Little Rock Apr 20th

Dear Brother and Sister,

I once more endeavor to drop a few lines to you to let you know that I am still numbered among the living of earth and in tolerable good health and excellent spirits. And I sincerely hope these lines may find you in the best of health and on praying grounds and on interceding terms with God the ruler of heaven and earth.

We have no particular news but what you have already heard we are still in camp about half a mile west of the city of Little Rock
We have good winter quarters fixed up now and I think we will stay here this winter. We have very fine weather here now we have had no winter here yet only a few frosty mornings ours garrison at pine bluff some 45 miles from this place consisting of about 607 cavalry under Col. Clayton of the 5th Kansas was attacked by about 2500 rebs under marmaduke the rebs were repulsed with heavy loss they left 60 killed on the field our men lost 12 killed our cavalry has driven them from tulip and arkadelphia some 25 miles from here and a co of the home guards consisting of 40 men attack
120 guerrillas at Dover and drove them through the town and took some prisoners. We had Sen inspection on the 24th of arms and accoutrements and clothing the inspector, General pronounced as the neatest and best and most proficient Regt in the 3rd Division.

I have not had a letter from Fremont for a long time, and I have not read a line from you since I have been in the Service and you both promised to write, but I suppose that you are like the rest of them up there think I am not worth writing to. So I have come to the conclusion that if others will not write to me I will quit the business.
I have nothing of interest to write. Consequently you can't expect much. Capt. Bowen is discharged. Genl. Sibley has gone to Iowa on a recruiting expedition.

I want you to write and I will answer your letters. Give my best respects to all inquiring friends and accept the same yourself.

I will close write soon and direct to Little Rock Co & 29th Iowa no more.

I remain your brother until death. Farewell.

J. Hindman

Jessie Wilkerson

Sarahette Wilkerson
Camp McDillin, November 27, 1864, Iowa

Dear Sarahet: I wound more tak my pen in hand to write you apa lines to you and I hope that they my find you all well. I go to hear on the 22. I do not know how long I will stay hear it may be a day or a week. I wrote write to you when I was at Lewis. I should I like to hear from you before I left hear. We will be sent down south somewhere you must manage the thing the bet that you can. You had better hire hand and git the corn gathred out before it wasted and the reheat. Threask the oats you had better sell site away before they git wasted. You had better not sell any of the rheat for you my need it before
I git back foreward is very unceatin you know you had have the corn poer feed out first and save the hay poer you will not have any more then you will want then will be enougy if you do not feed to many other stock I think that you had better sell your horse fore he is not safe for you to handle and two horses is enougy fore you to bother with you must be carefull and not make your self sick I wish that freeman would stay ther this winter Dr. Hamilton owes me $5. You can get it of him & B. Bishop owes 100 rails you can get them I think that you had better git the house first up some if you can I ow Jack Gibson 32 bushels of corn you can let him have and for some work he will know how much freeman & Benjamin
tell you how much I ow them I would so you had better not sell any more corn then you can help for it will bring a good deal more in the spring if you need more sell some of the cattle I wish rather staid at home with my family then went to war but it was my lot to go so I will trust in providence that I may git back Moorezett you and Matty you must be good girls until I git back and I will bring you something pretty your papa often thinks of you may god protect you from all harm I must close for I has to go on the yard so good day direct your letters to camp me Cenin Iowa a drafted Man and then I can git them fare well to you all

Jesper Wilsonor
Camp McLemore Sown
November 29th 1864
Dear Sarahetto I once
more take my pen in hand to
write you a few lines and I hope
that you are all well I was
agoing to leave here to day at
five o clock I do not know
ware we will go yet but I think
that we will go to tennessee I
note to you a few days ago and told
you how my afores told their I
think that you must better rent the
place to read it if you can be mix
that he would rent it before I
left them I would like to heard
from you before I left hear but it
appears that I will not get to S
would like to how weather you
got that money that I sent you
or not I sent you fifty dollars in
Jope Willson
I will send you my likeness to day for it may be along time before you see me again for we are uncertain you know if the year passes off as slow as the few weeks has bin to me since I left home you may look to see me gruz keds do not think but I often think of the dear ones at home more it is both will often and often ask me when you is agont to come their wish is before me all of the time at night when I lay down to sleep I think of them in the morning I think of them is all of the while you must take good care of them & tell them to be good girls until I come back you must take good care of your self, and not make your self sick
I do not fell any one as I but that I will come back safe and sound but if my country needs the sacrifice of my life I will give it. The drafted men are a fine looking set of men and even when you hear the Copperheads talk that they will not fight you can tell them that it is not now politics is all laid aside we are all in for our country and that undivided home in hopes that this year will wild the war up for I do not want to see any more men taken from their homes and the dear little ones no man can tell the feelings until he has the trial of it. Most all of the drafted men is married men & have dear ones at home.
I will write to you again when I find out what regiment we are going to and what place. Give my best respects to my inspirings friends. Good day.

Jose J. Wilkerson
Nashville, Tennessee
December 14, 1864

Dear Sarahett,

I once more take my pen in hand to write you a few lines to let you know that I am well and hope that these few lines will find you all the same. I have not heard from home since I left there we had a quite a little brush with the rebels yesterday and had some killed and wounded but I do not know how many it is reported that we will try them again this afternoon. I do not know how many soldiers there is hear but I do know that there is enough to keep hood from taking the place.
It has been very cold here for a few days but it has moderated some now and it rained some last night and very muddy today. I do not know how long we will stay here. Our regiment is with Sherman. We will go there as soon as we whip Hood. I have written four letters to you and one to Freeman since I left home. I would like to hear how you are getting along. You must take good care of yourself and not get sick till I return. Maryett and hatty to be good children and I will bring them something pretty when I come home.

give my best respects
to all inquiring friends
Yours untill Death
Jesse I. Wilkerson
To
Sarahett Wilkerson
If you must write son for I would like to hear from home

Jesse
January 2, 1863
Cottonwood, Alabama

Dear Sarahett, I take my pen in hand to write you a few lines to let you know how I am. I am not very well at present. I have had the Dearness for a few days but am better of it now and feel down in the mouthy ganger, we have bin on the march every since the Nashville fight part of the time on cars and part of it by foot and I do not know how long we will stay hear but not very long I think we are under gen. Steedman command now. The rebels is acting afraid of us they will not stand to fight we kick them up every day or to.
Our major says that we will go to our regiment that is with Sherman and when you write direct your letters to the 13 Iowa Infantry in care of Major Marshall and then send out the letters.

