Baird Family Papers

Correspondence

1863
July-December
Pittsburgh
East China
St. Louis, Mo.
Port Havana July 13 1863

This is for R and nobody else read.

Friend Bird here, I am in this awful place. Beforehand, I received your letter and was glad to hear that you was all round. I am all round in the game. Generally take my vote this time. A week before Union home. The fourth. But, President has him to come down to see you but I shall be down before long and then I shall come and see you. They say to tell you to tell you to keep on writing for he likes to hear from that place but I say to tell her if she wants to get answers right to me and I will answer them right up to the hands object. The nearest think hood of money for not writing for his whole time is taken up with that gift. Well, Bird, look my dear one.
with adults' heads on them all like dictionary. That's pots--well so I have given you a good description of them all. I shall hope to meet you. Tell that girl that sat on the floor that night if she don't give me an invitation to her wedding. Please come out to her sign. Give my respects to all the girls you see to many. Especially

J. Baird

True Heart

Henry has swell bakes and home all the fourth, she stay in the shop all day. He will write when he has more time. When you right let me know whether the girl that lives in the next house below Dominico, is at home or not, because I want to now.

S. Baird

Ole Teachis
Philadelphia July 17, 1863

Dear Brother,

I thought I would send you a few lines to keep up some excitement this morning to last night. My hand has troubled me before much at this time. So I have not had it green yet, it will be easier for a while after it has been dried. Ever since I came I have not one that I know near or about the place but B. Boys from the State who lived at a reservoir last night. I had quite a chat with two of them. But they were a person. I took them all the bread, butter, coffee, tea, meat, potatoes, the eggs.
Pennsylvania and has been in Philadelphia for some time in a small town (L Duffy) to demand $10,000 dollars worth of goods and provisions at the cost of $75. Besides taking all the cattle, sheep, and horses they could find, they took all that they could carry. He considers this among the heaviest blows they have ever received. He has been through it all. He has come to terms with the people and is living there. He fought him for the Battlefields. But he never did it without a struggle and at all cost on the other hand it never been the hardest-contested Battle ever fought on the coast of America. It is equal to the Battle of Waterloo, and the defeat been closely followed. We had every advantage of the enemy for...
Had him in a Strang Land
It had so Rainfed That the
Potomac was so Swollen then
He could not Crop the Space as
He had Come When in the Sea
We had deject Him at any Con
Among our friend Which would
Give us all the Information
Could Besides this the is heavily
Encumberd with the Plunder
Which he has taken I Know
All those disadvantages to Denver
To say I would be willing to
Believe that he will make his
Escape with a good command
Of an Overwhelming Lot of
Plunder How if This Should
Be the Case What will be the
Result There is not a Federal
Soldier that is willing to go
Back into Virginia no other
The Secordela 9 for am part of my ads ver 4. better 05. day. Rg. before I leave here I will see a farewell look at the U.S.A. for a man will have to go more days than the present 25 worth the river to the sea of fighting. I want to do it. Which I more. Some may say that it would be to expensive to feed 75,000 or 100,000 Prisoners but I want to know if it would not be better to feed that many for 2 couples of years instead of 2 years. It could be for them same as it could be for them same in the form instead. To come against us. I wound 400 & 2400 & so that they would have to draw Pension for life if you read this to any stranger you know what have to say. I have no money at all but I expect a letter from father next Saturday your brother Don Ranso
(Page 7) As I have been lately
so as to think, I would
send a few lines where I suppose
you are very busy, just now, as
you will be at 11 hours 20 that
I was last, will they suit.

One more thing. You are going to
send the 112 to the other state but
the house and the which has always
like a little tree. A very when you
write give us full particulars of all
that go is going on & if you know
anything about what the second of
January to the 1st of March that
work a remaining for the 1st have
reported at Washington & I met
the Morse go through and
were 2-words here. What is
John his or doing there are all
Cape is going to this front in
there so man injuries quantity
of wounded in this city & money
the worse has come yet.
With these few lines I shall close.

Dear -

V.H. Hospital
South & 2nd Streets
Philadelphia

These words to the best of my recollection.

Write soon.

Good Boy.

Your s."
No. 1

Henry

by

127.50

Light Ink  Smeared Ink
July 23, 1863
Newton infirmary Hospital
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Brother and friend: I now take the chance to write a few lines to let you know I have been quite sick up. I am now in the hospital, where my affair is very good. I have had a kind of a fever with an awful chills, and I am awful weak. But am on the gain more over. Companies K. L. M. O. and P. have joined the regiment, and had two fights but none got much in the 3rd. The other regiments are best, but they have been hard work. Since he got a letter from Agnes, he had me read it. William is in Frederick. City I did not see him. I wrote 3 times while I was in.
Home,

Grand Rapids and I only got one answer and I intended to write when a letter there but they would not let a man have a bit of time all the soldiers they give was 4 days so I would only had 1 day time to stay and then I would not of had my barge they didn't get there barge till they had them ready to put on the cars and never stop till we got to Washington and we have been on the march ever since and that is it about the reason that I have not written before in the skirmish we were in our company took one gun that weighed 10 pounds shell there were about 4 thousand rebels taken prisoners more to it would not take a fortune hardly for what I have seen.

I have been through all of the big cities Pennsylvania Philadelphia Baltimore Frederick and several smaller ones and I was at Frederick the next day after the war a rebel they hung he was hanging to the tree while I was there I was hurried so I could not get a chance to send any of my bounty home and it ain't safe to send it in a letter. I have 2 months pay due now and when I get to the regiment and draw it I will just some bounty with it and give it to William to express home. I have not ran William I sent my love to you all.
Direct H & B.
Newton University
Hospital
Baltimore
Maryland

and will and into a little longer and a little
Baltimore now write in soon
as you get this and tell
me know all the folk around
this are From Your
Brother
W. E. Baird
July 23, 1863
Newton university Hospital
Baltimore Maryland

Dear Brother and friend i now take the chance to write a few lines to to let you know i have been quite hard up i am now in the hospital where there is very good care i have had a kind of a fever with an awful dihrea and i am awful weak but am on the gain now our 2 companies have joined the regiment and had two fights but none got killed one lieutenant got wounded in the arm the 6 & 7 regiments are both together i have seen fred Deim since he got a letter from Agnes he had me read it William is in frederick City i did not see him i wrote 3 times while i was in Grand Rapids home and only got one answer i i intended to write when i left there but they would not let a man have a bit of time all the furloughs they give was 4 days so i would only had i days time to stay an then i wouldnt of had my bounty they didend get there bounty till they had them ready to Put on the cars and never stoped till we got to Washington and we have been on the march ever since and that is is about the reason that i have not written before in the skirmish we were in our Company took one gun that throwd a 10 Pound shell there were about 4 thousand rebs taken Prisoners there to i would not take a fortune hardly for what i have seen i tell you i have been through all of the big cities around here Pensylvania Philadelphia Baltimore Frederick and and several smaller ones i was at Frederic City the next day after there was a rebel spy hung he was hanging to the tree when i was there i was hurried so i could not get a chance to send any of my Bounty home and it aint safe to send it in a letter i have 2 months pay due now and when i get to the regiment and draw i i will put some Bounty with it and give it to william to express home i have not seen william i send my love to you all and will and rite a little longer and a little Better one now write as soon as you get this and lett me know all the folk around there are From Your Brother
H. C. Baird

Direct HCB
Newton university Hospital
Baltimore
Maryland
Dear Sisters

As has just come to hand I feel that seems to be a sort of misunderstanding some way you must have been answering the letter I wrote while at Gettysburg as you have sent me two notes to your sister. I left him at Gettysburg the 1st and since that time I have heard nothing of him. But I must tell you that my brother has been getting worse for the past three days. He will likely be in the hospital of my house. I also have had a bad time as he has been sick for the past three days. I have had it checked at the hospital under these circumstances I do not feel as well as what I might. But still keep up.

