more Camps
eight nules on the harden side
and on the Parthe western

Railroad we cant hear much
the cars pass there twice a
day how ~~the~~ trains have past
here to day they will return
this evening we get the mail
once a day and that is about
twelve heavy provision is
high here but not half so
high as they are at Knoxville
Merrey i think if you can
git along a few months
longer you can make mon-
ey East Tenn will be a pla-
ce soon day yet the negro
& will be freed and the
poor folk can live i want
them freed & sent a good
way if they are sent away
i will fight them as long as i live
the time will come when
freedom will reign over the
land god grant the time

i must close give my best
to all my friends tell
father Mother that i wrote
to them before i wrote to
you tell Nancy i am well
tell Sary that is well
and may the blessing of
god rest upon you all
and save you in heaven
is my prayer Souvenain
your brother un till deathe

William Le Brown
& John M Brown

To Henry Davies and
Margret St Davies

Mr Newey Davis

East Knoxville

Tennessee



Camp Cattet Near Nashville Tenn

May the 1 1864

Dear wife and children i am happy to in
form you that i am well at this time and hope
thes few lines may find you in joyen the same
blesing i have nothing of im portance to write at this
time only fawson burrell came back this morning
and broat a letter formal and it said you was well
i got the letter you sent by Op Maernoy whitek
came to hand last saturday and i was glad to hear
from you and i did not anser it and the reason
is i had not a letter a few days before and told you
i did not expect to come home till my time
was out and the next day orders came that three
men out of all the old company ~~in~~ will have
privelages and the major told the captain to send
three trusty men and it was a greedeon and the
captain pickt out J B Godwin Joseph denbowg
W A Brown and the privelages was filed out and
sent up to the post commander to sign and they
havent come back yet and i dont think they never
will for it has bin ten days since they went up
Major stines says they will come yet but i think
it doubtful if they ~~do~~ do i will come home and
if they dont come i wont come for i wont run a
way like some is doing nine men has left this
evening last week 3 out of Co H and 6 of Co
I and they ~~are~~ are mark as deserters

Naney when the nurse got out that i was
coming home home there was a good many
letters and likness was fix for me to fetch and
money they money i handed back the letters i
have yet and if i come i will fetch a good many
more i dont think there is any thing to hinder
purlows for we ~~do~~ have got any horses and i dont
think we will have any soon we had to turn
over all the horses we had for they was needed in
the front and it is beter to let them go there to go
with them for if we had refuse they wold have
sent us to the front and i have had my satisfaction
of the front i am satisfide to stay here till my time
is out Naney i was offered one hundred dollars for
my purlow and i wold take it and i can get
five dollars for the chance of it yet but i wout
sell it attall Naney green hill left here last week
and i sent word by him that i was well in a letter
i got some time back something was said about
my likness i cant send yet i have sent one and it
is anuff i think Naney my teeth still in clings to
root and i have had them plug i had five plug
and it cost me 650 and one of them wout do any
good by W Parry had three put in and all he
had done cost him 19 dollars tell father and
Mother that i wold rite to them but i dont know
to rite where than i have wrote if i dont d

Come have i well wite to them in a
few dayes tell father i cant send him
any oil but if i can get a penny if i come
home i will fetch him some i must close
for the present for it will be perswade in a
few minets May the blessings of god rest on
all is my prayer.

William Le Brown to W C Brown

There is a fountain bold with blood
drawn from in man's veins
and sinners plung beneath that flood
lose all their guilty stains

The Lion theas says to ~~set~~
that fountain in his day
and there may i as vile as he
wash all my sins away

Dear dying lamb thy precious blood
shall never lose its power
till all the ransomed church of god
be saved to sin no more

Ever since by faith i saw the stream
they flowing wounds suffise
redemning love has been my theme
and shall be till i die

then in a nobler sweeter song
ill they power to save
when this poor ~~ling~~ lisping stammering
ly silent in the grave



Mrs Nancy C Brown

Knoxville

Tennessee

South of the
River

Seeber
J. S. Williams

Camp Cattlet

May the 24 1862

Dear wife and children i recd
My self to let you know that
I am well at present and hope these
few lines may find you enjoyen
the same blessing Nancy i got to
camp last nite about midnite
and found the boy all well but
peter tipten and all my things
was there and all the boys was
glad to se me and i was glad to
them baid sharp and Mat rogers
and others are you to be at the on a
boat and the time is out and we are
looking for them back Nancy i
loud to have rote the the childrens
ages down and for got it pleas
Send them to me Nancy there is
no talk of us mover to the point
but we will move camp in a few
days Nancy they had had me
a horse and saddle and the horse

is small and hard to ride
but i think i can break him in
a few dayes. Stacey i am afraid
there wont be any more of the boys
git furlows. Tell edman Pavils
anderson is well and was glad to
git back i braat him Stacey
we will draw grain & back to
Barrow or next day and if i
have the chance i will send you
some for you can take betw ear
of it than i can if you can draw
your grub you wont need much
money till fall and if you cant
draw ride to me and if i stay
here i will send you something
by express i saw william Mc Car
el at ~~Barrow~~ Larkville allegany
and ~~he~~ he was well and if you
have the chance you may send
his folks word i saw him but
did not have time to talk with
for the car was running when i
saw him

tell labn ghanou that
Joseph godred got back the
same nite i did and his court
~~is~~ has send charges a gain, him
i dont think they will punish
mutch i hope not at least
Tell selve prine that rofer prech
is with his redgment and was
glad to git the letter they sent him
Naney there is many things i wold
but i hant time here is more to
do senez we draw horses this
time than ever was before we
have to drill twice a day water
three times and grease once a
day and clean up camp, and
if i git to write i have to steal
the time i will have to quit
and go and feed and eway
my horse and then i will
have to gore dress perade
Well now dress perade is
over and waly i can finist

Caney you may tell mary
et Anderson that Sam is at
Castwile and Phouzon wade
and your loden is you to se
him i must lose i hope
thes lines may find father
well and all the of the same
ley that is well and is an
gard to day he has the
head alittle thus eaving i will
rite in a few days may
the blessing of god rest upon
you all Lord forbid that
of my friends should do
any thing that would be
dis greeped to the cause
of lewest grant that they
may do to all as they would
have others do to them
this is my praxe

William S Brown

Mrs & Nancy



Brown

of Knoxville

Tennessee

South of the river

Camp Cattel 1964
May the 28

Dear friends one and all

It is with pleasure and respect i in
the present beare the present to in
form you that i am well at the
present and hope the few lines
May find you in enjoyon the
same blessing i got to camp the²⁴
partite nite of May and found the
boys all well in Co B but peter
tipen and thomas potter and
found all my things but one
Shirt i got to Costruga the first
Day and there was lot of me time
Soldiers there Wondid and came
to nashville as i did on the train
before me but i did not know
any of them till peter french that
Kuffs french is here and was glad
to hear from them Bowen and
anderson davis is well Boyd sharp
Mat ragers Mack rule has bin

gone twelve days they went off in
Boat and we are look for them
Clint boydis well there is no
talk of this brigade going present
but we will move camp in a
few days the Storm very hard
at this place one in the water in
the hospital was killed by the name
of Foster i wrote day before yesterday
i was afraid there would not
be any more men get furlough
but they sent up to be approve
fore to the old Company two in
the new Co B andey tipton
Wiget Baley W E Barber
Ryley Graves Co C J H Frank
Lee S Dunlap and i dont know
any more what you get to
come before angust i dont
think and if there is a chance
i think he will come then
if not before dont get out of
heart i think mat wont that

Will be a good time to come
for peaches will be ripe then
Captan Tipton and Captan Cooker
and others have resine and some
have Persuted fore left last nite
We drad Money yesterday i got
twenty one dolers i was belund
five dolers fore clothes and if i have
no bad luck the next time i
ritte i will make it pay i have
a horse and saddle the horse is
Contrary Contray When i get
on him i cant escape him still
and he want go paid by him
Self i am riter a good deal
of foolishness, Jest to be doing
till all the nabers that are a
bout me i want fore got there
were you rite rite whether the
Small poek is still raging yet
or not and who has them
we have tile orders there fore
but we dont care they wont

Last long tell pegeyan that
says he was glad to git that
cake and he ~~that~~ hats the sides
as bad as ever father i wold
to hear from to day if i could
but i cant amarr in they
wenny cant hear from home
everyday and Sunday too
Joseph godred has got back
and is in the work house at
Charterville i Saw William
Mc Leard at Sparks Ville
Blabamey and i did not
have time to talk with him
but a few words he did not
know me and he dont look
well i must close for it
is time for dress period
write us soon as you git
this

William H Brown

W H B

J M Brown

Mrs Nancy C Brown

Henrieville Tennessee

South of the River



Camp Cutlet 1864

May the 29

Dear wife and children
it is with pleasure and respect
i seat my self this Sabbath evening
to let you know that i am well
at the present and hope these few
lines may find you enjoyen the
same blessing i have nothing of
im portance to write as i have wrote
two letters since i return the
veser i write as often i want you
to hear from we all got back
safe John Cavel got his leg here
by riding in the grate box and
was letting his feet hang out
and fell out at the end of a
plank when a bus coust the rode
and i was seten by him but my
feet was not hang out Nancy
that boy that was at heneys
did not git of Morg gifen and
Mistres Rice got there last nite

of
Down tipten and capten eaker
has resindly and other wold if
they cold i wish they all cold
fare that is the onley way the
ridgment will get out of the river
is by permutation and the sooner
the better for the rest of us a
muff of that stuff the boys are
all well as far as i know boyd
sharp and illat Rogers and
black rule and Jurey Lusick
and others have bin gone about
18 days to day and we are looki-
ng for them back and I Rufes
franch was glad to git his letter
stancy if you will go to the post
office and sent a box and wite
to me the number of the box i
will back my letters to. Knowville
box no and all you will
have to do to know if there is any
letters for you will be to look
in the box and if there is any

in the box shall out the no
of the box and you will git
the letter and box will do you
all and it wont cost but 25
cents amonth and you will have
to sent for three month at a
time that is witer a letter to
a few words to the children
and i love children you must
be good to children god love good
children and when your pa come
Maly he will stay i hope i will
git to come home sooner than i
did be fore May god bless you
and if it is gods will that we
will never meet on earth again
i hope we will meet in heaven
where parten will be in more
fare well one and all for the
presant