The country that we have just through looks like it together. There is not half enough of fighting in the country to feel the warm

unlighted and till they can

case more I have not heard

from home since I left

then I hope that you are vicinity

cristmas & newyears then

sir you must take good care

of the children I would like to see you very much you must write often.

Jesse J. Wilkerson
Omaha Fremont to Iowa
Jan 3rd 1865

Dear Jesse, I once more take my pen in hand to let you know that we are all well at present and hope that these few lines will find you the same. I have not got any letter from you for a long time not since the 14 of December I have wrote three to you since I got any letter I was lonesome to night and thought that I would write. I haven't got much news to write only that you have got a young boy to our house it is a girl and the prettiest one that you never seen for a young boy. I wish you could see it the other two is well and thinks the world of the baby Albury holds it the most of the time, it was born a new year.
They are a going to draft here. The 14th of February Doil is drafted about two weeks after you you was the last she heard from him he was at Nashville Tenn I heard that you had left there I expect you have bin in two or three battles I now you see hard times I want you to write and tell me how you git a long and if you git any pay for your service I expect you are home sick and want to come home I wish you could come home once more I don't think that you would go away soon again I would give all the money I ever seen or ever expect to see if you could come home again I can git a man for a five hundred dollars to go in your place
Think you better try and see if you can git him in your place and git out now. I don’t think that you are safe there. The man said that he would go any time. That I would git him sworn in. I think that he can be sworn in at Fort Desmoin. I want you to write and tell me whether you can git one in your place or not. I want you to write and tell me whether you want your oxen sold or not. Freeman thinks that I had better sell them in the spring. They say one cow breether. That we can’t keep them out of anything. There is some one most every day to by cattle, but I won’t sell them till you want them sold. They have distroid, most all the wheat and oats I couldn’t git.
Seremon is going a way and i dont what to do how i can git along with the Things. I dont no how i can git to haul my stuff wood for me. The boys ask to buy big wayis and i cant afford to pay so much for so little. Seremon is a fixen to go to cross the plains. I want you to send me a name for the baby. I want to name her after you if you will let me. I think that Jesse is a girls name. Henry Butler's wife has got a girl baby a week younger than mine. I want you to write as soon as you git this letter. When you write you to write a big letter not write two lines an quiet. I look for a letter to morrow. I must close this is here and I want to send it to the post office to day. Write soon me and the childrens sends our love to you so good by I to Jesse Wilkerson. I dont expect you Sarahett Wilkerson can read it my paper is so bad.
Humburg Fremont Co Iowa

Jan 15, 1865

Dear Sister I once more take this pen in hand to let you know that we are all well at present and hope that these few lines will find you here the same it has bin quit a month yesterday since I heard from you & look for a letter & ever day from you I wish I could hear from you soon I sient much news to write I wrote to you last week and told you that you had a mother girl at home she is two old yesterday I wish that you could see her she is a pretty baby the pretiest one that you ever had Mary & Nattie wants them two to come home they look for you ever day and cry because you don't come
I wish you could get a substitute and come home for I don't think your safe there. There is a man here that wants to go for five hundred dollars he lives at the mill. I think you better have him and come home for I don't think that you make any there. I don't think that you get enough to eat there. Dil was drafted he at six from Georgia the last he heard from him. I think that you are there to as far as I now I read all the news that I can get. So I can find out where Sherman army the news is now that peace is a going to be made now I hope it is so that you will come home a gain but I never expect to see you again you don't. Now how me and the children.
I have rented the place place out
Two John Daily and his
Brother they rented the horses to
one man has he's got a team
I sold my horse to To morgen
for one hundred and fifty dollars
I am going to hire a marge to
do the chores til Spring and
chop my wood for next sumer
I can get him cheaper than any
body else they ask a big price
for work now here I but got
the wheat threshed yet the
machine to thresh it won't
come I don't no what to do
with it flour is five dollars
and a half a hundred and
everthing is high here the
oats I got the mager and
George Watson to tramp out
so that I would have enough
for seed I will have the wheat
out tramp out if I can't get it threshed
I am bid to finish my letter, I am still sick, I went for the mail, I see if I would git one and I got one that you wrote the 29th and was glad to hear from you. I was sorry to hear that you was sick. I wish you could come home if you need money I will send you. If you write of gain I paid them note, what you owed Ben to clay and paid the taxes on the place I wont got much left. I think that you will see hard times before the war is over, but I hope that you wont. I hope that you will get to come home they say peace is near now, but I am a afraid it wont last. I must quit writing for I dont think that you can read it, I wont you to write once a week if you can. It cant see you I can hear from you once a while maybe the children is well the baby is not very well to day. She is a crying the most the time. Maryett & hattie would like to see you they told me to tell you to write soon and often.