May the Lord be with one ever since a thought of what kind of a man I am. My own business at this time is to make sure that you will have everything ready for you that may come the last one of the 10th day. The 1st day which is the nearest as we do not know the other day until I get back. My own wish then as Washington he got an old man to take my place when I get well enough to take charge of the house.
Again the-Adjourned Court-Martial said, if I were to give the
sentence of death for killing 4 horses by a shot, that I would
have to bring the case to the Full Court of Adriance and
then to bring the case to the Supreme Court of New York.
In the meantime, I had considered the matter. I had
thought that I had done my duty by the 4 horses and
the 4 officers. I had given the order to fire 4 shots at
the 4 horses and the 4 officers. I had considered the
matter with the Full Court of Adriance and then
brought it to the Supreme Court of New York.

The next day, the Full Court of Adriance heard the
case. I appeared before them and explained my
actions. I said that I had done my duty by the 4
horses and the 4 officers. I had given the order to fire
4 shots at the 4 horses and the 4 officers. I had
considered the matter with the Full Court of
Adriance and then brought it to the Supreme Court
of New York.

The Full Court of Adriance deliberated for a short
period. They then gave their decision. They said
that the 4 horses and the 4 officers were
innocent of any crime.

The Supreme Court of New York then heard the
case. I appeared before them and explained my
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innocent of any crime.
of our Captain & after the Blanchard & one had carried a whale into the barn I got them out of danger as well as we could not send for the Captain, to have a physician brought down, as we wanted to have him off. Then Thomas Allen & two men & two & one man (I belive it was) came into the barn & they took the yellow skin that had killed, & told him it was a shooter like as some others. Brought 4 of his crew & brought one down on his shoulders & helped Blanchard to one to carry him to the hospital & when I returned to the barn I found the captain with Allen & setting & had ease. This is the kind of a man he is that all such things are right & smart & with regard to the business you want my advice & I want to give it for it is no job for all the feel confident I could clean off the barn in 3 or 4 days & whatever you do I should not advise you to go in with 6 men for reasons very obvious from the Ladies. But there is no need to worry them. I have the chemicals clean & help you keep them clean & yourself also you had better have one long网络安全 or the Bath will spend a day. Over 7 of the long man you speak of & some one learn the Photography Business. I should advise you to do it & this is all the go thing I. When you do take a picture do it as good as I can. I am not going to tell you all about it. But what else there it you should go at the go & I will work & get you more. Particularly if you have not reminded the Professor. Then up pretty well, your help will not be to start your brother from hard times.
Mr. T. Baret.
East China
St. Clair Co.
Mich.
Newton, University, Hospital Baltimore, Md.
July the 29, 1863.

Brother T. I now am going to write once more and see if I can get an answer for this one as I wrote one about a week ago and have not an answer yet you must surely get it because I directed it right and it couldn’t help going I may get yours to day if you wrote Sunday. I am up and around now but am awful weak I can’t walk around much yet but time is all I need to gain strength I saw cousin Dein the day before I came to Baltimore he was well he showed me a letter he had just got from
After the 13th of July

Veryly is all brigade together

under general, Hill, Patrick, and

the 6, 8, 9th somewhat together.

I have not seen William yet.

He was at Frederick city when i

was at the regiment the last

I saw of our regiment it was

the Potomac from Mayland into

Virginia on a pontoon bridge

about half a mile across. It tell

you how the bridge is made they

have boats about the shape of a

wagon now only about 8 feet

depth and they have them end

days of the stream and about 4

feet apart and then they have

two 6 foot ways of the boote and

the tie are planked over and it

as safe way. Hiee and then

are the pontoon bridges you

have heard of this place where i

am now is the place where

so many troops was field into

when they were going through on

the cars it is a larger place

than Detroit. Washington is quite

a nice place. I have been through

it 8 times. I saw the white house

where all lives and it is about

a mile from the capital there

are two big guards there when you

Washington and his horse is cut

out of marble he is mounted

on his horse and his horse stand

on his hind feet or always

Piece of marble about 10 feet high

the day before

we got to Frederick they there

was a rebel spy going up to

a tree and he hang them for 3 days

and all the boys from all regiments

out of some of his clothes and

wouldsend little pieces they glued

the box & i seen several cut a piece
Shirt, just to show that was
a piece of the shirt of the spy
they pulled him up once and he
continued for them to let him
down and they let him down
and he said if he would of had
3 hours he would of had the
whole train where he was captured
of about 500 wagons and provisions
our Major and Captain Says to
his boys take every thing you can
find if we should a better share
than our own take him and if
chickens and pigs take it
we stayed one night and we were
very hungry and our chaplain went up
to a barn and the first thing we heard
was a hog squeal the same second and
told us stop he had a hog stuffed up
at the Barn and to go and get all the
Pot we wanted that was my
liberty. It went in the other letter
I'll be glad to do any help I can.

Although I do not find the dish particularly pleasant, I shall be glad to have one of my own. I think I shall like the one I have in mind. I wrote to Norm of the same, and tell her she will find some time to send me some more. I have a number of letters which I wish to write, and will soon have time to do it. I am leaving home tomorrow and shall be busy.
You don't get the horse back and as there has hard work to get a man of the side with spurs and a curb bit every man back falling of it never saw when they first put on curb bits and then when they would start to run and they would stick in their head to stick on and then they would stop and race and then the would pull on the bits and that mud the twice was bad but the night before we cleaned our horses the two boys out of our company went to an old regiment close by and stole an old drilled horse and it took thin and he can stand more than any of their new horses he is a gone a smart fellow to run to he is you must find soon if you get this by saturday
This last one leaf is
the last part
Direct Newton University
Hospital Baltimore Md.
I cannot write very well
yet as if my hand trembles so
From W. C. Baird
Sudder 7th Mich. Cavalry
belongs to Co L.
True

Romeo Aug: 3. 1863

I believe that I saw the last letter but hearing some bad news I want to know all the particulars about it hearing that William was wounded and your father and you to see him ride as soon as you get the hurt news from him we are all right here but have not heard any thing from Clay if you hear from him ride where he is for we are all a waiting with patient to hear from him send the direction and I will ride to him whether he answers or not. Tell the girls that I am all right especially Lewisa for I promised to take charge of her when hand left but I am afraid she won't agree if you think she will let me know ride as soon as you can.
Mr. T. Baird Esq.
East China
St. Clair Co.
Michigan