Wm S Brown

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Mrs. A. C. Brown

Knoxville Tennessee

South of the River



Camp near Nashville

June the 1st 1864

Dear father and mother it is
with pleasure I seat myself to
scrawl you a few lines to let
you know that I am well at
the present and hope these
few lines you may find you en-
joyed the same blessing father
I want much to write only we
have move Camps between the
harder and Sharlet Lake is
Miles from Nashville father
there is a good deal of exertion
ent here the third regiment
last Sunday evening held the
Know County boys together to
Elect candidates to the Con-
vention at Nashville to repre-
sent Know county the candadcty
was Michael Hamr Adam Kenne-
dy Tim Lamer W. C. McAnnon

hann and Kennedy are unconditional
union men however is a part to
immancipation and wants to ex-
tend Slavery however was elected
i am afraid the Unionists will
gain the day in the Presidential
election i am in favor of Lincoln
and for immancipation i say
make ever negro no only who
belong to and make them
in the front of the battle and
let them earn their freedom
i am in favor of putting down
the rebellion then there will be
time enough to talk about the
negro Just let the negro be free
he will be negro & where ever
he be the fact is if we dont free
them it will be hard to put
down the rebels for they make
the rebels support in the South
i have give you a piece of my idea
and i will close this part of my

dis course. i will give you
the names of the officers that
has seind Captain Sipton and
Co i Captain Wit Co J W Co
Seiendenant ~~Mc~~ Mc Cannon
Co L Captain Cooker Co E and
I wish they all wold for that
is the onley way for us to
git out of swivies by per moti
on you may think this foolish
talk and so it is but i wote to
seaf in praety i have wote three
leters before this one since i came
back the privet opinion is we
wont stay here long i cant tell
i hope we will not have to leave
the State i have herd it hinted
we wold go to Melanor tunc will
tell Vans swagerty was reduce
to ranks this day for neglectin
his duty whilst on picket the
time has come that we have to
walk Mass and it is be eang there

are badmen father if i can
git the lance i will send you
some oyl by the press tell
henrey and pegeyan to write
to me & William the common
will beat home before long
tell brit if he hant gon
to write to me that is will
they boys are all well as
far as i now at this time
we use bad ruten and spelling
may god bless you all is my
proue i remain your son
till death

William H Brown
Yo John Brown and
Mary Brown

Camp Near Ashville
June 5, 1864

Dear wife and children I
Seat my self good Sabatte
Morning to let you know
that I am well and hope
these few lines may find
you en goyen the same great
blesing I have not moute
to write as I have not power
leters before this since I came
to you and father I have not
heard from you since I left
home that got a letter from
home and said father was
able to go to the barn I got a
pack of leters that was wote
february daled 12 to the 18 I
expect to send this by hand
by M^r Mc Cannan and I
did not know it in time to
write last mite there fore I

i cant write much there was
several men came from east
tennessee yesterday old Wiley
Waller Jewarden Frank Andy
Abelard and others i will send
you ten dollars if he will
carry it i cant ask him yet
but i think he will that
note a letter and to him last
nite i must close nancy nite
to me as soon as ~~you~~ you hear
he is at home i want to
hear from you very bad so
no more at present my pen
is bad i want to write more
but i want time fare well
for the present

W^m William S

Brown

Jan 1864.

Mrs Nancy C. Brown

Knoverville Tennessee

South of the River

Camp ~~at~~ Nier

Kashville Tennessee

June the 5

Dear wife and children i seat
My self this evening after witen
this morning a letter to send by
W C Moeannon i gave him a
letter and ten dollars to bring
to you and since then lieu
tenant Davies has got hear of
absences for fifteen days and
will leave Kashville to morrow
at twelve o'clock i haunt heard
from you since i left you and
i want you to hear from you as
lad as i ever did all though i
am better satisfied than i was
before i came home Nancy i
dout think we will stay here
long and i am afraid we will
have to go down in west ten
we have ~~not~~ orders for ever

man to be mounted that is
able to ride i have a good little
horse but i havnt got him break
k to ride gentle yet i rode him
from camp scattet to this place
he dont try to throw me of but
frets all the time Nancy i have
wrote few letters and sent by male
and one by hand beside this one
and i expect to send this one by
Co St Davis and if you will leave
a letter at roose he will bring it
i have wrote so much i dont know
what to write tell her if he is at
home to write to me i wrote a letter
the other day to pater and mother
and i will say that i want to
hear from them and all the
rest of the family we are look
ing for more仆从s and if they
some William Borbery and
Andrew Tipton James franklin
will git to come that will git to

Come home about August if
there is a chance then I would
like to come then myself but
I cant I wont write any more of
the particulars till I get a answer
from you that has got two letters
from home and one of them
I said father was able to go to
the barre Nancy I want the
childrens eyes sent to me if you
pleas I intended to git them when
I was at home but did not do it.
Nancy I feel more like doing
my christen duties than I have
in a long time I hope to meet
you on earthley ground again
but if it is gods will for us to
~~meet~~ meet no more I hope we
will meet when partee will be
no more I would write more but
I cant may god bless you and
your girls blessed are they that
more for they shal be comforted

i ~~to~~ being my lines to adrese
hope to hear from you soon
fare well for the present

William S Brown
to Nancy C Brown
and the friends

Ms. Nancy C Brown

Knowersity South of the

River

Camp Thomas June the 16 64

Dear father and Mother Brothers
and sisters I am happy to in form
you that I am well and hope these
lines you may find all in good health
I have heard from you you all as
back as five days the time has
come we have to march we have
to move about 40 miles south to
Savannah or that is the talk I
think we make that a place of
sunder use and then we will
to make way in to Georgia that
is my opinion if it were cool
weather I would like it better
that is well and is Compey cool
k lower is we not well the
want be able to march there is
sute smart of sickness in this
brigade the weather and season is
fine Corn and oats is heading
and some wheat is ripe we
wade tell me Corn looks very

well and out, and below
looks well and what would be
much when you see what
sort of a crop you have
I must close as the day is pass-
ing away and I have a heap
to do there we some con-
sideration here about the promotion
of officers &c & all right
I give my best respects to all
my friends may God bless
you all in my prayer

William S. Brown

O may we meet in heaven
in heaven a love no sorrow
is known and there no
weaken there

Said in a song of sweet we
Lord and thousands walk to
better there

Camp Thomas June the 16

64

Dear Wife and Children it is
Whitts Great Pleasure i Seat my
Self to Drop you a few lines to
Seet you know that i am well at
Presant and hope thes lines may
find you enjoyer the Same
grate blizing Nancy i recieve
youre leters day before yester
day old Mr Wade broat
them the one you wote at henryes
Came at the same time i all so
got one dated June the 3 i answer
it and sent it by male and i
may send this one by Mr Wade
or walen Nancy we have Maehen
orders is sayd we will start to
Morrow but i dont think we
will git ready be fore Sunday
they say we will go to pulasky
about 60 Miles from this place
on the tennessee river be low

Guidy port i dont know how
far be low Nancy you uede not
be un say the same god that
was with me the bequison is wittle
me yet and wittle all that put
there trust in him Nancy i got
the children ages Nancy there
has bin more drunken and
gamble and piteu here since i
came back than i ever saw for
the lenth of time one day last
week as grise got out all most
to peaces by a man by the name
of rogers the man got a way
grise is gotten well that broke
up gamblers and i am glad of
it tell eary mat got a letter to
and one yesterday the one he got
to day was dated May the 30 the
one yesterday June the 5 he anseer
them May god bless you and be
a husband to you a father to the
children is my prave W. S. B.

Mrs Nancy L Brown
Honoreville Tennessee
South of the river

Athens Line Stone County

Alabama June the 24 1864

Dear wife and children i
Seat my self to drop you a
~~line~~ few lines to let you know
that i am well and hope they
lines may find you in good
health we have bin on the road
seven days the wether is very
hot crops looks fine wheat is
ripe stoney i was mis taken a
bout pulasca being on the river
we was first ordered to pulasca
and then to deater but we
hant got there yet we can
git there to moraw it is only
fifteen miles from athens and
and twenty five miles to hunts
ville stoney we have and we
yet follow the rail road from
Nashville to huntsville

the road that i came back on
when i was at home we cross the
the ~~river~~ river on a pontoon
bridge the talk is forist is
Comer up the tennessee river
but i dont believe it if he is if
he dont mind he will find led
we are in maffia now i dont
expect to stay many days in
a place for some time i must
close i will give you the march
June the 18 March 10 miles Camp
at franklin Sunday June the
19 March 20 miles passing Spring
hill and poplar grove Camp
near Columbia

Monday June the 20 March 10 miles
passing Columbia and camp the
over nite by the side of a large
meadow on the pulasa road
Tuesday June the 21 March 12
miles passing lingville and
camp on rich land break

Wednesday June the 22
March 14 miles past pulsea
and camp on buckhanen
break

Thursday June the 23 March 15
miles and camp in alley bamey
crossing the river on a scotoon
bridge

Friday June the 24 March 1
miles camp near abang
alley bamey and will march
in the morning

Nancy the boys are in fine
spirits that is well except
the deer we dont have to
march hard Nancy i have
got my little horse broke to
ride fine he is about the
size of dick Nancy i way ~~is~~
134 lbs and am falling off ev
ery day but i am just as
stout as i ever was

i close for it is given late

William L Brown
to W L Brown

Mrs. Nancy C. Brown
Honorville Tennessee
South of the river

Camp at Athens Alabama

We got to this place last Friday
and was expected to march on
the next day but we are here yet
and i dont know how long
we will stay here the fourth
and second are at different things
are working strange brigade
head quarters are here the sick
we left at Nashville came up
this morning and i got two
letters and Mat got two since
found me well Mat is not
very well but is able to go a
bout and help to cook a little
he is better today than he was
yesterday i was glad to get
the letters they was dated from
June the 12 to the 16th i rate a
letter the same day we got here
i thought we would have to

travel on the next day but
was mis taken i dont know when
now when we will go on i will
rite or chance the corn and
~~wheat~~ oats looks well in ten
wheat is good and is ripe and
they are enter it as far as i
have ~~see~~ bin in allabany the
there are not much corn
and wheat the land is pore
but level athang is located on
the railrode and is a very fine
ty plaes the water is good and
ff but i hant found none
lik home this is lin Stone
county it is thant by some we
will go to cleaver tennessee
but i dont think so we will
have to wait forist report
say he is in 25 mile of deatoo
with three brigady he is aim
ing to make a made some
where and if he dont mind

and go slow he will get
what he needs we want to
try him again to pay him
for the way he has bin enter
up there was a noble spie
cant yesterday nice deater
he was shot threw the thy if
it had bin his head it would
bin all rite with me the
buck whakers are all threw
this cuntry we will have to
scout to 6 and 60 He are
on a scout to ddy i wrote in a
leter and sent it by old Mr
Wade that bowen was sick
he got here this morning he is
about well as quise is than
let to be dead by this time
Marthey and Mary i am
glad to hear you are learning
your books that is the way
to leave you must be god quize
and god will love you