Sarahett Wilkerson

To Jesse Wilkerson

good by
Nashville, Tennessee January 19, 65

Dear Brother: I take this pen in hand to write you a few lines to let you know that I am well and hope that these few lines will find you all well as we just got back from our campaign last night. Four weeks ago we started from here, that was the next day after the sight for us and to catch for us to catch them and hard in Alabama most all of the time and it has been one of the hard kind of a trip, their was more than half of the men gave out on the road and soldiers say that it was one
The hardest campaigns that they ever saw before the war commenced you can have some idea of if you combine yourself with your parents. In the face with your bed and start with from 40 to 60 rounds of ammunition a day of nations when we have to move and we have marched all day without any thing eat and it would rain all day long or a heavy thunder storm. Than half of the time you eat and sit and then lie on the ground. That was small out line soldiers. You can see for yourself we were under Gen. Stedman we have got back this far on our road to Sherman we will go by way of New York I suppose do not know how many days we do will stay here before we
1st but it will not be long
I have not yet an letter from
some for me that
the mail has not tain yet
I am too sorry
there is no news better set
three week as here he was Joel
in that city.
I wish that you would lend
is paying any tax that money
is mine own yours is mine.
I am glad if it is
their is no one in town
you can sell or some
of the cattle you can tell me
you I want to know how things
is going at home or any
where else for I have not seen
any or else for 4 weeks until
this day and I talk excited
about peace I so hope that peace is
not very far off the country.
that we have been in very destitute and the few we could not leave much I do not know how they will get along nor I can do more

I am a close in every respects to

Dear Sir,

I hope

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2 brigade money for

provision division army of Tenn

Nashville Tenn
N. Humburg, Fremont, to Iowa
Th
January 26 1867

Dee Waker, Dear Husband, I take
my pen in hand to write you a
few lines to let you now that you
are all well at present and hope
that these few lines will find you
the same I got your letter that
you wrote the 2d of Janary
and was glad to hear from you you
write that you had been sick I was
sorry to hear it I don't think
that it is very healthy there you
wrote to Benajmin the 18th he got
the letter yesterday and brough it
up to day to me and I was
glad to hear from you once more
you wrote to him that you
wanted him paid I paid him
him about two weeks ago and give
forty dollars to my Taseis a he
gone to Sidnei and then numbers
I wasn't right and he coldent
pay it till he took the deeds
up. Their land I got the
right numbers. I wish that you
could hear from home. I have wrote
six or seven times to you. I wrote
twice since the baby was born.
She is for weeks old yesterday.
I went to mother yesterday. It is bin
first time I was out since she was
born. The folks was all well.
I have have got the wheat and oat
threshed at last. Their is a bout 1.2
bushel of wheat. I don't no how
many bushel of oats. Their is yet
I hant got them cleaned up yet.
I have got sick to day. To stay
with me I don't no he will.
I don't think he will want to
stay at one place very long at a
time. I got one of her anel's little girl
to live with me. I don't want to
leave the children with the baby alone.
while I am out a micken the cows and doing the chores I
fraid Something might happen to the children. Fremond has bin a
staying here and he is a going a way he is a talking a-bought it he hast gone yet I rented the
place out I thought it would be cheaper then hire it done
They say their is a going to be peace I hope it is so
so you can come home again me and the children is easy to see you they
talk about you all the time Flatty can talk plain now she says her son is in the
army & Shooting Rebel I wish you could see the children I expect you would
like to see them I wish you could come home on a burlo I dont expect you can
I have no time to write much. Fremond is going to town today. I want to send the letter by him to the office. I want you to write often if you can. I will write often to you. So no more. At present, me and the children send our love to you. So good by.

Sarahett Wilkerson
on the Ohio River
above the Cumberland river January 27, 1865

Dear Sarah, I once more take my pen in hand to write you again lines to let you know that I am well & hope that these few lines will find you all well and in good spirits when I wrote to you last I was several hundred miles south of here and was not well but now I am well and fell all right side up with care we got on board of boat day before yestarday at Nashville and come down the Cumberland river to the Ohio & now here we are bound for Billey Sherman and he is at Savannah Georgia we are going by way of New York
I am in hopes that we have seen our hardest times for we certainly have had a hard time of it since we have been out. I have marched and harder rations if I could tell you that I have marched all day and at night had two spoonfuls of both meals you will think it a hard story but such is the fact but now we have plenty of rations. I have written 2 or 6 letters to you one to Freeman and one to you and have got your answer yet. I do not know whether you will die or not but I hope not. Direct your letter to 13th Iowa 17th infantry corps. 13 Iowa.
give my best respects to all inferring friends no more at present love J. H. Henderson
Sarahett Wilber

I take good care of these babies
Officer--FRONT FACE! EYES RIGHT!
Why in th... thunder don't you turn your face to the front?

January the 27th A.D. 1863
Helena Arkansas
Dear father and mother,

With pleasure that I met my duty to write you a few lines to let you know that I am well at present, hoping in these few lines that you enjoy your kind feelings.

The same health I have wrote to you all that Charles has got me another yet we have him on the exquisit east white snow and we went
and ther me got two large cannon thare from the rebels but me had no fight thare the rebels had left before me got thare and me han com back to Helena and me was on the beat 10 ten days and me got of yesterday but me han to hold our selves in readiness to march at any time they might me would lea her to day and me tore up our tents and carried them to the riva and it dejain to rain and me went and got one tent and put it up again they say that me ar going to nibshay but I don't nor whethre
Mr. and Mrs. Leaman, respected friends, it is with pleasure that I consent to write you a few lines to let you know that I am well and hoping if these few lines reach you they may find you enjoying great health. If I was back there at work for you I would stay there first. It is a pretty hard place but harder work if I had taken your advice. I would have him there and doing well. Mrs. Leaman if I was at your house now I could eat my dinner for me but if I could eat at your table I would feel like a different boy but it is my own fault.
Hamburg, Vermont to Iowa
January 31, 1865