Baltimore, Aug. 11
August 16, 1863

Stetson University
Hospital Baltimore

(Dear) Brother

I thought I would write a few lines to you to-day, and let you know I have received the answer to my letter of the 23. I have received none from my last letter (perhaps it got delayed) you did not understand me in saying I was hard up. I did not mean that I was in need of anything only that I was in a hard condition but I am all right now as quick as I get a little bit stronger I am some weak yet I got a letter from William 2 days after I got yours I have note to him this morning & vote another.
to John C. I have not had time to go to all of the Hospitals and I will like ly have to go to a good many to find John Young as I do not know which one he is in. I did not get any of your letters that you told me to send to Spotside and I sent two home from there but never mind it is all right now we are expecting a large fight they are preparing at Hagerstown in a few days which I never shelled the word thing thinks if we are successful it is now much more of sail and will wind up this rebellion road iron about 2 or 3 feet long as all their power is near one place and then we will meet them just as big a force as the army of the potomac is the one that has the look to do them but never mind they are the boys that can do it it would answer this till I write
again as I may leave here before I could get an answer to write. I don't know again. I think I will draw a couple of months' pay before I go to again and send it to home. I may send 40 dollars home and have not received any of my pay yet. There is 3 months' pay due me. I have only 80 dollars left yet. It is the best friend a man has. I will send all my pay for 4 months. I will enough to use for a long time. Yet, From KC Bailey, Your Brother
August 17th 1863

Newton University Hospital, Baltimore

Dear Brother, I have just got your letter of the 16th and was glad to hear that you were getting along so well. I am doing very well and am glad to hear that you are going to get a furlough. I cannot come and see you before you go home. But you can tell the folks that I am six inches of nothing and you can tell them that there must be something wrong about my letters as I have not a great many since I have been here. You can tell them that I may stay there quite a while. I pray the best of times of Uncle Ned and all summer but you need not
August 22, 1862

Newton University,
Hospital, Baltimore, MD

Dear Brother, I now take the opportunity to write a few lines to you hoping that William will be home before you receive this. I have not been very well for the last ten days but I stay up around. I suppose you must be pretty near through with your harvesting now. There is one thing I have forgot to tell you when I write before I suppose you all know. Some thought the man stole some money. He is in our regiment. He did not know me. I walked up to him and said how are you. But you never saw a man so glad in your life. He got six months for good behavior and served 342 days.
there is no one knows it and i won't tell one him the cried about his wife the fact reason did not see her well but he says she would not trust one of them she is quite drobly now she was look at grand rapids i have not much news to write we sec the rebel prisoners this morning day you would not believe how different they look they are all thin faced fellow and of all black i received a letter from William am he had got a furlough and i suppose he will be home to stay i hope he will have a good time i would liked to be there with him but never mind i will have a good time when i come home i suppose you have plenty of fruit now

it would like to be there to see some bears you must put away quick as written gets home and let me know how the is tell him to write as i will stay here some time i expect my descriptive list here every day and i will send home about 10 dollars i have no news write soon and let me know all the Parsons around there give my best respects to all the folk

from your Paine

Write soon

W. G. P.
East China Aug. 31st 88

Dear brother, I got your letter last week and was glad to hear that you got up there safe. I got to school now and have got a good school master this winter. He makes us write, he gives prizes he gets fifty cents to the one that gets the most marks in the first class and in the second class to, and he will give the one that gets the most credit marks will get a twenty cent, and the one that gets the fewest marks.
Dear brother,

I got your letter last week and was glad to hear that you got up there safe. I have got to school now and have got good school marks. The master he makes the men do their work. He gives prizes the pupils that do the best work to the one that gets the most marks. In the first class and in the second class he will give the one that gets the most credit marks. The one that gets the least marks.
we have got one letter from Henry since you have been gone and he says that that was the last letter he was going to write until he got an answer from you. I have not got any corn since you have been gone and the cows have been on a teasing me to go out with them. I want to go with them. I will not go on a shape I must come to a close give this letter to you
Spa the station that is in here from your brother
we have got one letter from home since you have been gone and he says that that was the best letter he was going to write until he got an answer from us. I have not got any corn since you have been gone the horse has run a teasing just to go out with them. I will write them I will send you a paper. I must come to a close give this letter to the shipping that is in here from your brother. Don't forget.

twenty black marks will get a helping. I got two head marks and twenty seven above me at school next Monday. I had a good time at school. I did not have the sewing machine and so we will have to sew every day. That was the school. We have to make piece every two weeks. I like to speak very fast. I have taken no time. I know really. Wried spelling assume teach and frames. I like not good very much.
Mr. J. Raind
East China
St. Clair Co.
Michigan
All is quiet on the Potomac.

Newtown University
Hospital Baltimore 30th

Dear Brother,

I now take my pen to answer your letter of the 30th Aug as I have just got it. I am glad you got home safe. I am well at present. I should have written to you before but I did not know as you was home. I hope you can get a position in the 11 Cavalry. If you do I will be well. If you let me know immediately after you get this say if saddler is taken up if you get a position save saddler for me and I can get transferred as I want to be with your mind. Regimental saddler the
Some as I have got to now

There is one thing

I have to say to you now about my writing is with people. I think that I am not a fool and that I think of myself and not with as much reverence as any the general sort of people that is for instance the heart. I had no hard words with true heart. I thought no more principals than the he had. I had nothing against me that damn brute. I am sure he can't do not hear. I think I say that I don't nor gamble on though fear that I put the fear some that you all know but not so much as I did when I was to home. I do not go to any ill fame houses and what she could stay about & me I do not no &

I will write to him to say that it is to True Heart and

Smeared Ink
have this give an explanation on the subject found out and you can and say nothing to him. If you see him, I send him my best respects for publishing my false character for me. I hope you will have a good time while you are at home. Give my best respects to all my inquiring friends and to the ladies in General I am just now how long I will stay there. I guess all summer. I had a chance to look at the houses that I do not like to take any of them write soon give me all the news and let me know how you get along with Colonel Brown. I send my best respects to all the folks.

From your brother,

W.E. Brown

W.E. Brown
Camp Davis, N.C., Sept. 18, 1863

Dear Brother,

I now take the opportunity to write you as I have left the hospital at Baltimore and gone to Virginia. We are now about 6 miles from Washington. We expect to go to the front tomorrow. I am quite well at the present time, all excepting my ankle. It is a kind of a boil almost. I washed a skirt and houseyesterday. There are about 15,000 men here. It is a skirmishing camp. Our regiment is on the Rappahannock. Lieutenant Carl of R. Taylor is in the papers. Here we are encamped on Generals Hunter's farm. Generals Nash farm is about 2 miles from here. They are...
very nice place there is no
place like it at all i expect
William here very soon as
i think he has left the folks
when you write direct
Hulebard" Es Es the quick brown
washington DC and that will
go to the regiment and as
quick as i get there i will
write and give you all the new
give me all the new when
you write give my respects
to all the folks and to
my friends from your
brother
Hulebard
St clair Sept 15th

T. Baird
China Depiz

I have received my appointment & have to report myself to head quarters immediately & where I can acquaint as to wanting you, I give you full particulars as to what I want you to do—I will write you again from head quarters.

Your truly,

John Thompson
Dear Brother,

I have just received your letter of the 17th, which gives me much satisfaction. It is in the future that we must receive the same kindness. We are not well but I have great hopes of being out of the house soon. I think I should have the chance of being useful to you. I have no reason to doubt that God would give me my commission to do what you can for me.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
To my dear friends,

Yesterday, on the 14th of October, I received your letter, which gives me much satisfaction. I am the person who has been in the hospital, and in my absence, I have taken the liberty of writing to you. I hope you will find my absence agreeable. I have received a letter from your friend, and I think it must give you some pleasure. I have not received any further news.

I think it would be a pleasure if you could come to see me. The weather is fine, and I am looking forward to your visit.
Dear Sir,

I have just received your letter. I was delighted to hear from you. I hope my letter found you in good health.