Judy i am glad you can
Sayd all your letters the next
time i hear from you i thin
k you can spell be Willey
the song you sung is a good
son if you sing it ev morning
it wont hurt you about
you must be a good boy

~~The~~ Nancy the money i sent
you was a ten dolar bill i was
paid ~~in~~ in the new issue
but it was a 20 dolar bill
and i got it chang and sent
you ten of it and i dont
mind whether it was the old
or new i gess the thant old
exaged money wold do you

~~If you want to you may
ask for it by the way
and i dont think he was in the
way~~
William S Brown
to M. Sney C Brown

Mrs Nancy C Brown
Knoxville post office
Tennessee Box 266



Camp at Athens Alabama
Linn Stone County

July the 3th 64

Dear wife and children i now
Seat my self to drop you a few
lines to let you know that i am
well and hope thez lines may find
you enjoyen the same great blessing
i receive the letter you sent by G. H.
Paris it was short but sweet
it came to hand yesterday by G. H.
Paris him self and he had like
to got eild as he came down the
train behind him run an them
and throwd 4 boxes of the truck
he was in the box behind and
it roll over 4 times he had good
thez boxes was loaded with sick ^{luck}
and wounded men 3 men was eild
fore mortley wounded the fatt seem
ing to have bin in the injunere
thuz is Soudag and i have heard
twoe of Souments to day i was

at a negro meeting this evening
they had a fine Meaten
Dancey i have recieve two letters since
i came to this place i have wrote two
to you and one to father they may
not come to hand July the 11th
iam on picket to day and the mail
came in this morning for the first
it will come reglar it comes from
Knoverille of a morning and from
Carterville at two o'clock in the
even. that is ~~at~~ about well the
may you to ~~eroken~~ and is ritten
all a letter i think we will stay
here till corn gets pitz to head on
July the 5th i return from picket.
this morning iam well and in good
sports two negroes have bin
whip here to day ~~or~~ one for
Stolen clothes and the other for
Stolen money i saw the one that
Stold the money ~~the~~ whip it
was James dunlap money amount

1871/85 i would not take the
whisper for all the green back
a-rump of that Nancy i saw the
smoke of the battery yesterday
evening at sunset when they
fired to celebrate the fourth of
July the word me think of what
our fore father had to do in
gone by days and i am pitea
for the same thing they fote
for for liberty i am in hope
~~that~~ Kitchener has fell by this
time may this cruel war come
^{and} all return to there homes and
enjoy peace may god help the
soulders and cause them to see that
they have to die a that the love of
Christ mite be extended to all in
a thourity and grant a lord that
peace and hapiness may bein the
land and ~~the~~ help us all to live
so that when we come to die we
wont be a fraid to die and if

i shall never meet you on
earth any more i hope to
meet you Where heaven
will be ~~no~~ no more

Write Soon And Back
your Sectors to Athens
Alabama till fathers orders

William Brown to

Mc Brown
abad day for negroes since i
close the above one of the month
Ohio what a ~~we~~ gro soldier
dead on the street the cause
i want found out the negroes
has a show in town to nite
last nite and nite be fore i
dont go a bout the A P Slattery
C H Davis J J Wade are it
all Sick this the 6 of July

Mrs Nancy C. Brown
Knoxville Tennessee



Box 266

A Soldier
Letter

Camp Nier Moogly al
July the 12 64

Dear wife i Seat myself
to let you know that we are both
well and have move camp to
Moosby last saterday and Sunday
we had to take a two days scout
a cross the ten river we crost at
deater about three miles be low
this place we way camp at athans
Just two weeks and we dont ex
pect to stay here only to day we
will draw money to day we will
have to move a cross the river ~~and~~
and learn at or nier deater if
the order ant counter manded the
scibles are thute over there when
we was over there we had one
captien and a 12 privets be I had
a rite smart scirmish with them
but no body got hurt i had to
help gard five nite befor last we
we peeled to have a rite sharp bite

but we did not the fourth are
gone on a raid and it is thought they
will go to Montgomery twenty
thousand troops ~~to~~ left Decatur last
Sunday and we was ordered to go
with them but the order was
countermanded so ~~to~~ so we are
at Athens yet and it may be we
will be divide and some one place
and some another the 2 are dis-
mounted again old duff ~~through~~
Thornton has resid little fifty
Jackson is commanden brig adl i dont
think we will be long in a place
Munger thinks says we will be in ten
before the election but he dont
know any more than i do about that
He has to go where he is ordered
Nancy i receive your letter dated
July the 2th and we got one from
father the same date and the same
day white gave me gale satis-
faction to hear you was well and

all so to git a few lines from
Aber and wres hanes you may tell
them Clint Boyd is well laid
Sharp is well i have got sever
al letters, Suez i left nashville
and i have wrote five or six
Direct your letters to Decatur to
foler the redgment as we are not
~~settled~~ settled yet i will write ev
er chance i can send home any
time we will git 16 dollars a man
tho i wish i had a chance to send
mine home for there is nothing
her to by that man ready and
if i was to go on a scout and git
Captured the subs wold take it
from me and if i capture one
and he has grean back i count
it mine for that they way they
git it but if he has gold or any
other kind i wont take it Baney
i was glad to hear Craigs looks
wil and from the way you

and further with you hear a
hoop of hys a bout this redymne
nt dont belive any ^{thing} you hear
nor the half you see that is the
away i do i find it to be the
best i intend to take the wor
ld fare and easy from this
on. May the blessing of god
continue with you give my
best respect to all. i was
sory to hear Brit was in
the hospittle i heard all the
6 ~~had~~ had got build but 90
men and rise of them was
wounded and icant belive it
far well forth present

William H Brown Sr
Nancy / C Brown



Mrs. Nancy C. Brown
Knoxville Tennessee
Box 266
South of the
river

Camp Near Geater et Se

wife July the 15th 64

My Dear and Children is again
Iraaf you a few lines to let you
know that i am in good health
and hope the ^{same} of you receive a letter
from you dated the 6th of July
and one the 3th i was on a rout when
when it came to me and i red them
and tore them up for we ~~had~~ had
a skirmish with rebeg but no
body got hurt but we leant 12 of
them one was a captien i wate a letter
as soon as i got back i wate them
that we ~~would~~ move the next day
but we are her yet but we are under
marchen orders all the time but
i have no ide when we will goner
i got the letter that was dated the 6th
yesterday and one from father i git
all the letters you wite i am sorry to
hear Betsy Fary and elabern are sick
and er sam davis is gon on a rad

and he may be gone some time
for they took fifteen days rations
with them there is but wether here
Nancy i have crost on the pontoon
bridges fore times i is over five 100
yards long i have bin on two rants
this ~~week~~ week I G Thornburg
has resind J M Thornburg is
Commander the 2 Brigade and
J B Mincey is Comd Nancy you
may tell Margaret andersen Sam is
as well as eomen all but his back
and hips he has not got but one
leter since he he came to the
redgment tell her how you back
your letters and he wants to know
if her pother is slayen with her
Nancy that is as well Boid Sharp
and Capt Boid and Abat Rogers
are all well and mat crogers says
he haunt herd from home since
was at home well i will have to
last for the present i will wite as often
as i can so good by William S B Stone

1764

Camp near Decatur N.C. July the

Dear father and mother Brothers
 and Sisters i Seat my self to drop
 you a few lines to let you know that
 my self and mat are well and
 hope this lines may find you en
 joyen the same great blessing we
 receive ~~at~~ a letter from you last Sonda
 y and one yesterday dated the fifth
 and it gave me great Satisfaction
 to hear from home and you were
 quite along as well as you are
 for i was afraid when i left
 home you wold not be able to do
 any thing this Sumner father if you
 can get after old mingsy on fare
 terms let him have it for he has
 lost his rits and he wont leave till
 he gets them back i think the scoly
 i will play out before long them
 prisoners we cant said if they had
 knowd it had bin us they wold
 have bush whack but they thout

it was the ninth ofia and they
had orders not to bush whack
them for then cold run them
with out but when they bush
whack us they will be sorry of
it i must close wite soon and
direct your letters to Decator till
further orders till nancy i have
got all the letters she has wote in
this month i got one to day dated
the fourth one yesterday dated
the 6 i have sent but but one
since i came to this place this
one will be ~~the~~ two i close may
the blessing of god rest on
you all is my prayer fare
well for the present

William S Brown to
Ghambrown and the family
wite this moment we to go on
9 days Sea



Mrs Nancy C Brown

Knoxville Tennessee

Box 266 South of the
River

Camp ^{at} Huntsville Ala 64
July the 19

My dear wife and children i send
seat my self to drase you a few
lines in order to let you know that
it is all well and in in good esperity
i started a letter to you the 15th of
July and if you get it it will show
that i was nice deatore and just as
i got it finish i had to start with
three days rations and one hundred
rounds of abez pills but when we
got to huntsville we found out
nothing was the matter and the next
t. morn they all went back but
les B and we are left here and i
am glad of it i dont know how
long we will get to stay i hope
till my tin is out for this a
helthey place and the prettyes
town i ever saw and the best
water there is a spring here that
as fords more water than stock

Break and other goods springs be
sides they boys are all well safe
side her the water from that big spring
is fount with steam all over town
and a man can git a good drink
all most any where in town
a soldier coldent ask for a better
place than this is i think this will
be good use to you i call it good
luck for Geo B but there is some
rough country day before yester
day i rode 17 miles over the worst
rode i ever saw and yesterday i
rode a bout 25 miles but the rode
was beter we will have to scout
a good deal but that is pur