Dear Jesse, I once more take
my pen in hand to let you
know that we are all well at present
hoping that. These few lines will
find you the same I got your
letter to day that you wrote
the 21 and was glad to hear from
you and hear that your are well.
I wrote I wrote you a letter
yesterday and I got yours to
day 21 and you said you had
not heard from home yet and
I thought that I would write
you a mother letter. I have
wrote a about a dozen 8 letter
to you. I wish you could git
them you have got a baby
here it is a girl I expect
you would rather it bin a
boy but they cant draft a
girl and take her a way from me.
I expect you had a pretty hard time down there I wish you could be at home they talk of a peace now I hope it is so so that you can come home the children would like to see you Hatty can talk most every thing now I send you the children likeness as soon as I can git them I want send you the baby's likeness so you can see how she looks when she was little you may never see her so I will git her likeness took for you I hope you will have good luck to git home I want you to keep in good spirits while you think you feel bad you was took a way from home so pick from your family and home you don't no how I feel about it I am very to hear that you
don't git enought to eat down there. There was a dispatch came yesterday it said peace was made I hope it so. I rented the place out to 200 men by the names are clary, George, Daily, brothers one lives in the cool rose, the other lives in reeds house. They moved the first of march. I want you to write and tell me how much Bill bishop owes you. He won't git me the rails. I paid Ben what you owed him, and paid freemond what you owed him. I haven't seen Jack yet, he haint got his corn you owed him yet. I sent the money to pay the tax and they can't be paid till the deeds is took up. Their the numbers haint right. the drafted men takes draws bounty, and I am a
going to draw my bounty the first of January they draw if I hunt much to write I want you to write often it is a bed time it is about twelve o'clock I have the sore eyes and can't see to write much I don't expect you can see it so will come to a close me and the children send our love to you good night Sarah E. Wilkerson

To Jesse Wilkerson
Newberne, North Carolina

Feb 13, 1865

Dear Sarah...

Once more take my pen to write you a few lines to let you know that I am on the land of the living where I note to you last I was on the Ohio river we went up on the river up to Louisville and there the ice got so bad we could not go any further and we got on the cars and went to Indianapolis and there we got on to a steamship and sailed for Louisville and got there on the 2nd of March they were two days and then got on to the cars and come out here on stand in camp 9 days yesterday day we was recognised that is the third Troops was taking out and we was
marched down to town and put in the barracks with the 15th Connecticut. It is the best place that we have had since we have been out. I suppose that we will stay here a month or two to drill. I hope that we will so that we can get rested and hear from home. I hope that there was not anything happening in little Harriet. I dream about hearers every night. Their is a good deal to talk about peace. I hope that it is easy but you can hear more about it then I can. Direct your letters to Newbern, North Carolina Co S 15th Connecticut Conn.

No more at present

J. S. Wilkerson
Newberne, N.C.
February 18, 1865

Dear Brother, I avail myself of this opportunity to write you a few lines. I am well with the exception of a bad cold and that I have not bin very well since I left.

Their fore we have bin on the move all of the time until we came near on cars or boats or marching and I can not tell which is the worst for we was crowded to death on the cars and boats and many times on open cars and you know it is bad nights in the winter and it is disagreeable to sleep on the barren deck when it is pouring rain but we are in good quarters now. I can not tell how long we will stay here but the winter is about
past and the spring is coming it is pleasant hear now we have not yet with our regiment yet it is with sherman and you can tell were he is just as well as I can I suppose that he is in south carolina I suppose that we will stay hear about one montth before we go to our regiment there is a big force assembling hear I suppose that we will make a junction with sherman and go the weldon railroad that sixty or seventy miles from hear and then we will go for richmond and then you may look for it to tumble in then it was very sickely hear last summer there was about one hundred died per day soldiers and citizens the yelow fevor but it is healthy now we have left about two thirds of our men since started from nashville the first time
by sickness an desertion but the most of them was sick. Their is a good many of the countz jumpers that deserts now I will tell some thing about the smooked zankeys (negr) as soldiers they are the very thing that we want they are good fighters that is one thing certain is their is any one that dose not beleive it why just let him come down and storne the rebels works with these an if they do not go as far as he will why I will give him all of my hard tack. This enagulation broz is all in zow eye I have not found any one but was willing to let them march ahead whin their was danger ahead all the fault that I can find their is not enough of them
Direct your letters to Newberne N.C. 13th Iowa regiment in care of Lieut. Fallen 15th Conn. Vols.

I want you to write as soon as you get this letter tells us how you are all getting along and how you are all doing. Do not tell how you are getting along with the draft. I think that this summer will wind the war up for they areader faster and what part of the country I have been in there was very short of provision and they were tired of ware well I will bring my letter to abase.

J.F. Wilkerson
To
J.W. Wilkerson
Newbuite, P. Carolina
March 4th, 1865

Well, Dear Sarahett, I once
more found myself awaiting
to the dear ones at home. I am
well at present, and hope that
those few lines will find you
and the children well and in
good spirits. I have given up all
hopes of hearing from home for
a good while gone. We are under
marching orders now, we will
be able to start to night or in
the morning for the front. The troops
have been going to the front for
3 or 4 days, they are a big move on
hand from here. By the appearance
their is no rebel force near here.
I suppose that we will join
Sherman's army but some wares
near Goldsboro and then
then I suppose that we will go for Richmond if the rebels do not leave there before we get there.

March 5, I was told by Mr. Brown before that if I got my letter done yesterday the report came in last night that there was fighting in the front yesterday, but I do not know how true it is you may look to hear for some hard fighting now very soon on. We have not much fighting for the Yankees has got to fight or run and I think they will choose the latter from all accounts that I can gather from all sources. The deserters comes in to our lines fast and they all tell one story and that is they think that the Rebellion is about paid out. I do not know whether we will leave here to day or not.
we may be detained here some time yet to do provo yard at all events I wish that we will stay here a mean or two for then I will not have to pack so much fare it will be warmer and not so much wet wether an aperson will not want so much clothing with him it makes a heavz load to pack when it all gtes wet but a soldier can not tell one house what he will do the next I suppose that that you will want to know wether I go to meating any not or not we have two or three preachers with us an so we can have meating whenever we wish it and by that means we get the exact word of good two or three times a week they pray like all fury for the dear ones at home you had better think
and they say that you pray for us poor soldiers I must bring my letter to close here the order is come to fall in and go to camp.