Look down upon the city and the wealth and power that you possess. I am sure you will be proud of your position and may I add that you can do more than I can. I will do my best to assist you.

I write to you again to express my gratitude. I would be grateful if you could help me in this matter. I am sure you would be pleased to assist me.

Your brother,

[Signature]
Transcript

Phila Pa
Wednesday 10 am
Hospital 24th South 25(?)
Sept. 16, 1863

Dear Brother

I have just Received yours of the 18th(?) which gives me much satisfaction as it is the first that has been Received since I have returned to the Hospital. I do not know what to think of Sim as he gave me the greatest assurance that I should have my chance if he done anything but I have not Received a word from him I think I could get another furlo if he gave me my commition do what you can for me and keep your Eye on Ed Recor if he takes the 1st Lieut he must surely raise some men I shall write to Unkle Tea to day you be sure & get your position any way & make all you can I do not care if he does give Ed a Sight the more Poor tools he gets for officers the Better I would be Liked by the Boys There is no news at Present in the City I was all through the Old State House yesterday where the Constitution of the U.S. was framed & signed went up into the Steeple where look down upon the whole City it was quite a sight I shall not say any more at Present I shall look for your next

Write soon
Do what you can for me
Your Brother

Wm Baird
Dear Brother W.

I now take another opportunity to write to you as it is quite a while since I have written to you in this letter as headed Camp Davis, but before I could finish it we moved into Camp Hancock about eight miles from Camp Davis about 3 miles from Washington. I wrote to you where I was in Camp Davis and told you to answer to the regiment as I expected to get to the regiment where I write but as I get a chance to help the Quartermaster I thought I would stay a while and get a little touch of home having very few times just now. There was a large regiment of men left here this morning for the front and I am severe for them. The Distressed men that have left their homes and have to get new men as this is a recruiting camp. We are in the most beautiful place I ever saw it is on Maryland and on a very high hill we can see the fort on all sides mounted with 34 and 40 pounders we can see the firing from the Washington Navy yard every day they are now firing a new kind of gun. Cannon of about 42 pounds and it makes the sharpest report of any I have heard yet and we are about half a mile from the Maryland Sanitary Asylum and it is a splendid building and in a beautiful place right to the front of us. There is a valley which is now being built full of Barracks and Stables. There are about two thousand men to work on three Barracks and they build them...
Very fast. Please forward the pay master.

Yes, every day, but we have not yet got back to Washington yet from the Potomac. I was ordered to Baltimore, but did not yet my Discharge List, and so I could not get my pay there. I am now about some pay coming to me now, and I expect 178 dollars a month, which will come to 66 dollars. I have not done anything since I have been in the regiment. I volunteered to stand guard. I might since I have been in the Camp. I have not heard from William since I left Baltimore. I suppose his in the hospital. I will let me know when you write. I am in good health. The weather is better now, and as it does every day, the weather has been a man, yet that what has been bothersome with it. It is fine, the climate, and the food, together I think you will like it home about. It is not much, if I can get away, if I can it will be to stay all together. There is too, an officers in our regiment, and one of us will have to be mustered out and it don't make any difference to me, whether I do, I will not come my way to come. I stay if it is 5 years. I like the service as well as can be expected by the pay, it is carried on, it is earned on in a miserable way. Demutin Officers every one of them have the same sort of life as my company, and that is Lieut. Earl of this town. We have no free goods here, it is all bread, meat, sugar, and tea. It is a luxury if we just have.

In from the hospital about 120 men. I commenced this letter yesterday, but I thought I would write and tell you I had to go to the point, but I am not a going, only yet. I will leave next week with a baggage and go with one of my assistants, he is a nice fellow when I write again. I will try and send you my papers you need not write until I write again. As I may not get it before I make here, I will write as soon as I go to the regiment and let you know all the news when you write to me again. You must let me know all the news.

Love My Regards To
My Longing Friends.

From H. C. Baine
Joseph Brother

Don't Write till you get another letter from me.

I am sound as a Bell.

All Quiet On the Potomac.
If I have just got your letter as I was at a furnishing affair one and it was glad to hear that you were all well I received your letter with your photograph in it and I will send you mine in place of it as quick as I get a chance to get them taken likely the last part of this week will be careful and dont get sworn in the draft office arrangement dont never get fast to make than for he is an awful boy you have not lay in good regiment you know going as if it was a Fregale Draft let me know when you write again give me all the particulars in your last where I say my respects to all the girls that are get unmarried and till them that there will be a few bright for them when us soldiers get back if such is the case hand to them all as well as you can and let me know how you succeed I give the best my just respect till then I am all sound.

From your loving Brother

Dear—

N.C.B. and
1st Montana Cavalry
Camp, Hays, Mont. 3d
Washington D.C.
No. 8
A. B. Clark
Geo.
Mr. J. Baines
East China Hotel Co
Rich.
some of the best I just come to hand of receiving on Tuesday the quarter and on order for that purpose I am glad to hear that you were along as well as to the British seaport and will be much more comfortable this winter than you were before. And according to your letter you will spend your revenue in England I will do my best to get you of the same regiment I hope N raid succeed in getting it so fortifying it I should be more certain to fall into real advantage and have your safety in the hands of Captain of mine again in the hands of the enemy I had been warned do not think that the cadets would be in any action I ascertain none through 1355 but having hope and can do it without assistance and I beg you will not do anything will not do anything you will do anything you will do anything
Mr. James, 

I hope this letter finds you in good health and spirits. I have just received a message from the company informing me of your return from the West. It is heartening to hear that you have completed your tour of duty successfully.

The news of your return has spread quickly, and the company is eager to welcome you back. They are planning a special reception to honor your efforts and contributions. I believe you have a role in shaping the future of our organization, and I am confident that your presence will add value to our endeavors.

Concerning the new project that you mentioned, the company is quite enthusiastic about your ideas. I have forwarded your proposals to the relevant departments, and they are currently reviewing them. I believe it is an exciting opportunity for you to apply your skills and expertise in a new context.

Please keep me updated on your progress and any further details about the project. I am looking forward to hearing more about the opportunities it may bring.

In the meantime, please take care of yourself and enjoy your well-deserved break. I hope your family and friends are doing well, and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
...thing to make them believe you are inclined to that. I am not sure what your draft - why your cousin would consider for ahead a tablet - every other way you could bring them.

...am going to take it into my mind and get rid of it.

...can get well as they wish to... shall understand I shall think that ought to be... shall have them.

...of any of the holidays before... next... soon as I can get the... bound together.

...have noted... manner to write... can express... pretend... and... would never recuse. Your... be... impossible... was ran after thought.

...Dear F... say our respect. God bless you... times. I... with... you... the... had... bear... to tell... for... shall send you... photographs... will be... We... feel... what... mood... from your... Dearly... have had no word from the...
I have been so long away from home that I feel quite homesick. I shall probably return before long. I hope you are all well.

I have been considering how to get back to my previous position. I have been working hard to improve my skills, and I believe I am making progress.

I am looking forward to seeing you all again. Please write and let me know how you are.