Nancy i have a twenty dollar bill
i wish you had for i have no
use for it here and if i have a
chance i will send it to you i may
send it by express if i do i will
rite to you before i do it and when
you write what you think if i were

to express any thing you would
wish to lift it out of the express
office or will you tend to it your
self i think Docter Rogers would
do to direct to and then he would
send on hand it to you Nancy
warren says will soon be plenty
we can git beans now i had a
good mess the other day just
by picken them i intend to make
it pay (when i go out if there
is any thing i want if i have
the chance Nancy i want to
know how erit is giten along
father note he was in the paper
ittle and i hant heard from
emes i saw an arse from the
punit the other day and it ant
as bad times as we hear it is
the 23 army corps was the first
across the battle route over they
in a few miles of atlanta i the
inck Sherman is here by this

~~Some~~ time they took a
factory that had 7 and 50
Women in it and sent them
North and the rib was only
half of the factory Nancy wife
now Betsy Davis is and Elizabeth
and father folks is and if any
of the nabers is sick i dont
know What the rest of the
redgment is doing Andy Kaffer
has sent his brother and he
is a sible there is a good
many folks here that has cind
in East Tennessee Sam McAnoly
has a brother that lives in this
town his family is here but
he went off with the rebels i
must close my penance is that
god may bless you all and keep
you from harm so i remain
yours Wmugban untill death
William Se Brown to
N Se Brown



Miss Nancy C Brown
Knoxville Tennessee

Box 266

Huntsville Ala July the 22

Your wife i am well at this
it is nine o'clock I and i
am witen by candle lite i
wold not wite to wite but i
have the chane to send you
Twenty dollars by William
Harmer he will leave it
at Rufus Brown i wote a
leter day before yester day
and daled it the 19 the widge
ment is at moreville aban
t 20 mily blow here Leo
H and Leo H are at allhan
there is many things i
wold like to wite by but
i hant time Mr Scapolet
has got a dis charge and is
here to wite i expect to go
out on a Scout to morrow
i havent got a leter from

This week i will write in a
few days i dont know how
to tell you to back your
letter you may back one
to Hutzwill aka le B 3
tennessee leave i you may
git it i must close

William S. Brown
to W. C. Brown

Ms Stanley & Brown
in in care of writing
Brown.

Huntsville Ala

July the 26th 1864

Dear wife i seat myself to drop
you a few lines to let you know
that i am well and hope thes
lines may find you and the chil
dren enjoyen the same great
blessing i wrote a letter the other
nite and sent it by the old man
Lafollet i all so sent you twenty
dollars by william former to be
left at woods i have bin here ever
since the fifteenth of july we are on
detach Survey but will be relive in
a few days but i wald like to stay
here all the time for it is a pretty place
and good water i have bin on two
Scouts and we cant a rille that was
in the sege at knoxville he was at
home when we cant him his wife cryd
so i was a little sorry for her but it
put me in mind of the time i had

to leave home or be conscript they
know it (when we pass by when we
are on a secret duty) are gotten ripe and
peaches and rosehaws black berries are
plenty but we dont have a chance to
get them every thing is very high here
and negroes are so thick they cant be
struck with a stick the thirteenth indi
a leavedy are there and they ~~to~~ havnt
never had any horses they are doing
indisputy duty and they are tattered
of staken arms if they dont get horses
in this month but i think they are do
ing very well i wold rather do what
they have to do than to have a horse
Some Soldiers dont know what is good
for them i think we have ben mitting
Celest sofare there has bin a change in
our officers John B Abing is lieutenant
Colonel S W Pickens first major Bern
Countham ~~is~~ second major pink Mc
Cannon is captain of Co H Dick godred
A captain Co G Alexander godred

Captain of Co H Will Comins
has lieutenant place in Co H
Co B all wite yet Nancy i have red
that little book showe three it is said a
man can not Serve god in the army
it is vey hard to do but it can be don
i have tryed it it is just as easy to
pray one place as a nother god is the
same god every where Nancy i haunt
herd from you since i got your letter
that was wote the 6th of this month
and i got it the 15th of this month
i have wote two letters since i wote for
you to backe your letters to huntsville
by but you may still backe them to
deator to pale the redgment so they
will have to go to the head quarters of the
redgment Capten Statory is invited to
go out in the country with his Co
all meny to a puke rick and i am
fraid i cant ride to morrow for i
I have a bile acouen and i cant
hardley set downe this evening

That is in modest health howe
vite I come les Complaing of
beingen blind I when the moon is
Slungen i haive bride to get him
to go to the doctee but he wont
i must close for the want of some
thing to vite Give yr my best re
spect to afling friends Marttey
and Mary i want to hear some
thing from you gudsons and volley
and obert i want to hear if you
have bin good boys so good by
for the present

William H Brown to
Nancy C Brown



Miss Nancy C Brown
Knoxville Tennessee
Box 266

J. S. Aldrich
Letter

The greatest Campaign Enlarged
since the war commences since the ~~war~~
beginning of the war god grant that
victory may crown our arms that
this wicked rebellion may be crush
out our union preserve and peace and
prosperity again restored to our belove
d Country my faith and hope and
confidence are in god alone and i know
wth that you feel the same i trust
that god may again spare my life
as he has in the past and yet one can
not fall too early if loved Christ he
dies for his country My entire hope
is in the cross of my savior in this
i am always thap^y i pray here in
the army just the same as at home
the same god that watches over you
guards me i always remember you
in my prayers and i know you never
forget me in yours all that i can

am under to god i owe to you
My dear wife do you remember this
passage of scripture in the Bible
that ~~therefore~~ shall keep therefore
these statutes that it may go well with
thee and thy children after thee How
true this in respect to your children
i hope you will read the Bible and tru
st the promises to the last there is no
book like the Bible for comfort
it is a guide to the youth a staff to the
aged I Well my dear wife good
by i am gone to try to do my duty
tho many trials and tribles and
~~troubles~~ temptations may arise but
god has said we are not to be tempt
ed above that we are able to bear
and tho we may never be enable
to see each other With much love
and many prayers that may betide us
we may meet in heaven at last i am
your very affectionet husband
the soldier to the wife William

Dear wife as i have witten a letter
yesterday and wald it i have
nothing of importance to wite only
the wether is plesant and has bin
for severd days it has rained a little
to day and the boys are gon out
to a pick nick to day and i wold
have wen but i have a bile and
i cant ride they went out witt
the general the post commissandor
this is a perty place to stay i wold
like to stay here all the time but
we will be relive befor long i haunt
heerd from the redgment since
william farmer came home i sent
you twenty dolers by him to leave
at campus Brown ~~name~~ all so a letter
by the old man lafolet to leave
at the same place whitok if they
have had no bad luck they are
at home by this time & Nancy
the scapers talks like there is
some prospect of seas before a

great while Samuel anderson
is well Nancy & when you write
write where he is as i have heard
from him for some time i want
to know if there has bin a good
season there i heard a letter recd
from indiana and it had rained
there for 4 weeks it had rained
d here for over two weeks there
is some nice peals of corn here
this is a very pretty country
i am tired an i will close for
the present give my respects
to all my friends

William S Brown to
Nancy S Brown

Hunterville Ala July the
29 1864



Mrs Nancy C Brown

Knoverville Tennessee

Box 266

Soldier
Letter

Huntsville Mo July 64
the 28

Dear father and
Mother

Brother and Sisters it is with
about respect i seat myself to
Address you a letter in order to
Let you know that my self and
that we well i have had able
And have done any duty for a
few days but its better we are
Here on detach service Co B alone
The ~~re~~ redgments are scattered some
at Decatur Co Ho and Co H is
at Athens yet i dont know what
companies are at ~~the~~ Decatur and
I have maybe some at Marsville
Where we left them father we left
Athens the ninth and went to Deca-
ter and i got a letter from you that
i ansord it and i have not had one
from you since i have got some
from Davey that was wrote in

This
Month i got one last nite that was
dated the 11th and 12th but when it
was rote she had not got one letter
from me since i left athens and i
have rote fore to her and one to
you i have rote fore you to back you^{re}
letters to decenter till further orders
i wold say back them to huntsville
but i dont knowe how long we will
stay here and if they go to the
d quarters of the redgment they will
be sent to us i sent a letter by the old
man lopold and twenty dollars
by William farmer to be left at
Roops and parson Bweret came
here nite before last and said he
saw him and if he left the money
there she will get it if not all redy
got it and i think he will leave it
there i wold rather stay here than
any place i have bin for we have
good water and it is a pretty place
there is a spring here that affords

More water than stock break
and they have it first to force the water
over the tower there is a large
port here and this is a good country
here corn looks well what little
there is this country is towered up
very bad and negroes are so thick
that they some times they darken
the streets and there has bin more
negro equality here than any place
i have bin the boys went out yester
day and arrested a man that has
bin a slave a year or so for several
years and ones negroes this is the
sort of people live in the south
but old abc will free them all
i want him to ~~the~~ i think if lin
con is elected sease will be made
rite off as for old andy if he were
not on abc ticket he wold not get
my vote but abc and andy will
get it if git to vote but we will not
get to vote if we dont git to tennessee

and if they soldier dont get to
vote they will be a better man a
lected and then the war will soon
well i have witen a nuff of that
i will close by saying i hope you
will remember us in your prayers
may god bless you is my fervent
so good by for the present

William S Brown to
John Brown Mary Brown

When you write write when out is
if he is in the hospital or in the
regiment and you can back
your letter after this manner

Mrs William S Brown

Co B 3 regiment Tennessee

~~4th Division~~

first brigade fourth

Division leave army corps

or write deater are one will do



at
Mr John Brown

Knoverville Tennessee

Box 266

A Soldier
Letter

Huntsville Ala July the 28

Dear wife and children it is with
Muteh i seat myself to anser your
leter of the 25th as i ha nobite came
to hand yesterday it fond me well
except a lile but it is a good deal
beter to day and as i have recou
two leters this week i will only give
a few lines to let you know that i
good sperity and am proud of the
place we are at and the General
says he will try to lease us here
when the boys went out to the
fiek nite they behave so well
he Complimented them highly
and sent and got them a galon
of the best of whiskey and we got
the phrase of ben good leaverly
the wether is quite plesant here it
is a lile warm to day but it has bin
as lile here this summer as it is in

Tennessee about the time we got
to Athens it was very warm
i must close for i am tired of
sitting on my bile i have plenty
of paper and good pens i will write
again if i live so good by for the
the present