Direct your letters to Mr. J. W. B. 13 Iowa infantry in care of Lieutenant Hule 13 Iowa volt.

Jesse J. Whickeron
March the 7th 1865

Dear Husband I once more take my pen in hand to let you know that we are all well at present and hope that these few lines will find you the same I received your last letter last night and was glad to hear from you and hear that you was well. I haven't had a letter from you before for a month and I thought that you was sick. I am glad that you was well I rented the place and the renter has come on the old red vandalent go out the house till the 10 of march I rent it to John Deily and his brother one is a staying here till red gets out I think that he acted a very mean with me since you have been gone from home.
I paid your taxes it was eighty nine dollars and most of the land was sold and I redeem it their was three forty's sold. They say that the taxes was not paid till 1862. I fend the receipts that was paid 1863 and I am going to try to see a bout it and draw my bounty. I can draw fifteen dollars now when I go off there after it you have got a big girl at home I wish you could see it. I want you to send it a name it is two months old it was born the 31 of December Hesterman has got a big boy they are going to move to sibel bend to morrow or next day. Henry butlers baby died yesterday and was buried to day Miss Butler is not very well lying hindman was over here to day she got a letter from go John yesterday he is in New Orleans now.
I wrote you about a dozen letters and you hain't got any of them yet. I wish you could hear from home. I wish I could see and be with you. I wish you could come home but I don't expect to see you soon but I hope I will. The children would like to see you. Hatie looks for her paw ever night. Mary and Hatie is well. They hain't got bin sick since you left home. I heard from Solomon today. He was well. He is at Camp Ford. Tyler terse he is with the secesh. Yet I hain't got much to write to you. I would give all I ever seen to see you. I wish the war would quit so you could come home with us for it is lonesome to stay alone. I hired Zack to till the land. I worked two months for me and got my own food for me. This
Summar for me I gess i will close for its night & I wont you to right often to me as you can and i will do the same so no more at present the children send their love to you

Elizabeth Wilkerson
To Jesse G. Wilkerson
March 13, 1865
in the woods near Kingston

Dear Sarahett,

I once more take my pen in hand to write you a few lines to inform you that I am well and hope that those few lines will find you and the children in the good blessing when I wrote to you last. I told you that I thought we would have a fight or a forced march; well it turns out to be a fight and a hard fight too. It was we left Newberne on Monday night and came on the cars about 10 miles and the next day we marched out here and put up breastworks that night skirmishing commenced that night with the enemy. The next day the 13th.
was sent out to wake up the rebs and they all got killed or captured. They behaved very cowardly. There were very few of them killed. Skirmishing kept up all that day and the next and Friday the rebs came on us like all hell but they found out their mistake they were repulsed at every point with a big loss. We had a very few killed and that night they retreated back to Kingston. It is rumored that they have evacuated. Please if they have I do not believe we will be in another battle for they are getting disheartened. We got 15,000 reinforcement. Last night I think that we have got an army big enough to march any were now that we want to.
you may cook me a forth of July dinner for I think that I will be home by that time without about to eat it with you you must enjoy yourself the best you can an not worry yourself about me for if I do have to leave my bones down here it will be in a good cause take good care of the little ones at home
I wish that you would send my zett too scholl as much as you can I can not tell you what to do with in the things their fore I do not know how you are a giting along no more at present give my best respects to all inquiring friends
Sebe S Willerson
Sir: Bend postmist March 19, 1865

Dear Brother, I take this opportunity to answer your letter of February 18th. I was glad to hear you was on your way to join your regiment. In hopes that you will receive this word from home there is not much necessity to write. I have sold my saw mill to Banns who live on post. Accord place I am of gone to grade on the plains this summer I will start in three weeks with six mules on two horses. I shall lead with coarse the first trip. The day the Indians are bad but I think that they will get them to stop. There are sending soldiers on the road on station from 15 to 25 degrees to the East. So I think that
There will not will not be much
be much longer till I eat this
parch the war of man Burch
Whack at Rockport Monday after
noon in one of the half way bays
that Cerred below Rockport
the have not got him yet
he has bin in Vaire Arme
an have not bin how but of
Short time Freeman says that
he is a going on the plains
with poor Meles Benjamin
is again to farm this sauce
Charles is it going to make
Shingles oxon is trading
here as usual he got his
lag broke last winter
in a Sculpel up to the
Bleniff city he live out
of Fisher Grove catel is
very by the see at pass
$120 to $200 per yolk horses is
hi two y not of Sian an give
$4.00 for them corn is selling for 75c cents per bushel there is a very large e Emigration this spring the most of them are from me on the most are going to cross the plains the spring was very very cold the river broke up the last of february an close in march the night of the 8 and the morning of the cross on the ice with safety the thermometer stood three degree colder than any day this winter on the 10 the cross 100 wagons on teams the sternwheeler has got to pier bay it was round the 15 february the families are well on all the rest of the folks on hope these may find you in the same blessing nit spring on we will answer them here Bin Son writing here since you left James Seidmore on a Widdler from
New llocher city hadon Davis an
Hake Wadon an Crifpe Ballye the
girl that work for me last winter
The draft bout most of yet they
will draft the 21 of March there
is 8 to be drafted out of
Buchanan township Mo are
by malindy Rose is marit to
the pruchman Ollive pipe
an frank holz Wader was marit
one Farmer on this have wanted
Thursday that the Indians have
kild Frould fletther Lin Brown
an Edward Buckler is marit
I sold my Plase to A bushman
with chaly Gachereck & the
grocey an William Links farm an
from Sam Gardner is of euping
in lindow he has bin euping
on the land all winter with son