From your brother,
[Signature]
Transcript

Sept. 20(?), 1863

Dear Brother,

Yours of the 20th has just come to hand. I received the money the chart & also the order for that jewelry. I am glad to hear that you were getting along so well with the Mason work. You will be much more comfortable this winter than you were last. But according to your letter you will spend your winter in Washington & all I hope is that I can be in the same regiment. I hope Sim succeeds in filling up the company as I should do most anything to get out from that Captain of mine again. I would be somebody if I had a commiotion again. I do not think that they will ever need to go into action if accounts through. I see by this morning’s paper that Lee has sent reinforcements to Bragg & that Mead has become acquainted with the fact & is taking every advantage he has now quite a force across the & is on for Richmond & I hope him success there has been several cavalry Skirmishing already. But I hope you do well with Thompson. It will give you a general idea of business transactions you had better look over your Bookkeeping. But when you commence with him first view his books & try & imitate his form again make as much fuss about your going as you can decently & be sure & tell them you are going & make them believe you are enlisted so that in case there was any Draft they of course would consider you already a soldier & in that way you would dodge them. Is Ed Recor a going to go yet or has he give up his position.

I am quite well at present and do not know as I shall remain a great while longer. But I shall stay as long as I can or at least till I hear what success Sim had. If you go to Kalamazoo before Long write as soon as you get there with full particulars.

I have not much more to write at present. The man that attempted to commit suicide is still alive & doing as well as could be expected. But I am afraid he will never recover. But still he is sensible. It was an offal attempt.

Give Dave & Mary my Best Respects and when you see Lonesa(?) you must make an apology for me not coming to see her. Tell her just as it was for she stuck to me to have me come. I told her I should & didn’t. I shall send you my photograph in this. No more. I do not feel in a writing mood to day.

From your Brother,

Wm Baird

I have had no word from the Regiment nor Henry as yet

I sent John a paper with some watermelon seeds in. Has he got it
[Toward the end of Sept. 1863]

This is quite a bit of news to this city. I thoroughly the state of the state. Relations have settled this week from every standpoint in the state. Both candidates you have gotten the nomination in the party, but in the north there is a new candi
date, perhaps a better choice, who is said to be the one to stand for the Union. I am told, but I have not the information to say if it is true. I believe it is true, but I am not informed as to the candidate. I am told about 15 miles from here by a small broke called Norristown. If you are there believe there was a crowd and speeches. I understand the Commander was talking at 10:30 AM. A man every corner of prominence where a man could go. They were on all the posts and a speaker on the platform at a time. But of all I heard that could do the business up to date. The band was the one that commenced the work that gathered the audience. He addressed them as they were introduced by the Chairman of the Board.

On Jackson's I believe his name was mentioned. He could do it. He is a leader. He is a man. He has done the work. Can any man speak about the horse that came the Lord himself? He is a noble looking man. He has been with the people. He said he did not want any more. I thought he was just looking to save the Union. I believe...
[Toward the end of Sept. 1863]

That is quite a stir in this city & throughout the entire State for the State Election coming off this week from Oct 1st. Monday on the 2nd Wednesday at Belvoir.

The candidates you may have been mentioned in the before. My uncle and have been a little to correspond.

The Copperheads are on their higher to head with the old or present Gov. Andrew P. Butler. I am told more.

Is with the Protestant candidate to win. & Tasker, I am told that President has Tuesday Miss about 14 miles from here in a small city called Norristown. & you Corey believe there goes a crowd and a speaker. Thomas Daniel. They commenced talking at a black cloth. I find every corner the commencement where a they could get a hand they were out all this week & speaker on the platform at a light. Part of all I heard was that would be the主 Chaplains of all the Randal was the one that commenced the work that gathered the audience & addressed them. Now introduced by the chairman as the Bishop on & the Smith. I believe he was read by. It Ward of the Codell that C. Charles toarry thing the is ahead he can add the work as easy he spoke about two hours there came the Cod himself with a mob Looking around & approachedCodwell's charter. He my obtained about people as Mr. Buckley and he said he did not want any excuse & that the was just nothing to save the election addressing.
For Captain T. the said Clay would do it in the very eye of the Democratic party. After the war came by Gen. Johnson, he is a very fair-looking man. But to one of old Capt. Clark the told them this was their little thing. 14 years ago it was hard work for him to get his wanted to be as once. Poor man! How worse thin the time an uncle I could not hear, and when Mars was to struck, noise from all different corners were heard. The shackle bear once, during the Bear Hunt I will give you some idea as the back. When he killed off his flocks that I touched at into the pocket, he commence by saying that at Bear him six and of 1848 when the Cumberland pretended to come-the people but first counted the acres and their estimated how many an acre would hold 7. By this method calculated there unknown.

[William Baird]
Transcript

[toward the end of Sept. 1863]

There is quite a stir in this City & throughout the entire State for there State Elections come off two weeks from next Tuesday or the Second Tuesday in October  There candidates you have Likely seen mentioned in the Papers  The Union Party have been a Little to smart for the Copperheads  the Union ticket is head with the old or Present Gov Andrew G Curtin & an able man he is while the Democratic candidate is Geo J Woodward. I tended a mass meeting Last Tuesday the 22 about 17 miles from here in a Small City called Norristown & you may believe there was a crowd and Speakers without number  They commenced Talking at 2 o’clock P.M. & on Every Corner or Eminence where a Man could get a Stand they were at it  there was 3 Speakers on the Ground at a time But of all I heard that could do the Business up to the handel was the one that commenced the work that Gathered the audience & addressed them was Introduced by the Chairman as the Buck Eye Blacksmith  I believe his name was Baird & he could Play(?)

& of any thing he is ahead  he can do the work so easy  he spoke about an hour then came the Gov Himself  he’s a noble Looking man & a Splendid Orator But he Dare not abuse people as the Buck Eye did  he said he did not want any office & that he was just talking to save the Union & to Elect Gov Curtin & he said they would do it in the very Eyes of the Democratic Party  after the Gov came Ex Gov Johnson  he is a very fair Looking man But to much of old  Capt Clark the told them this that & tother thing 14 years ago  it was hard work for him to talk  he wanted to be so nice But that wont do then came a Judge  I could not hear his name there was so much noise & from all Different Corners were heard the Shoulder Beer Men doing there Best  But I will give you some Idea of the Buck Eye  when he Pulled off his Slouch hat & tucked it into his Pocket he commenced by saying that it put him in mind of 1840 when they never pretended to count the People but just counted the acres & then estimated how many an acre would hold & By this method calculated there turnout

[William Baird]
Camp Lee, Head Quarters 11th Mich. Cavalry
Kalamazoo Oct 4th 63

The bold Bands Around I depire
for my Nost

After you passed it has been a fair time here and that I incline we could not do Nothing the Partain himself was not here and could not do any thing until he arrived and since his arrival I have made it my Special business to Enquire for your position he says will not be in need of any body until we arrive at Washington + there he has
made suitable arrangements
for them he has there in
man that has been with him
all through the campaign.
I hope you will excuse me
if I have discommoded you
for I could not sooner get
around.

Yours,
John Thourpe
Dear Brother,

Goree of the 14th was received yesterday for I should of his
arrival. But I must mention that was much
hurt, I have rallied and am well and
enjoying good health. I was put in
death march reinforced with 2000 men
from thinking Hope seems0 Esterette was
a great deal worse. I wish to express to
you sir the 4th command going to
I could not help that I good third of his
been 10m-at-ages 50s. The companies
are still of which I had and other the
people your. I will be your thoughts I
hope good. get yours place and do your
right for the times of being accessible at least
with Rebel Sells to think there into history
with Norocranes is sure of a name. If
Vigers with regard to fear. I am Roche
not the idea what he do or what has become of
mine. Whether the war got through to give Virginia
or招股 at parole camp in Alexandria
& I will not tell, I cannot get any
word from the Regiment whatever not even
my correspondence which has been longer
several times & not Kepelz etc. 