William L Brown to
Nancy L Brown

Mrs William L Brown
Co B 3 Regiment Tennessee
first Brigade fourth ~~Division~~
Division
Cavalry army core

64

Huntsville Ala Aug the 5

Dear Wife it is

it is with great pleasure this
Evening i sent myself to address you
a few lines to let you know that
i am well at this time and hope
thees lines may find you all in
joyen the Same blessing i have
nothing of importance to write as
i have not receive a letter for
some time from you the last
one i got was date July the 12
and i was glad to get it i am
looken for letters every day that
i has got one that was dated July
the 23 he is gon on a scout
and this a is the 3 day they have
bin gone ~~but~~ i wold have went
but i was on picket when they
started ~~out~~ and i heard from
them a little while a go they

had cut some rebs and was
close after the rest and i learn
by a letter that was wrote to Captain
Statory that the redgment has
bin in a fight down below deater
and not a man got hurt there
was one redgment of infantry
along and they lost one child and
two wounded the rebs had two
pieces of artillery they lost five
and found 6 dead on the field
there is something strange a
bout this redgment we have the
best look of any men i have ever
saw and i hope we will still have
good luck Nancy i for got to
tell you andy hasley has seen
his brother and he is a reb we
are here on de tach servis and
and we like this place very well
i was out about five mile to
day and got a bate of water
miling peaches and apples are

plenty but they sell high
Nancy i want to hear from
you more than i ever did Since
i left home i want to know if
you got the money i sent you
by Capten Farmer i wrote a letter
to father and you last week i
think there is something wrong a
bout the male or we wold git
~~more~~ more letters & i shall write
ever few days as often as i have
the time i have bin on duty
every day this week i had a
bille last week and was not
fit for duty i cant see that the
wether is any colder here than
it is in Tennessee there is a good
Season here Corn looks well
and Cotten i think this is a good
Country there is us good water
there as i ever saw any where
if we can git to stay here till
fall then i wold be wiler to

some where els if necessary
Nancy i have wrote some letters
if you get them they may
surprise you Nancy i want
you to beap in good heart for
my time is closeen out fast
My prare is may the lord bless
you ~~is~~ ~~my~~ in all your trials
in life bare temptations
i have many temptations to
bare but i thank god i can
bare them all May the ^{lord} bless
you is my prare i must close
sa fare well for this time

W^m William L Brown
to Nancy L Brown
Jany



Mrs Nancy C Brown

Henrieville Tennessee

Box 266

Order
Soldiers
Letter

Huntsville Ala

August the 9th 64

My Dear Wife it is with
Pleasure that i seat my self to
I Let you know that I am well
And hope the same of you I re
rive a letter from you that was
dated the twelth of july I was
glad to hear from you and to
hear the nabery were of all well
but you did not say where Brit
was and i hart heard from him
for some time and i dont know
where to write or i wold write to him
you said you had rceive three
letters from me i have recd more
I have got two from you sine
es i came to this place and i am
lookere for more every day
when i wrote before the boys was
gone on a scout they have return

all safe and was successful they
have rebel Captain and a few
privets and several pistols and
guns and some good horses they
was out four days i was on duty
every day last week i was on pick
et fore days and nits but Nancy
I can tell you had ~~the~~ Quarters
of the division is here and they have
Sent Co I here to help us Co H
and Co K is at Athens and
the rest are at Peeture and they
can get a fite any day by goin
out ten mile Lieutenant house
got his shoulder strap shot off
the other day that is the nearest
any one has come giten bent as
fare as i now before we came to
this place the 12 India Cav was
here and all most every time
they went out the rebs wold
fire on them and they have
ford us yet i dont know what

is the reason but we have better
luck than any regiment i have
bin with and if they onley wold
let us come to east Tennessee one
time we cold clear the tanyard
for the northern Cavely are two
grade of bushwhackers to do any
good anup of that we have plen-
ty of rane aples and peaches and
watermilens are plenty i think
we will git to stay here till fall
I hope so at least Clancy I have
got my little horse as gentel as i
want him i can trace him loos
any where and go and catch him
he is the best horse a bout that
i have ever had and he dont
care for sharten but he dont like
to be rode of to him self but af-
ter he gets away it is all rite
anup of that I have to quit riter
to go on a scout August the 11th
Now the scout is over we did

not find any rebels General
Granger has move here and says
he has to keep Co B and Co F
here to scout Captain Slattery has you
to Nashville and will be gone a few
days & Vaney they first and fourth
tennessee has had bad luck
near Chattanooga they were surround
and had to cut their way out with
great loss i think they intend
to try to get the tennessee ans all
held if they can / But we have
been favored so far they will get
us in to it some time and of that
I heard that one brigade of the fourth
division have gone to Knoxville
~~and~~ i wish they would send to us
there i must close for something
to write ~~may~~ may god bless you
is my peace fare well at the
present William H Brown
to W C Brown
A B C D E F G H I J



Mrs Nancy C Brown

Knockville

Tennessee.

Box 266

D. Saladier
Lecturer

Hunterville Alabama

Aug the 15 1864

My Dear wife and children
I read my self with pleasure to
let you know that i am well at
I have just returned from three
days scout and i have recieve your
leter dated aug the 2 it gave me
great satisfaction to hear from
you and to hear from the na
bers. Stacey i have nothing of im
portance to write as i have bin on
the Scout five days in the last
week i am giten tired of scouting
for we have to ride hard and dont
do any good hardly they treat
the people so bad i hate to go out
day before yesterday they burnt
a house and the folks was not at
home they way poor the ~~days~~
earied of and burnt all they

had after we left we found the
women and children and what
Co. B had they gave back to them
they next would do the same but
they did not go there the man was
a bush whacker but i was sorry
for the children i have bin an
four Scouts and have found a man
in arms but we have found a good
many guns we have bin in Lincoln
County Tennessee and there is where
the house was burnt i dont mind
broken water milers for they don
t brake a man up the pilot an
a right of us went to a Still house
and got two leantens of brandy
white made a dram round for
the boys i dont care for that but
we have men that will ^{take} shirts
and doot at the mens they ~~they~~
take the winners too i think it
is a shame to all man kind
and the man that will do so that
no feeling

fealer for his Mother at home
when i am out and ~~and~~ read any
any thing to feat i take it but
dont waste any thing a nup of
that we have had rain every day
this month and i think it will
rain to day Nancy i herd from
mat sengers last nite he is well and
the fourth tennessee has got back
what went captward i dont kno
w i whether andersons daves has
got back or not if i had bin here
nite be fore last i cold have seen
them as they went down they lost
all there horses and a good many
men and the rebs got them it
is very warm to day a few words
to the children Martha and
Mary you must learn d all you
lean at school and be good and
kind to your scholl mates yud
son if you go any you must be
good to the lile boys and mind

unde heavy. Wiley you and
elbert must be good boys and
wise Man you are too little to go
to school yet wate till you be
and then you can go it is wiser
rite now i bring my liness to a
close i got a letter from pother
last wite and harriet i will
rite to them to day i hope you
will pray for me that i may
git home eby the lord bless
you and preserve you is my
prave so fare well for the pres
ent

William Le Brown to

W L Brown



Dear Madam

Mrs Nancy L Brown

Knorrville Tennessee

Box 266

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Huntsville Ala

August the 15th 64

Dear father Mother brother
and sisters it is with pleasure
this evening I seat my self to
let you know that I receive your
letter that was dated the 31st
of July it found us both well
but tired for we have bin riding
hard for three days we left Hunts-
ville the 12th about fore @ clock
in the after noon and went out
on the Rediville road ~~to~~ and got
to Rediville at dark a north
east course then we march a nor-
th course on the Shelbyville road
to and staid at ameter mark
then the same road seven miles
in north in Tennessee then we
ade rite turn a north east course in
albareu country severid miles

and then we came to a little hut
there we found signs of rebels the house
beyond then a cross the cantery
a east course and got dinner and
rested then South to a man
that ~~that~~ had plenty of powder
and staid there on the side of the 13th
then back to markum mill another
west course then the same course to the
palace rode then a south west
course to Huntsville i think we
travelled near one hundred miles
and we did not catch but one rebel
and we cant him about five
miles from Huntsville we was in
the Command of lieutenant wade
i am given kind of scouton i am
a given ^{three} of seven men treat the
people so bad iam a shamed a heap
a time and when men will take
a women shirt and other things
as bad i want to be at home and
it is a shame to all man kind

if i were in command men
wold have to do beler or i wold
Send them to the pentontery where
they ant to be we have plenty of
rain Crops are good i have not
herd from the 6 for some time
They have had a hard time there
was bin more men sent to the
front the fourth tennessee is at
cleature they have had a hard
time they lost all their horse
and the rebels got them they ~~was~~
part by nite before last ~~at~~ that
want thoren burg kick i wish
he was here to command the
brigade he has more credit
than ~~of~~ old bill pickens but
i woldnt be surprize if he don
t command the redgment
a gain but not by my vote
but i dont care no commands
if i can git to east tennessee if i
was there i wold be where i

want to be but if they
wont lets us come home i wold
rather stay there but we dont
git letters reglar si have wrote
good many letters i have got
three or four since i came to this
place i will stop for the
presant

William Le Brown to

Thon Brown and

Samley

ed Be C D E F G H
I J K L M N O P
Q R S T U V W
X Y Z

Money and bancknotes and solvent
less you are thickskinned about palm
Horder and i wish i was there to
help you but i dont expect to be
there to postorder this year and
i am afraid i wont be there
next year but if i was there i
d beat any of you now you must
save a heap if you can for it
will be added i say may beance
and want a chance to head my
pany fare well for the present
a be de p g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u
v w x y z

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Dear wife it is with pleasure i seat
my self to let you know that i am
well at presant and hope the same
of you i recieve the lator of yours of
the Seventh and eighth of august it
Came to M hand yesterday i was
glad to hear you and fathers folke
and the males and friends was
all well i can in form you that
the boys are all well as eowen
they are all gone on a scout i
didnt go be cause i was on picket
and was tired and my horse back
was a little sore and i didnt want
to go they escape us breezy as there
is onley fore Compennys of Mounted
Men here Capten Stater is in com
mand of them one Co of the twelth
india law Co I Second Tennessee
Co D and Co B third Tennessee