To Jesse S Wilhersen

George W Wilhersen
Goldsborough March 20th

well Dear Sarahett I once more find myself writing to you I am well and hope that these few lines will you and the children well. I received 4 letters from you today and it gave me great pleasure to hear from you all. Their dates was Jan 29, Jan 30, Jan 31, Dec 28. I am glad to hear that you are all well and especially that we have got another heir and it is pretty to in the bargain. I was afraid that you would make yourself able to do too much. I would rather that you would hire someone to help you do the work you can tell Dick if he will stay there until I come home and that will not be very long. I trust I will pay him well for it as for selling the steers you had better wait until you get until you hear from me again for it will be spring by the time that you forgot this letter.
I am glad to hear that you have rented the place out you must have them take good care of the horses tell the boys to ride to me for I have written to them all and likewise you father I am sorry to hear that poor Dick is drafted for he was so paid of being drafted we stayed 2 days after the battle at Kingston until reinforcements came up and then started forward again and when we got to the town the enemy had burnt the bridge and left they were about 30 thousand strong we stayed there 4 days and fortified the place and then started for this place which is 30 miles from Kingston and 95 miles from Newpoint the place where we landed in this state we got here on the 27th of Sherman's army commenced coming on 23 they gave Sonneys another thrashing about 17 miles out from here I have not seen
the report of the battle yet but the soldiers say that there was between 2 & 3 thousand of them killed I got to my regiment on 25 an now I think that I will get you letters regular. There is a good prospect that we will stay here 3 or 4 weeks and I think that by that time peace will be made now in regard to my voting for father Abraham I thought that he was the man to vote for him and I still think so I voted for him with the expection that he would put the rebellion down with force of arms and I think that he is offing his promis and not compromise with rebels while they have arms in hands no loyal man can blame him for leading out men in defence of his gourds but bleeding country but they do blame the internal rebels and coonkheads that is to blame but their day is nigh run
you need not have any fear that we will get whipped for there is an arm that thinks they can not be whipped. They are in good health and in better spirits. Direct your letters to Capt. A. M. 13th Iowa Supt. 7th R. C. Tell Margaret and Kathy to be good girls and mind their work and I will bring them something home that is pretz when I come home. They must take good care of the Baby. You need not mind about sending me any more if I am strapped make yourself as comfortable as you can. No worry yourself about me for I am doing well now. I will write to you again in a few days. Yours with respects.

Slyce J. Wilkerson
I once more take my pen in hand to let you know that we are all well at present and hope that these few lines will find you the same good blessing I received from your letter that wrote the 13th and was glad to hear from you to hear that you evidently got wounded any where or killed. I am sorry to think that you must go in battles for I am afraid you will get killed or wounded some way. I am afraid I will never see you again on this earth if I don’t don’t I hope that we will meet in heaven where there will be no more sins to be forgiven.
Sol Larmion has gat home he is perked out he has to go to Saint Louis to stay this Summer I heard you had bin in a hard battle since you wrote I would like to hear how you got a long with it and now whether you got hurt or not. I have wrote you a letter I hope that you will git it. John Kindmon is tier some so I hope with you could git with them Soldiers I would like it very much for they could take care of you if you git sick. There is no one down there that you need any thing about. I couldent finish my letter last night so I will finish it to day. I commence writing it a Sunday night and this is a Tuesday.
I went to Elmothers to day
They had a roasted turkey
for dinner they bought it
well years for a dinner and I
was sick and couldn't go
so they cooked it to day
the baby was born a new year's
eve and mother stayed with me
four days I was sick four
days before it was born
granny Elmo back and mother stayed
with me I tell you I saw
some hard times as well as
you do. The baby is not
very well now fur a few
days the other two is well
and harty. The baby is
three elmonths old
day before
yesterday I want you to
Send her a name I hant named
her yet you don't git my
letters I don't see what the
reason of it I think that
you don't direct them right
I am sorry you don't hear
from home I now you hate
contented their for I now
how I feel about it I wish
you could come home the
children wants to see their
paw Hatty says her paw
is in the army a shooting
rebels. She can talk anything
now. Merry She looks
for you on every steamboat
She says she look for you
on the next one you told
me that you would come
the fourth but I don't think
so I wish you could. I
dented your place out. I can't
write no more this time you
must write often. So no more
dat present. The children
Sends their love to you hoping
that you will come some time.
Sarahett Wilkerson.
April 7th 1863