Light Ink
you knew that young ones was Raymond's. I have committed suicide on many the attempts. The 10 days very slow, but by the time I will be dead he another Sabbath. Next Tuesday is the way home will dear the political center and the show. Mr. Day said have been the first day of your Con
fair, I wish I could have attended at 10pm and shot a few bills of fare. This week will be the week of the band and 5 days of it to end and a rest of the results. If you have one of the paper with the advertisement in
and it along with an acre of The year.

Dear Sister,

[Signature]

[Address]

[Date]
You remember that young man we referred to the committee last week who is now very low. It has been given up by the doctors. He will not recover and will die another Sabbath. He will be buried this Thursday.

This should be known. The Richmond Constitution will print this report today. It is the first day of your Ohio Fair. I wish I could have attended it. But I am not well and will not.

This week will be the week of the Ohio Fair and I hope you and I will be able to attend. The Militia of your state have one of the papers with the advertisement in it along with an account of the fair.
Dear Brother

Yours of the 1st was Received Yesterday & I Should of ans Yesterday But did not think there was much Hurry I have waited I am well and Enjoying good health I was not a great deal disappointed with Sim for I never thought him verry Energetic one great Reason why I was so anxious to get into his Company for I new he could not keep the good will of his men But it appears that he amounts to still less than I had any Idea he did I hope you will be more Successful I hope you get your place and do well There is no news of any account at Present The Rebels seem to think there Late Victory with Rosecrans is more of a defeat than Victory With Regard to Henry I am Bothered to tell where he is or what has Become of him Whether he has got through to his Regiment or stopped at Parole camp in Alexandria Va. I cannot tell. I cannot get any word from the Regiment whatever not even my Descriptive List which has been sent for several times & no Reply as yet You Remember that young man Mr Raymond who committed Suicide or made the attempt He is now verry Low he has been given up by the Doctors he will not Likely see another Sabbath. Next Tuesday is the day that will test the Political contest in this State To Day has Been the first Day of your Co. Fair I wish I could of attended it But am just as well of Here This week will be the week of the Land Sales I guess if it is send me a List of the Results & if you have one of the Papers with the Advertisements in send it along with an acct of the fair

William

Brother Robert

I was glad to hear that you had got the Prize & to hear the great amount of headmarks you had it Shows how well you tended School & that you studied well while at School I will send you more Pictures From your Dear Brother

Wm Baird
Camp Wilson, Camp

Brother, I am now have an order change to write a few lines to you. I have not received any answer from the last letter I wrote to you. I don't see as there is much need of writing if I can't get any answer. I am in the same place I was when I wrote before. I am in the hospital in this place in the Northern army. I have not been able to get out of bed. I have got the chill fever they told they is long day as long as I have been here. I am trying for the chill I want much want to stand and feel, etc. Greetings from P. H.
it is very good to me he comes to see me our company has happened with bad luck they have lost some 20 new Prisoners killed and all so that things them out pretty well this letter i commenced on the 14 and could not finish it till to day as i was so sick but i am a gaining strength now and will soon be able to get around again i hope i commence to write this to you but i guess i will send it to you to day as it may not be there when you write back to me know what regiment he has gone in and all about it give me all the particulars about home and end

Let me know William when you write again let me know how you are getting along with your fall work and let me know what kind of a fair you had this fall at St Clair I suppose you have picked all the fruit this fall i would like to be there to help to eat some of them but i guess i can't help you for a while yet i have not got any pay yet and dont know when i will get any but likely get 2 more months and then there will be six months pay coming to me so that will be quite a pile at once i dont know how
much i will get a
month yet for my
Pop. i expect 17. Dollars
a month if not more
i may not get as much
as i expect but if i dont
i will try and quit
then answer soon
and give me all the
particulars.

Sir

C. H. C. Baird

Camp Stoneman

Washington D. C.
Dear Brother,

Some arrived this morning of and chaptors to hear that you are all well at Saint Donnaway but I was surprised to hear that Thompson had disappointed you for all I ask of you is to remember that you can tax them for such favors but one time don’t coin it and glad you heard from them but you said you were to take three weeks yesterday as only a short week I hope you are doing well at the time you get this letter your sight will be hard and I think you’ll get any sight. I should advise you to go to paddling if you are in need of it as it is very convenient for paddling in the region you are and meet the others like I have at a couple ought and do as successful. Bow down a lot of Curious how that I will send you if you are not succeed in the school.
as I commenced this yesterday I did not get through. I shall finish this afternoon. I am extremely well at present and also. nor of course knows how long I shall remain. For we are not short of getting up school. I should try all means admit you as I go to add a few to several, if any, at least. But as you have plenty of horses it might be advisable to try a horse. I take all that I have. I have no business in New York. Can you manage this? Then if you take a show take a lot of books, a few picture cases and a few of the estates. I shall send you with a few parcels to you. A full load would not cost you over 50 dollars. If you want the same come on 7. 20. Remain here for 10. If you go or in any other way, I will obtain permission for some quick medicine. I should send to Mr. Cumber about 10 or 11. I shall have to send to Philadelphia for a few more when they come. I shall send them to you in a paper, as they are all printed. It is to hang in a closet.

I see that the Fair was a complete success and you see that I have failed to get a letter. I will not receive any Og. Ot. and if this is not what you get...
With regard to the piece of land on the 3rd Below, I wish to ask you if you would be so kind as to have him see one of my Canada offices and find out what he will ask to make an assignment that is how much profit he would make on the Buid over the purchase of it by me. I always own for buying the land and he could make it possible for him to own the land in a clear title with third or four thousand dollars or will be in a couple of three years and so for. 10 or 20 dollars each. The next problem is to get the land of him, and I believe he would own it. I would never own it for 12 or 14 dollars to own for 500. It is good for anything except the 18. 10 had to put 100 in the terms of Federation, & I will pay that. I will pay 100, but I believe it is worth one whole of interest. I cannot keep it unless I can have the deed for 50 dollars otherwise I will redeem it. I will pay it if within his husband I would. His address I will send him.

S. Letters
I do not know as I have much to
any news & if you have been able to
find them if you can let them know them to me as soon as
you hear from them I went to D.C. and
there were not afraid to write or to
write to any of a crowd have you write
a note the boys hand to me as you can & particulars enough to
have them all the same right today

Wll. Respect to all

Send all the news you can when
you write the election has given
72 votes. I get expected up
yesterday morning. I am received
20, 247 & ahead but the return was
not all in Ohio I believe has gone Big

From ever Albert Brothers.

Kild
Gainesville Oct 18th 1863

Dear Cousin Thaddeus,

Since I came here I have been quite sick and I got better. I have been very busy I fancy from one place to another. So I could not write. I have been telegraphing a short time in one place then I would be moved to another place. But now I am permanently located at this place next to my house full of business. I am Railroad Agent Telegraph Operator Express Agent & Ticket Agent. It keeps me busy from morning till night.

I don't know about attending you to come here this winter in the farming districts there is but little doing. The corn crop has been a total failure. It was cut & lay an early frost & there won't be any bushel this year where there was a hundred last. You would probably do well out on the Pacific Railroad. They are at work building that road & are paying $12 a day to laborers.
brand will cost you $300 per month and you will have one chance to spend any money you find. A good chance is yet a good situation when the blockade is completed.