I heard from the redgment last nite
they are gone ~~and~~ on a Scout this day
was a weak go they made a Sabre
Charge on the rebels and drove them
back and not a man got hurt as i
have heard of they can get a fite any
time they go out but they thave all
ways whip the rebels unuff of that
Well i suppose they boys and girls has
a fine time as thave has bin two
wedens tell bekey and lclab I wish
them mutch goys all so aden and
his lady and tell Mrs ana yhousto
n and Mrs kickey and Mrs hanes
I wish them all the good that is a load
them and When you nite again if
you know any thing about joseph
yhouston or any of the boys in the
sixth you want to hear from them
it dose me god to hear from my old
friends i think of them as often as
i think of home and that is every
day and
and all most every howe and of a

While they boys sing the good
old fier miler himg and then it make
me think of home then i get of to
my self and think of the old chresten
friends that i hear herd Sing the same
e Songs and I look ford to the time
when I can meet them and hear
them sing how firm foundation ey
Sants of the lord and i hope i shall
live to meet you all on earth a
gain but if is gods will to beap
us a part on earth i hope to me-
at you in heavens where parton
will be no more May the blessing
of god smile on us all and alord
beap us from doingen any thing
that wold be dis pleasing in thy
Sight Well Children i am glad
to hear you are going to School
and if you will try you can learn
to reds before the School is out
Wiley you and albert must be
good boys I walcen the rest if you

to school and when you come
home you can go to you must
take care of your books and
not tare them Nancy i was glad
to hear from ~~you~~ Uncle Bob and
Sorry to hear Aunt was dead and
the bosens nancy i wold write
to your father but i dont know
whether he wold get it or not
as it is a hard matter to get a letter
write on the railroad there has
bin a lot of da eng aided to
the redgment and it is thout
old bill pickens will be born
d yet i will close for the pres
ent i will write in a few
days so good by for the
presant

William H Brown to

Nancy C Brown and children
in a bed of high blue
nappeature. 1847



Msgr Nancy C Brown
Knoxville Tennessee
Box 266

Huntsville Ala Aug
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Dear father it is with gre
at pleasure i seat my self to let you
know tha i am well and that
is you a secret i was out five
days last week and was on pic
ket and when i was relieve they
was ready to star and i was tired
and my horse back was a little
sore and i didnt want to go
i dont know when they will
git back as they can stay as long
as they want to they took two
days rations with them it has
rained here every day in this mon
the more or less the wind blow like
it mite quit and it is a very warm
but i think it isnt any hotter here tha
it is in Tennessee father if you
was down here i could tell more

in one hour than i could write
in a whole day for i am a pore
hand to write i fou git to write half
what i want to write before i am
half done i was glad to hear bert
is at home i am yeter a long
very well and if we can git to
stay here till fall and then
git to come home to vote for old
abe lincon i will be satisfide
there is a heap of talk of recedite
re but if i dont change my notien
i never will recedist but if lincon
is elected there is a god many that
will recedist i have herd from the
boys at deater Coaid Sharp is not
well you may tell his folks that
Rogers is well and the teltth of
the redgment is as god as comen
father i saw man by the name
of Roberts he was rase nier leam
el Station it has bin ten yers since
the left there he is a unian man

he lives 18 miles from hunterville
he met Captain Slattery this
morning he thinks they will find
the bush whackers they have all
ways run the indiania boys but
if they fire on the ten boys they
will get help and that is the way
the we do and if we fail to catch
~~the~~ they cant be cant for that
has bin all we have don a rump of
that tell ~~us~~ Rufus Brown i rate
~~a~~ letter to him but i dont know
wif he got it or not Harriet i wa
nt to know if you have had ore
boe or not if you dont mind
you and Lisbett rogers will have
to wate till the wace is over to
mary i think it wold be a good
plan anyhow Mary jane who is
youe bo or have you any mary
you must learn a heap at school
and learn to wite and i will
get you a good pen

James if you and Hamilton
and Robert will be so kind
i will get you a pen a piece
a piece the first letter you
send me i am written with
with the best pen i ever
had father i want that
continued if it is any
advantage about letters
it is gotten dark and i
close for the present
write soon give my best
respect to all my friends

William Le Brown
to John Brown

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Huntsville Ala Aug the

My Dear wife it is with ples
ure this morning i seat myself to
answer your kind letter of the tenth
instant whith came to hand last
nite whitch gave me great Satisfaction
to hear you and the nabers and
friends was all well i am well and
they boys are all as well as Coomen
Naney you said you was sorry i had
to mis the picknick i ant sorry for i
dont want to go to any butch places
i had rather stay in camp and
rite a letter any time to you or some
e other good friend Naney i am glad
to hear you are as well satisfide as
you are i am doing very well i think
i have plenty of duty to do but that
what Soldiers look for i wouldnt
mind the duty thow the weak if
i cold get to rest of a Sunday i ~~ant~~

Had to go out yesterday and press
scores horses are badly needed and
they are scarce in this country
Navy horse brigade has been in a battle
fite down below Decatur last Friday
nite they were out on a scout and
was looking for them the rebels fired
on the pickets on one side till about
12 o'clock then they move around on
the other side the rebels was between 5
and 6 hundred strong but they
got badly defeated one Captain captur-
ed and ten private, and 15 team dead
rebels left on the field one horse
man wounded in the thigh and he be-
long to the 2 Tennessee we got the dis-
patch yesterday ~~and~~ and then lieutenant
ant ware came here last nite on his
way home for he has got his dis-
charge he says the 2 and 3 has orders
to march this morning at eight o'clock
they expected here to nite we have
orders to have three days rations

ready but it is not known where
they are gone i dont know whether
we will have to go or not but there
is arade to be made or go forward that
is not known nor wont be till af
ter we start and if we were to be
sent to leave Tennessee it would be
a Surprisen thing and would be some
accomidation to us but to us but if
they find out we want to go there
they will not lets us go any more
home we have bin very lucky and
have bin in a good money like fits
and have bin blest we have a fine
Christian in the redgment and if
we had more i think we could do
better and feel better Nancy in
my other letter wrote that the boys
was you on a Scout they have return
as the did not find any robes we
cant find any but the twelve india
leaverly gits whip every time they
go in the Cove but we have bin

over there twice and they dont
show them selves and if we were
to see them i dont ~~say~~ think we
wold run with loaded guns aruse
ap that i dont know when i will be
when i get the next letter from you
but if you will back them to the
~~fort King and for the Division but~~
~~they left the William Le Brown~~
~~to the~~ ~~to the~~ ~~for the Division~~
~~but~~ i close for the present so i ma
in your husband untill death
William Le Brown to St C Brown

Stacey if you can you aint to go
to see your ~~well~~ uncle it is not far
it is only a 12 miles i have bin
tryen to find out whe ther anderson
is got back or not but i cant if
he aint home you may writ out
before i do give my best respect
to all my friends no more at
the present W L Guinn
W L Guinn

As i have made a mis take in
the backen of the letters i will rite it
in fool if i can bease it in mind
longanus

Mr William Le Brown
Co B 3 Tennessee Cav
first Brigade
fourth Division Cav
Army Core

Handwritten text in cursive script, likely a list or index of names or items, arranged in three lines. The text is written in dark ink on aged, yellowed paper. The first line contains approximately 10 characters, the second line contains approximately 10 characters, and the third line contains approximately 10 characters. The script is highly stylized and difficult to decipher precisely, but appears to be a list of names or items.



May Nancy C Brown
 of Knoxville Tennessee
 Box 9. 66

~~ed. S. C. ...
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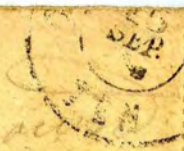
My Dear Wife I Seat my self
f this good Sabath Evng in orde
to let you know that i am well
and mat is well i wrote ~~to~~ a letter
the 22th of this month in whitch
i left the im persion that it
mite be we wold. ~~Have~~ to leave
where as i herd the redgment
~~had~~ had orders to move but i
did not know where and the ne
xt day we were ordered on a Scout
and met the ~~to~~ Redgment
and they are here and will be
apt to stay here awhile we were
on the scout fore days we lay one
nite at Elk mont Springs ten
and the next nite in Lincoln Co
rty ten we found one Unshroback
er and the boys shot him fore
times as he run but he was not

led when they left him but we
heard he was dead they found him
at home when they found him
and and they surrounded the house
and he broke to run and they
shot at him four times and hit
every time he and to been a bush
whacker and give the names of
others when they were that night
and they went but they could
not find them the balance of us
was watching a train of wagons
loaded with slooten to escape them
from brown it Well I have had
one holey day but it is over for
we are under the worst threat
we have ever bin under ones we
have bin in the service and that is
Hon B Minges Sines he has got to be
Counsel He feels as big as water
with his tale bold he has the ill
will of the most of the officers in
the regiment and some of them

has told him what they thant
of him and there is secrets that
will do it if he dont do better he
dont allow a man to go out of his
site with out pass and then he has
to se it abare than that he saig he
intends to make gentlemen out of
this redgment but if he dont be
careful he will git to ride a scale
for the ~~hole~~ redgment is don on him
i have give onley a few sides of his
big headed way the time has bin he
we all thant well of but it ant
now i will quit him but i coldrite
all day and then not tell halp i
want to tell but if tennesseans ant
beated better i think they ant to
lay down there armes and come
home and goto bush whacker
i know if the leaders of East ten
had done what is was rite a year
a go i we wold have bin there to
have bin and abasville if i cold

hear of the ledery of ten ~~of~~ heaven
to Super i wold be glad but Whe
n they hel a Convention and
use there influence to leape us
out then they was thimken of
make a doler but if they have
got their ies open anup to in
the hundred days surivis &
maly they will se the benefit
of ten Soldiers yet after the
Country is mend they men i
never will vote for if they
dont ask for givenes and if
the rebels had hung some of
them they wold have done it
if i git out of this three years
in good healtte i will be a free
man i want to sa more but
it may be best to hold on at
the sersant but if we ant betea
treated i will tell them of
it in a way they dont want
to hear it William S Brown