Goldsborough, N.C.
Mr. Benjamin C. Wilkerson

Dear Brother I avail myself of this opportunity to write you a few lines. I am well and hope that these few lines will find you all engaged in the same good works. I received your letter that was wrote 23 of January, yesterday and it gave me great pleasure to hear from you. I have heard and received 6 letters from Sarah till since we left here at this place we got here on 21st of March. This place is 95 miles from Morehead City. It is a central point of railroad comman for the rebles before we came here. It is 46 miles to Raleigh the capital of the state and about 150 miles to Richmond, Goldsborough is a fine little town and the people appear to be more friendly than any town.
that we have passed through
since we have liven in the rough south
when we marched through the town
the woman would bring water out
to us and you know that is the very thing
that a soldier wants when he is tired
and dry (by the by it was raining when we
came in hear and we were not very dry)
I do not know how long we will stay
hear gen sherman has gone to
washington their is camp talk that
we will stay untill the 10 of this month
but you know we have no camp news is if there
is not peace made soon we will not
stay hear long that is one thing saying
when we move from hear you need
not be unzswa ze uneasy about the rebels
whipping us for this army think that it
cannot be whipped and you know that
makes a good deal of difference with
soldiers aughting and as far as number
is concord we have got enough hear
to whip the hole confederacy
if they will only come out and fight us but I trust that they will lay down their arms before the this army moves from hear for we now advance so to 70 miles wide and you may bet that there is not much left behind deserters comes in to our lines & every day and they all say that the dog is dead with them I think that we will be home this sum
if our forces keeps on a whipping them as we have of late Bragg & Jonson mad their brages that they would whipped Schofield and Sherman in detail but to their surprise they got whipped themselves the rebels have not got enough men to stop our advance so we can go any were that Sherman takes it in his head to go now in regard to J. W. Rundles I am not at all surprised at the way he aied for I told he
dather that he. He would do any thing all that he cared for was to
have money and eat all day swell
and be some body in guber and
nobody at all I am glad to hear
that there was no draft in Iowa I
think that there enough men in the
field if they are properly handled
to whip the Joneses out this summer.
It is reported hear that Iowa had her
quota full when we was drafted
write and tell me what you think
of A. H. Butler was left back sick
where we had the fight by kinston he
had the yellow pendise I have not
heard from him yet I must bring
my letter to adios
Direct your letters to 13 th Iowa Sept
17. As. so you must write often
for there is nothing that pleases
a soldier so well as to hear from
often I will write again before
we leave hear if I can tell
the boys all to write for I have wrote
to them give my best respects to Bell
and all of my inquiring friends
Yours Truly Jas. Winkerson
Hamburg, Fremont Co. Iowa
April 11th [1865]

Well Dear Husband, I once more take my pen in hand to write a few lines to you to let you now that we are all well at present and hope that these few lines will find you the same blessing. I haven't got a letter from you for some time. I would like to hear from you. I haven't got one since the 13th of March. I am so afraid you are sick. You don't write to me. I guess you don't hear from home very often. You said you didn't get any letters from me. I write every week since you left. Hear much. Much you don't get the letters.
I have wrote three letters to novoberne to you sence you got their you told me you was in a big battle I am sorry that you haft to go to sick places for I am afraid you will git keeled some time in battle or wounded I wish I could be with you to take care of you when your are sick. There is no one that you now their to do any thing for you I expect you often think of home and dream a bout it to you don't now how i feel about you again and away leaving us but you could not help it I will never for git the day you left here I can't content my self minnit at a time since you left home I can't stop worrying a bout you all
The time that I am away the children won't see you any more they are a talking about it all the time little Hattie says her paw is coming home on a steam boat some day but Elvarella says she doubts it every much whether you come or not She tells Hatty that you don't want to see her then Hatty cries about it She says it her paw every thing is coming down here now since their taken Richmond and old ill army I hope it so and you will git home corn is coming down i sold two hundred bushel to day at eighty five cts a bushel if I hadn't I had better sell it before it got down to low I rented the place out if you do need any money I will send it to you
April the 12 I didn't finish my letter yesterday. I thought I would finish it to night to about the mail goes but and I want to send it to me and the children is all gone to night and it is so lonesome I can hardly content ourselves. I have told you about the baby in good many letters but you don't quit them she is well and the children calls her Winnie. They want you to send her a name they say that they will call her that till you come home. She is three months old and twelve days old. She is a pretty baby. I have told me to cook a Father of July dinner can you would be here to eat it with me but I can't think so I will write for you with all of my heart for yours. Some things they will be need about I don't think they will be need to last all of the rebel first in wish it was down. Need to help. So to get through with it quick for I am tired of it I have wrote three letters since you wrote. I want you to write as soon as you get this. We send our love to you and all of the poor soldiers from your wife until death.

Sarahett Wilkerson to Jesse S. Wilkerson
April 12th, 1865
Hamburg, Iowa

Dear Husband, I once more take my pen in hand to let you know that we are all well at present and hope that these few lines will find you the same blessing. I received your letter and was glad to hear that you were well your letter was missent it was a good while coming when we heard that Lincoln was killed we heard that Abraham Lincoln was killed. I hope that it hasn't. So but I guess it is so I wish that they would kill all the infernal rebels before they stop then they would kill the right one you think that you will get to come home but I don't think that they will make peace very soon with them.
Dear, I wish you would come home for I am lonesome without you here. I never see any satisfaction while you gone you don't know how me and the children miss you here. I wish you could come for a year will seem a long time to wait to see you and we may not see you then but I hope we will see you before that time. Sol has come home he is posted out Henry Lamar keeps a drug store in Hamburg now. I haven't seen any of them for three weeks or more Ben has moved on the old place again he built him a house to live in mobel rented his place and house this year I haven't any news to write I hope you will be here to eat it
i will plant some water melons for you and save them till you come you must fetch in some ettes and files when you come home i expect you see hard time there for i dont think they say you I will send you five dollars in this letter i think you will get it now you have got to your regiment if you dont it wont be much it will help you a little to git your tobacco and eliner i shant sell any of your cattle we have nine calves now i o have a brand made to brand them it cost me three dollars to make it iam going to have them all marked before they run off i expect the most of them will be drove off on the planes
This is a good many letters here. I want you to write once a week to me and I will tell you I havent got time to write any more now at present I must to take care of the baby. I wish you could see it. Fremond is to going to the post office to night and I want to send it to the office. So no more at present write often the children sends their love to you hoping that you will come from your wife until death Sarahett Wilkerson to Jesse J. Wilkerson
Camp 8 miles west
of Reclagh, North Carolina
April 15th, 1865
Dear wife, I avail myself of this
opportunity to write you a few
lines to let you know that I am
well at present and hope that
these few lines will find you
and the children well and in
good spirits. We got to Reclagh
on the 15th, on the next morning
we started after Johnson and it
was running as hard as you ever
see it and when we got out
here the word came that Johnson
had surrendered to Kilpatrick and
we have been lying here ever since. It commenced running
last night and my little dog
then leaked so that I had to quit
writing. The word comes for us to
pack up and and I will have
waiting to quit.
April 24 we have moved back to within 3 miles of Raleigh and fixed up comfortable shanties and the word has bin all of the week that peace was made and that we would start home in a few days and you had better think that we were all glad to think that Their was a glad set of boys to think that they would see the loved ones at home so soon but the word is to night that the war department would not except his terms and that we will hafts go after him in the morning we are under marching orders at any rate I hope that it will be for home but I am afraid not it will not take us long to whip him at any rate and then we will git to go home I am sure you must keep in good spirits I recived two letters from you
day before yesterday and am sorrow to hear that the baby is not well and that you have so hard a time of it you must try and not do too much I would rather that you would let the thing pass and not to make you self sick you said that you thought John Hindman was down hear where I am the last that I heard of his regiment it was at 14 or 15 I think that he is at mobile or their abouts henry Butcher was left back sick and the last that I have heard from him was at Newbern and he was again well I am glad to hear that sol has got out of the infernal rebelles hands we have got the sad news that our noble president was assassinate every soldier feels that he has lost a friend
Direct your letters to the
Co. C. 13th Iowa. Snft
17th A. C.
Tell Margett and Katty
that their paw is all right
and will be home one of
these days and will bring
them something pretty for
them if they will be good
girlies I will bring my letter
to close and get my
super so good having to you
all for the present.
Yours untill death