I heard your folks think of enlisting in the Army with the 7th. If you don't go I want to come west. Your need have no fear but what you can get plenty to do to make money. Give my love to all the folks. If you come out here take the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy RR if you will be all right.

Write me soon so I believe me as ever your cousin,

[Signature]
Brother John, I thought I would write a few lines to you as I do not get any answers from you. I did not know but it was because I wrote to Ji and he was not to home so I wrote to you about a week ago but have got no answer yet. It seems as if you don't get them I can't see how it is I wrote about 3 weeks ago but have not got an answer. So there is no much use of writing I do not know where William is I suppose he is in Philadelphia yet in the hospital you can let me know when you write where he is. I suppose you are about done with your fall work and have got all of the fruit gathered. I wish I could be there a little while to eat some of them. I wish I had a box sent through to me but there would be no use of trying to send anything here because we can't get them till every thing is spoiled. So I will have to go without for a while yet. I am in the hospital now and have been here for 18 days with the chills fever but I am better now and will soon be.
So as I can get around again there was 19 boys out of our company taken prisoners a few days ago and so our orderly sergeant was taken prisoners and so I did not get any Pay this time yet so it will go to six months now before I can get any Pay I can't see how it is that men have to go so long without their Pay there are men here that have gone 10 months without any Pay there are thousands going out and coming in here every day it is an awful camp they won't allow any settle on the camp ground every thing is very Dear here this is all the news I have to tell you you must write immediately and let me know all the news

From your Brother / Alice Baird

Direct / H.A. Baird
Camp Stoneman / Washington D.C.
Mr. S. Baird
Eastling, Milan
Pa.
Dear G.,

Your long letter came to hand last night - you asked to be a little longer answer, but did not signify that - by your letter that you are about to leave for Virginia. Indeed the gods you said at home, & advise you over-to go to Virginia. - Try to make up your mind first - you will be quite safe - get the money first, & then, perhaps, you will have things at dinner. But if you can not then go into the old world, and go at once & to and then never this journey - of all sorts, you will feel over - as the post has been long time coming, and you get the money a good part of the way to going part. It is your own affair, advice some of these to change it to be here. So you do not - as you are always the same - as to be disappointed, and you never have the disappointment. I have had to do as much as if you only had the latter, but it is particularly in this - to give a pass to the conduct of the Col. or the Col. or the location of where you are. Never have to know and when to consider the whole thing. But it is not necessary. It is not great to go. I am sure of all the events. I am going to - and I got you a letter like the Col. to send to you. You must not, this is sufficiently shown. It is to be sure very much interesting - and which says the Col. to send to him. I will write the Col. - but so all the do not despise it of much precautions all I want to do - doing was to write that. This would be every way the same - that after this you get all out of a better for the Col. It is their dinners upon 3 little & your house. You might - you might not be able. I will write them with the best policy. But remember what the auth. told you, do not do nothing whatever not knowing the thing. I do not think it - I am very terrible person. But both sides the Convention can remember when he was a fellow. I shall do all I can to obtain this agree for you. I thank you. I am thankful you have sent to look you to make yourself some that you have great purpose. About you and all you know is a little further in that I am sure to follow you for the society of bones - this for a little more out that -
Sir, I wish to make you acquainted with certain things you say in your letter which are a little peculiar. I am not sure I understand your meaning when you say, "I am disposed to take the weather into consideration and to use the forecast of the weather to guide my actions." I am not sure I understand the implications of your statement. I would be interested in hearing more about your intentions.

I am also interested in hearing more about your recent travels. The information you provided is quite intriguing. I would like to hear more about your experiences in different parts of the world. It seems like you have a unique perspective on the world, and I would like to learn more about your thoughts and observations.

I also appreciate your thoughts on the significance of weather in our daily lives. I believe that weather plays a crucial role in shaping our experiences, and I would like to hear your见解 on this topic.

Thank you for sharing your insights and experiences with me. I look forward to hearing more from you in the future.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Date]
Dear Brother Robin,

I have just read your letter and am glad to hear that you have got the things I sent you. I like to see your progress. I am glad to hear that you are well and happy. I hope you are all ready to commence school. I hope you will be a good boy. I should have liked to see you. I cannot get the letters from you. I had this letter from you. Will Charles be at your house to-morrow?}

This is from Your Affectionate,

Brother A. Brad.
Thunder Bay Notes

Brother Jim.

I have the chance and imagine it will be to my advantage since
you have a place to start
into the woods in a day or two. I thought of a note
and if you think that we are doing nothing whether
one can be back in Rockies
that I have been to work in the Drygulch mine.

By John has been getting up
at 5 o'clock and going up
place, There has been about
a dozen young, have some
been since he came they do
not their patch sizes.
Thundery By R.M.

Brother John,

As I have the

chance and opportunity to say some words of

regard, I write to say how

the word is in a way I thought of it, and

it only in this way

we are doing what we have

had to do.

This is to say

that I have been

in the City of

the United States of

America, and I

have been

there since the

same day it

had. Their Stated Time
one but they came to the part place they first stayed and the first boat came and they all started if I think we will stand to become regular place to make money deducted a month there is the cost he is paying I have a voyage in the first I have written two letters home one to the one to Bill and one to you get my letter from the send them up & send one of the latest newspapers for they don't know any thing about the war where the war can't get written here once of there & only one giving him chance to go out so they were I now any thing done the war the way was near the people
one but they came to the way of this place there head since we were there is when the enemy bought he bought the town that 12 of them were drafted & that I think there had to take some hurt to 2 some paid the money. If I gave you a description of how the last he is paying. I have sent in the past I don't think you could read at the sign I wrote to the first place I have here for the boat which we got as had an early band the may have sent. I have one of the earliest newspapers for they don't know any thing about the place how the town can't get within half a mile or these many days a quarter of a chance to get out of the town. They now my thing were the war the only was near the people

Light Ink
Uncle Jospeh is as kind as ever.
I feel I'd like to see him.
I know there is no way to find

him on the map but I'll try and remembe

the way. There is no way I went down
The road had been covered by
It was quite arip I noticed
as the best to ride along.
I'll just you can the road
and make over to the city.

It went the way safe I stop
when I went out at the crossing
and told you where it was
until you knew all the rest.
I went home here many things
I have just given up to me.
I know how you are this
your father will help you
know that little I wrote him
I'll change I must write to
him next time it is the only
way to keep in touch with him

I feel that you know the

way
I understand the trouble that you are in, and I am glad to hear that you are doing as well as you can. I hope you will be able to make the necessary arrangements to get everything in order. I have heard that the crop has been damaged due to the weather and that it will be difficult to get the necessary supplies.

If you need any assistance, please let me know. I am here to support you in any way that I can. I hope that you will be able to overcome the difficulties that you are facing.

I am concerned about the future of your farm and hope that you will be able to make the necessary changes to ensure its sustainability. I understand that it is a time of uncertainty, but I am confident that you will be able to make the right decisions to ensure your success.

I will be in touch soon to discuss any further steps that need to be taken.