Mrs Nancy Brown



Mrs Nancy C Brown

Knorrville Tennessee

of Solon
Cedar

Box 266

This the 29 of august
Samwell and Mat is well but
there is a few Sick at this time
but the boys from our number
hood is all well as far as i no
i wish i was in east tennessee if
we were there we could help the
rebs made i have a hand feelin
with the leders and all ways will
have but i cant help my self
and that what hurts and if i
could help my self i wold get a
niew bogh and niew Strings ~~us~~
and play a new tune Well i beter
tell my ocipation i am cooken
and the reason is i dont have to
drill nor do any other duty
and it is every than to do what
is to do here and i will do any
thing before i will drill twice a
day and go on decesperade for

a man escape up with the orders
that is here he wont git to set
down a tall the fact is we cant
do it and if Cornel mines is
agoon to make gentlemen of us
he will have a happy time of it.
i am afraid that when he goes to
make us over that he will Spoil
us in macken for he wold for git
an order us to buill or something
before we wold get dry ~~an~~
anff of that e'baney i got the letter
you put the pers of the children
deeses in it is pretty i' close as i
am not in fix to wite times is not
as well as they wite be but i will
try to bae it i cant leas my mind
wite for i have herd the rebs are
naden East ten and we are her and
it loks to me like they dont want
the loil mery Contery ~~for~~ ^{save} ~~per~~ but
if they can save the rebs and let
of hows be eat up they dont care

for the very men that aint to be
in east ten is not there but they
have to Super the hard Ships of a
Soldier and the ruins of howe howe
es and that is a ruse to make a
rel of the best of men if they could
be made at tall if the rebels wernt
in east ten i wold not say a word
and i dont want father to let the
boys go in the hundred days survey
mar join him self if they want all
redy in for they will be sure to
Send the hundred days men to
ritchman or attander just be cause
they are east tenessons for the
natch is wantere to get the land
and if there aint beter times before
long i wout fire a notther gun
and let the men that wants to rob
us pite it out for the ware was got
up by rogs and raskles you may
think i am to plain i have not
I spoke as plain as i think

and if i dar do it i wold speake
my sentiments i am for old alce
lineore for president

stuyet the 30th 1864 you must
not get out of heart i think i can
live till i die i eat when i hungrey
i drink when i dry if the rebles
dont kill me i live till i die

William L B Brown to

W C Brown

Backyona Seeler to Huntsville
Ala

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Huntsville Ala Aug the 30th 1864
Dear wife it is with pleasure i Seat
My self to drop you a few lines
in order to let you no that i am
Well But there is Some Excitement
nt here We are Looken for Wheeler
thru here he has tore up the
Rail Road between Stephenscan
and Elberfeyeborough but no
thing has bin done here but first
to reconforce the Pickets the nite
past of and all was quiet

August the 31th 1864 The Excitement
is in force yet As it is the last
day of the month we ever mustern
for pay and a man it is here from
Washington City to in Spect arms
and the ordley had in Spected about
fore Compeys and was a in Specter
Leo B and i Saw a ordley on
Double quick Comen with a dig

back and hand to the Colonel he
aid it and he said Colonel I am
ordered to move with my Command
to Wundy Elkton Tennessee and in
a few Minity the Leaven began to
roar and bats and Sadley wer son
ded and the boys began to hold
but they wer ouley geton the range
of the Leaven I cold her the Shells
burst a bout one mile and a half
of and they got of at twelve o clock
and I want herd from them Since
thi the first of September 1864
Whelore has bin here here yet but
the pickets got scared and be
gon to Shoot betwen 11 & 12 o clock
and Created a grate Excitement
in the 13. India troops and the
Sibsons of the town all of the 3
but a few men are gone and
I when the fire took place Some
of them hold out lay Still and
Ceap your powder dry therefore

may come that Colts Railroads
is tore up but i dont believe it
if it is so the communication fro
m Nashville but there is seven
thousand Tennesseeans mounted
after wheler and if he dont be
careful he will get heat i am
un easy about the rebels yet we
was here first if they come some
body will be hurt the reason i
did not go is am Co Cook and
didnt want to go for i dont thin
k they will se a rebel they
took three days rations in
there havers sacks September
the 2 1864 all was quiet last nite and
the Rail Road from here to Nash
ville is all wite last nite Carley
this morning we herd Leanen a
North west Course "Whitch i think
must havers lin between Athens
and Seavoy Burg but i cant tell
A foicy train has went out today

from Hunterville Soirekin there is
no danger here they boys time is
is out to day and i look for them
into nite

September 2 one o'clock
At 11 in teligence news by
teligraph the Rail road is cut
between ~~the~~ here and Clark
ville and they Cameron
is herd nior deater i herd
one nite now and i have herd
Several in the last few nite
etc.

September the 3 it is a qui
et day to day at this point
i want herd from the boys
Since they went out and i want
herd from wheler nor rody to
day there is a good many refo
nits but nothing reliabel there
has bin a bout 3 hundred men
of the 13 Wisconsinys came here
to day i yet dont think there

there will be any at ~~that~~ tact
here but they are first point they
Send out foriedy Traves all the
time if wheler dose at tact
Sunterville will be bound up
areble Spie was leant in town
yester day fifty men was goen
out with the foriedy trave and he
was conten them and the way
wrested and he had a scare of
pants for a soldier in wheler
Command and a good meny
leters i hope they will hang
him if i cold se a man hung
it wold behing the use is here
that Sherman has attanter thro
se leters for Sherman god is blesi
ng us as i think i feal to rejois
for everley belive aftthings wor
keth yetter for them that lov
es god and i belive it to be a

true Saing

September the 4th

The Surrender of at Lanter
withe thurteen thousand
Conforned and this has
bin the stillest day i have
sene since i have bin in
the serrey and aspeard
more like Sanday

September the 5

The excitement is over at
this place at this time but
the communication is
lent between here and
Nashville We have not had
any news for three days
i am an eang to hear
from the boys i wish i
was withe them i was
at a Meeten last nite
i hear singen in camp
the boys are most all in
bed i am tryen to rite

but i must close short
ley the mis sketer is so
bad after the leaniel Sam
Anderson and my self is
look at this time and
day be fore yesterday the
boys went a foridgen
that is ~~no~~ ~~size~~ of them an
d got some apples and
benes and nutten Sam
made a pie and i look
the benes and nutten and
what few of us is here
16 teen is all had a fine
diner i close for the pre
sant i hope to her from
the boys soon may the
lord bless them and
may they Couther whe
ter i hant herd from
home since the 10 of Aug

Huntsville also the 6: must
beard from the boys yet but
General Stedman first here to
day with his command of five
or 6 Regiment of infantry and
the 14 colored regiment was along
gay looking fellows they have bin
after tea wheter fore weeks

September the 24th all quiet to
day and not a word to be heard
i was at miter to nite

Sep the 25th i learn the Road is cut
between Tallahum and Ware
trace i think it is the grailers has
done it if they will allow the
road to be cut a few more times
they will Super in front we
are out of bacon and have to
draw beef want to hear from
the boys very bad i know they
want clean clothes for they fear

bin gone nine days to day we
havent had any male since they
left and wont if the rode is out
for several days i close it is time
to get Super

Huntsville Ala Septem the 12
~~thats~~ there has bin no muss of
intrust for the last fore days
onley the rode is in running
order a gain fore trances have
came in to day but the ma
le has not came yet it will
come in a few days i want
a provision trane to come i
am tired of beef i will start
it a later the first Male gose on
it i havnt herd any reliabel
muss from the boys yet but
Colonel Brown How is mortle
Wounded it is Said the 3 and ¹⁴/₂
had a pite With whelver at
Lingville tenm that is be tween

Columba and Inlasea
have bin there and all so a bite
at Lavern and Franklen all
in Tennessee when i comments
written i thant i wold leave
up with the times but i cant
we have orders to meet the
redgment at Athens and will
start in the Moring Co E and Co
G was sent out to see what the
rebles was and got beat of
and had to fite out Co E lost
one Co G lost three Capten
Carnel was one of them the
rest all got back Sandy wili
ams was slitly wounded and
has gone to Nashville and wil
come home this the 16 of Sep
Athens all Ala September 17
i am well and hope these lines
may find you all well i
got two letters to day for the first
i will write ad again W L B
to W L B

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Athens Cla Sep the 18/69

My Dear Wife it is with the
Grates of pleasure this Sabath
Eaven i sent my Self to ansrer
your kind leler of the fifth whi
tel came to hand yesterday
and it gave me great Satisfacti
on to heare you was all well and
i it fond the well that is well
but there is a god meny Sick
with the Sails and the Sore eyes and
Some of the men has bin sent
to Duckville they left here yester
day as for Wheeler made i kno
w more about it than you do
i havnt bin after him myself
but the ridgment has they
were after him 12 days but he
got away he becast the river
at the Shoals it was the fault of
the general Ship he got away

The third lost fore men in the
round Captain Leavel of Co G
and too of his private and willi
am hickey Co E all of them
is suppose to beild Captain Leavel
is a fine man no dont his company
will Miss him we got a letter from
Levit he is at his redgmen and
was well. Nancy you said you
had herd we had all reenlisted
not a man has yet and i dont
think there will be many that
will i want and that ant all i
never will i am tired of the servi
s now i want to be free a gain
and if i ant treated beter i want
stay mytime out the next day
after we got here i and james
leak amss mat of mine went to
a old stable and got some plank
to make a bunk and Corneal mines
did give orders not to take any more
but we didnt knowit and we

Had to take the plank back
Lieutenant Homer was officer of
the day and ~~he~~ he had to take us to
the Colonel and he was a Sloop
and lieutenant bar is acten a guide
out and he ordered us to be tied
to a tree but Homer did not do it
but he put us under guard till
the Colonel got up and we were
under guard three hours and
lieutenant wade and Captain
Slattery was tryen all the time
to get us of i want spok to Colonel
cl mines but once since i was at
home and if i can help it i
never will till i get out of the
Service then i will whip bar and
if he dont laugh at it i will try
him a fall this is plane talk and
i may find them in a close place
Sometime and if he is too good to
be wake up to a blize me i am
too good to help him i extend to

along all the orders he makes
if i know them if i dont i eat
~~the~~ Drup of that. We left
Haverhill the 13 of this Month
the wite are cool we will
not say here loud i dont thin
k "Well i have enjoyed my
Self very well this Sumner
i have grace Sufficient to o
ver come al the ~~to~~ trials and
tribis tations that come a pon
me we are ex pecten to draw
money be fore long and if we
do i will try to Send you some
if there is any share if times dose
it geter betol i will ~~see~~ see if
there is any share to Send
you some Salt and flawe
by ex press if i can i must
close for it is time to get
Supper so good by for the presen
t
William H Brown to
N H Brown

Attanas Ala September the 20th
Well Nancy George W
Paves got a letter from Erven and
William Counts died in the
federal army whith Sickness and
jersey Brown was kild in the
Confedret army but did not tell
when nor when i was sorry to her
it but i dont believe he was a reb
at heart i^dould like to here more
about ist you said you had got a
letter from your uncle Enae what
dos he think of the ware when you

rite a gain tell him i am for
old abe Lincoln & Samson
Garner didd last nite and will
be beryed this eaven a in
honor of the ware nomore at
presant .