Yours sincerely,
[Name]
Brother John

As I have the chance and maybe it will be the only chance I will have to write for a while for we expect to start into the woods in a day or two I thought I would write and let you know how we are getting along we have been to work in Heckers(?) Saw Mill I have been to work on the edging machine John has been felling lumber it is rather a rough looking place. there has been about a dozen young fellows come here since we came they all had their starched shirts on but they came to the rong place they just stayed till the first boat came in and they all started off I think we will stand it for one winter we are to have 20 dollars a month that is the least he is paying I have wrote two letters home one to Pa & one to Sis I have wrote to Bill and Henry if you get any letters from them send them up & send one of the latest newspapers for they dont know any thing about the war here the boat can’t get within half a mile of shore & only a few gets a chance to go out & they never know any thing about the war the only war news the people of this place has heard since we came here is what the sheriff brought he brought the news that 12 of them was drafted & that scared them half to death some had to go & some paid the money I gave you a discription of our voyage in the first I dont believe you could read it & the second I wrote in the post office in a hurry for the boat was in sight we had an awful time we nearly run aground Friday night & there was a large vessel run aground the same night in sight of this place I dont know what become of the sailors but there is some here made rich out of it one poor fellow got a scow & went out next morning & got 600 bushels of good wheat sold it at $1.25 per bushel he got there before it went down the vessel had 18,000 bushels aboard it was quite a loss I sent word in the first to send up a rifle but I guess you cant the boats wont make over 1 or two trips & it wont be very safe I guess I can do without it there is any amount of Beaver & otter here & game of all kinds when you write let me know all the particulars about home how many coon you have got since I left let me know how you & the rest like your teacher tell Bob he must answer that letter I wrote him tell Charley I will write to him next time clothes is awful high those Boots I got of is all going to peaces he is a shave

Your Brother T.B.

T. Baird

Uncle Jakes oxen is up here I wanted T to write but he says as how there is no use there is no news of him he knows every man in the city all ready you will always find him in the crowd

write soon & let me of William & Henry & Fred

we have good board here
Monday, Nov 30, 1863
George Stoneman
Hospital, Washington, D.C.

Dear Brother,

I now take a chance to write a few lines to you as it is a long time since I have heard from your untill this. Before yesterday I got a letter from home and they said you were in the hospital yet and that you were sick. I am in the hospital at Camp Stoneman and have been here about two months. I am gaining now. Now I have got the Disease. I have not got any pay yet and it is over six months and I am out of money just now and I wrote home 15 times and could not see—
In answer but I received one at least I have not yet anything from home yet and I thought I would write to you and if you had plenty of money on hand I would like to have you send me 5 dollars if you can spare it as I am in need of some paper and small traps stamps &c and I think I can get along till next Pay day I thought some of sending home for a box of Sabbath but it do not know as it would be best as there is some risk of losing it if you think that you could get a box sent to you you can let me know and we can get one together and you can talk out what you want and send the rest to me you can do just as you think best about the box as you know more about the business than I do my Captain was here to see me last week and he said he would get me a furlow to go home he is staying in Washington now I think if I could get a chance to go home this winter I would gain health again I weigh a little over one Hundred Pounds you would hardly know me now I am so poor I have expecting to see you every day here but have not seen you yet you must have some kind of a berth where you are in the Hospital if you have got a good place you better
Keep it as long as you can. This I write on Monday & I will expect an answer on Thursday; you must not fail to write immediately as I am anxious to hear from you. Let me know all that happens around there. Let me know what you think about landing for the box & let me know in your letter when you think you will leave there or if you are going to stay there all winter. I am going to try to get to Washington as soon as you can. I can get a chance to write soon and direct to

H. C. Baird, Camp Stoneman
Hospital Washington

D.C.
East Aurora, Albion Co. N.Y.  
Saturday Dec 3d 1863

Dear Brother J,

I received yours of the 21st last night, also father received one from you of 15th. It seems it has been detained somewhere it did not come till last night. We were very anxious to hear from you and that you were well and had got through safe for there was a great many boats left about that time. You say you had a hard time of it all if you get sick so you can't say you never got sick. Riding on the water, now I must tell you about my Station trip. I went down to Kansas Wednesday morning and started from 9 o'clock till 3 there for the boat. It was very rough on the lake that day and we got on and had a real nice ride but was scared half to death, some of us just so we got down to the first lock here the Old boilers took fire. Now the Dining room and Capt. of S. Ward got one of his hands burned very bad and he lasted five minutes longer and it could not have been asked all the after part of the boat was filled with smoke and all the folks down there didn't know anything about it till we got down safe and didn't get sick either. It was dark when we got down there. But the steering house just where to go and it didn't take us long to go to the Hague.
The train de Gawnded Thul 122. The next day we all went out and went up to the Old North Bury, and look at it... and kept it... and then we went to the cemetery and saw all kinds of nice monuments, one Tom Woods monument, and a great many others and then went to one of the largest cabinet stores in the city and there we saw some nice furniture you better believe, and we went all around and Oh the best of it all was the vegetables and see General Tom Thumb's wife his perfect stature and Bonedore. Butt I forget. The whole scene photograph on the same paper for 25c and brought it home and when you come home you will see them, we got a letter from Henry last week he was sick and he said that he was the last letter he was going to write for he could not get any recovery. His doctors are Campbell & Shain Hapitit Washington D.C. we have not heard from him since you left. We got a letter from him last week with 50 Dollars in Greenbacks. He has been paid he is well and at Phila. Yet we wrote to him to say and see Henry if he could and we have not heard from him since. Don't know whether he will or not. The best quit a time. Peggy up for a dance at some one's and the sister come in the cellar and are boiled and boiled and could not get the roast out. JL and they are boiled and we gathered all the while and come on the front as we boiler at it and we went to work Sunday and went over the same performance as you and she but we dug it up by the house and did not find the place where and then he said it must be down to the gate and so he went to work and dug up the lane and found the place to be there just where it was before and then I say yesterday he got baked 3.25 and Owen John the help boy to the 3 from the house to the river and now he thinks he went there very many times with me. For awhile we all go to school now and the teacher is boarding he this week he gets along very well he has had no trouble yet I think he will get along first rate. I have gone to school three weeks and am now in instruction of Drastic in my arithmetic. We received every two weeks on Wednesday and check piece and read compositions every two weeks on Friday in our kept very busy. I received a letter from Henry about to you last week I will send it to you I have wrote to him yesterday. The snowhs is done and all the snows. Mr. Bishop was out but he is looking forward to his funeral sermon is to be preached tomorrow the old folks feel very bad. we are all well and hope that will find you the same. Let I think this falls out ut well and hope he will have to have help to carry his Greenbacks. We are all sending love to you all and now I will address your ever kind sister Margaret E. Barr.  
John E. Barr.
we just received another letter from you to John and to one from Bill he is well but he says it is almost an impossibility for him to go to see him he is Philip and your sister Jones

Mary Hart Sharp

Dear Brother: I received your last letter and was very glad to hear from you I have been lonesome for a long time since you left till mother put up my little bed and now I am lonesome I go to school and we have to speak pieces every two weeks I am going to speak I'll need some tobacco now it is a frosty week and next week I like to go to school instead of the second reader Brother will send me the four rime rhymes and I am going to get more frames put on them you will see them when you come home till D. Schinzer and John when you are well and I send my love to then and you were I must close by bidding you good bye from your sister Robert B. Bonne
Dear Cotton,
I now write to you. I am well. I go to school now. I will tell you all about it.
You must
write to me as soon as you get this I have no more time to spend. B. W. B.
Sunday Washington June 11th 1863

Dear Cousin and Baird,

I received your letter and was glad to hear from you that you are all well yet. I am well yet at present and I hope these few lines will find you the same you say you are going to school. I hope you will learn all you can. I wish I had a chance to go now. I miss some thing better than soldiering you want to know how I like the city of Washington. It is a mud hole but the capital is a
Sunday, Washington, 1863

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