William L Brown to
Nancy L Brown

Mrs Nancy C Beeson
24 Knoxville Tennessee



Box 266

In haste
Waldier
letter

Atthens Ala Sep the 20

Dear father Mother Brothers
and Sisters it is with pleasure
I seat my self to answer a letter
I recive a few days ago it found
me well I am well to day what
is well I want Mutch to write only
the reader over and whider got
a way did the talk is he is a
Comen back again I dont think
he will tho he may if the dog
we will be with him it was than
t he had kild pore of the 3 tern
but there ~~was~~ names has bin con
t to decter under a play of
bungz the have three and the other
one is left at floxane Mortley won
ded this is all the damage done
to the third "Whider lost a good
meny men in the road and if he
tays it over he will not pore as well
as he did before

father you seem to be uneasy about
an matter made in november i
dont think that will be i think
the ball of the Milisheys will stop
made in tennessee that is the best
ball old andy has made and if
old abe wold send the disloyal
Spaniels men wimen and
children South and the loyal
North and Sweap the counters
Cloan be ~~it~~ wimen it wold stop
the rebellion in les than Six mon
th let every man fite for abe or
gef if i cold se you i cold ex plain
My view in a few words if i get
to vote i will vote for abe the man
that want is a coward for i cold
name a few wha are in the ar
my that i know are cowards that
are for the Cloan the fact is i dont
think there wat to be any election
and yest let old abe hold on i will
quit this for the presant

father i was Sory to see you had
bin Sick a gain i hope your sick
nes maybe to your advantage in
the dis charge of your Christian
dutys i am doen the best i can
but it is a hard thing to make a
Soldier of Christ and a Soldier
of his Countrey but i do the best
i can

May the Lord bless you if
My peace so I remain your
Son and friend until death
fare well for the present

William S Brown to
John Brown Mary Brown

September the 21 1769

Dear father I seat my self to
Draft you a few lines more I
Came in of picket this morning
and i dont feel very well
I hope these few lines may find
you in good health this letter
Will start to morrow or
next day father i want you
to do what you think best
with my stock if you want
any of it take it if i knew
when i Cold come home i
wold know better how to
rite the times is hard there
but they are not as hard
as they will be if you cold
be when i have bin and
se the rits that i have seen
you wold think it hard
times last winter we took
ever thing that wold do to

head on for fifteen miles
around Meweys burough
and burnt more red rails
than ever you saw in Middle
Tenn the people along the roads
have supped i have seen corn
made (with out any fence
and they stood yard to escape
the stock out and when we
was passing some of the
boys wold take roseners
i will i cold send some money
to you and nan if alen
Beavon has got home he
ows me ten dollars you may
git it from him and if i
can i will send some more
home i sent ten and recat
sent ten by John Harten
it is time to feed i must
close so far well at the present
W^o Le Beavon

There is a fountain filled with ^{blood}
Drawn from immaculate veins
And sinners, plunging beneath
~~And~~ lose all their guilty stain

The dying thief's request
To see that fountain in his ^{day}
And there may wash as vile as ^{he}
wash all my sins away

When you hear this
or sing think of me
it is my favorite time

in pap yo must
git smok i wold
lif to see yo wld
pap yo must do the
Best yo can for yo
myself tel harriet
that iam not dead
yet wld pap yo m
ust love to see me w
her yo git the papers
tel the boys that they
mus work hard and
Haip all that they c
an tel myr days to rit
to me wld Mother yo mus
git to me i wold lif to
see yo one Martin
tel harriet to rit to
me ithis that she
wil rit to me so
ill at present
J. M. Brown
to John Brown 1864

April the 11 1865

Perale Camps near Vicks Burg

Dear father and Mother
Brothers and Sisters it
Great pleasure this Morning i seat my self
to drop you a few lines to let you know
that i am well and that is well and
we get plenty to Eat but no good water
to drink But i dont know when we
will be on change i think it doubtful
whether we are on change a tall till the
war is over i hope that wont be long they
say Ritzman has fallen and a had has
Brent Selway a Town 10 Miles distant
from Cahaba where the Rebs had a rite
Smart arsenal the only one they had in
the western department and if we take
the beat they are done with the River
Will Boys i gess you are fixen to plant
corn the woods are rite green here and
have bin for 2 weeks i wish i was there
to help you work well Mary Jane i have
the galass you knit for me yet Will
Harriet i want her from you Will Mother
i think i have got to be tolerbel good Cook
Will father if i was there to help you wor
k in the tan yard i wold like it beter
than here i am out of something
to write i want you to write what sort
of thing it is in East Tennessee and
what has be come of Louie give
the news in pol i am lieen for
news from home every day i have wote
two letters since i came to this place

if you get them they will give
you some ide what sort of fare we
had i close for the present

April the 14 1865

I am well to day but Some of the
the boys has the dice that is will
Coban Croley is in ames with me and
is rite poeley with the dice but is on the
mind you may tell Mrs vineyard
if it wernt for Sanitary we could not
write at tall for we are all out of money

William A Brown to
John Brown and family

Tenn Knoxville Tenn

May the 2^d 1865

Very Dear affectionate husband I
and one more have the privilege of
answering an other kind letter from
you which found us all well and
doing the best we can I received the
2 last letters from you just a week
ago to day you said in one of them
for me not to write till I got an other
from you so I thought I would com-
mence for I am looking for one in a
Day or two So I hope those lines may
soon come to hand and find you enjoy-
ing good health and in gte spirits
of coming home Well William you
Wanted to know how I am getting on
long as well as any person can with-
out money I have had any money
for some time now I have borrowed
but one dollar but I expect I will
have to try to borrow a little but

I have paid for maste of the bread we
have eat ever since last fall by
sewing for my peas of corn just fed
my cow and fattenel my meet and
my meet will not hold out till
fall you need not be uneasy about
me for I think I can make out
some how till you get home for
I hope it wont be long for it
is the oppinion of the most of
folks that you will be muste
red out be fave long God Bless
it I pray This May the 3^d
Well William as I have wrote 2
^{letters} be fave and told you how I was
getting a long I will say no more
about it this time I will just
say my Irish potates looks well
I put them right across the
branch from the spring so I think
I will have good potates this season
William if you will come home

you shall have as merry peas
as you can eat for I getherd one
bushel of hulled peas last year
My corn is not planted yet I
thought last winter I would try
to get more corn put in than
my new ground pease but as
I dont feel as stout as I did then
I feel like if me and the childer
in works the truck patches
and it we will doo verry well
the woods is the greenest i ever
I seen for the time a year you
wanted to know about Debut he
is at elashville he is mastered out
kurt had to wait a few day to get
his pay he will be at home in
a few days Will Reale and sever
al others has come home Joseph Johnson
and James Haticks and some others
was left at Newyork Sitty sick
Garick Thurmon Died at Washing
ton

Sitty William we heard
about the ship blowing up
that had left wisburg with some
prisoners in it O I maied shure
it was you I could not tell any
boddy my feelings but when I got
it holt of the paper and read it it
relieved me werry much althou
gh I am werry sorry to hear of
any poor ~~for~~ men having to suffer
ing that way your mother sais to
tell you she like to a took a jemyng
fit when she heard it Well William
Gornleys Rebel garille scout came in
to knowville day before yesterday
armed and on good horses under a
flag of trece to surrender on condish
ons they wanted to keep there arms
there was a good men found there
horses that had bin stolen when
they come in so they put the rogges
in jail I dont know whether sam way
along or not

Jenn Knose Cousin
May. the 14th 1865

Pier William we are all well
this evening and just returned
from prayer meeting at Salem
which was held by request of
Gov. Brownlow he requested the
people to hold this as a day^{of} prayer
and thanks giving prayer is a ~~staff~~
Staff to the christian for my part
I have prayed more since you
left home than I ever did and
I feel like they have bin answer
d to a grate extent I hope you have
not quit praying in time of
your troubles and for us and
our Government so enough of
this at pres ant William
but just now come home
with his discharge he looks
well and hearty so turn over

~~My~~ This the 5th of May
William Mary Sharpe was
at meeting in grate troubled
yeasterday for she havnt
heerd from loid since last
Now if you know any thing
of him or can find out any
thing write to me all about
him if he is dead and I will
let her know and also that
Rodgers enough of this just now
I will quit and go to washing
and maly I will get another
letter from you this evening



Mrs. Nancy C. Brown
Knoxville Tenn
Box No. 260.





Friend Will by
It is with
much pleasure
write to you
myself & my
Brother Med
live here on
the 18th tenth
of November I am
Well at present hope
ing these times may find
you in good health
ing ill as in the State of
Indiana I have good
the army needs to pickons
is started you later by
William the brother I heard
from Crit. I saw Frank
Bous he is well at he left
here go before we got here
I am well I think if you

Can you had better sell
pan peridant. now wh
eni shall git some i wish
icold see you and the chil
dren But if write so
more on earth nigh w
to an canan peaceful shore
I would rite more but the
boaringing is cold Crit
is at Casterville and i
Will start there so fare
long i w say to you that
are not howe sick yet
i must bring my lines to
a close by less i rset to
all in quinquicous it
is to old to rite any more
Now obay god blessing
Smile on you all botte
now and forever
William A. Brown

Nancy & Brown you
said that you wou
ted me to come
home as soon as i
can that i will
well nancy william
is hear in my
Redg ment to day
he is not comit
not. werry far
from hear he said
that he would send
His like ness that
he cant now the
husent draw any

Money yet he has
bin sarter sick
since he has bin
hear but he has
got able for duty
well sary L Brown
Madison is hear and
well he is on duty
to day so that
he cant rite to
day him and William
Both told me to
rite for them but
said that he would
send his likeness

but he cant now
he is in bill pick
ers curdery sdg
i ment and william
to well so no more
at present
G. L. Browns hand
Fite