L.J. J. Wilkerson
Richmond, Virginia
May 10th, 1865

Dear Sarahett: I once more take my pen in hand to write you a few lines to let you know that I am still among the living. I have not bin very well for a few days. I had the diarrhea, but I think that I have got it stopped now. We have been on the march since I wrote to you. I was at Raleigh then. I think that I told you that we would go after Johnson gin and we started after him the next morning and when he found out that we were moving on to him he came to terms and then we went back to our camp and laid there until 29th April then started for home. It is about 200 miles from Raleigh to this place and we have made the fastest.
Marchin that has bin done since the war and there was no
necessarily need of it. Their was a struggle got up between the corps
commanders who would get their fant. Their was 4 corps that came
through 11th, 15th, 17th and 20th. There was a good many men
that die on the road by being
over marched it seems hard that
men should be killed in that
way going after bin fightin for
their country 3 or 4 years I under
stand to day that the commanders
is under arrest I hope that it is
so I do not know when we will
leave here but I think in a day or
two we will go from here to Washington
Their to have one grand review.
Their is some talk that we will
be reviewed here and mustered
out and sent home from here
if we have to march to Washington
which is 130 miles from
here it will be way long
in June before that I will git
home and if we are mutated out
here it will not be many weeks
before that I will be home it will
not take maj tropes to arrison
the places in the south for they
are thonly whippt and half
Tarred govtment is appealing good
many of them now an will half to
untill they can raise for themselfs
Them that I have talked to speer to
be glad that the rebly arm is wihiped
and they are back in the good old
government again once more what
They can have peace and plenty
Tell monett & hatty to take good
care of the baby an be good titte girls
and their paw will be home before
long and them he will stay with
Them I supose that little finey can
walk or talk by this time
Direct your letters to
13th Iowa Infantry Co. C
17th V.R.A. N.R.A. Washington
D.C. No more at present
but remain as ever
Sincerely,

P.S. They are offering big
bounties to go to Mexico. I suppose
that you will not care if I can
get a couple of thousand dollars in
gold for one year's servis
United States Sanitary Commission.

Camp 3 miles west of Alexandria,
Virginia 10 miles southwest of Washington,
May 21st, 1865.

Dear wife,

I once more find myself writing again letters to you after a long and wearisome march we left Richmond on 12th inst this week and I am glad it was very hot most of the time Sherman says we will be here in 3 or 4 days and then I suppose that we will be sent home as fast as we can get transportation. I have not seen any order as you may have suspected to be discharged but it is the general supposition that Sherman’s army will be mustered out as fast as they can. They have as much fighting for them to do here now if we are mustered
out site away after the
review it will not be many
weeks before I will be home
with you and the children.
I have not received any letters
from you for three weeks but
I think that I will get one in
day or two if we are discharged
here and paid off. I could make
a good thing of it if I had
five or six hundred dollars
by leaning government mules
for their interest many hear
and we'll be sold cheap
if I hear whether you have
sold the steers or not. I want
know more how to make my
carkelations. I hear that it has
been very backward and cold
keeping up their in Iowa.
I hope that the Duyles is
agitating also working and
will get the field all tilled
the Mail went out before I got
my letter finished and I quit riding
until this morning and by writing
I received 2 letters from you one
of April 13th and May 1st and was glad
to hear that you was all well and
agitating along as well as we could be
expected you say that cattle has
fell in the price I think if that
the price will come up again
before fall I am glad that you
have got them Branded I do not
think that there will be very many
of them drove off if you will
have some one to salt them for
you they will start their I received
that Fine present that you sent me
in the shape of five dollar bill
was glad to receive it for I had
very green back but plenty of gray back
we will move our camp tomorrow to within 2 miles of Washington City and the next day the grand review will come off in Washington City and then I hope that we will start for Iowa. I do not know whether we will be paid off here or when we get to Iowa you wanted me to fetch you some apples well I will if I can and if I can't get any apples I will bring you and the children that will please you as well. I will bring my best to aclose

Yours until death

J. J. Wilkerson
Camp 4 miles west of Washinton D.C. June 4th 1865

Dear wife, I see more

I find my self acquiting you

few lines to all that I have

my news to you and write to you

I have not bin very well

since we have bin in camp

mean but I am rotating harty

again to Butel he come to the

Regiment a few days ago for the

first time and he was taking

sick and sent to the hospital

he will be discharged and

sent home as soon as he is

able to travel. Their has bin

a good many discharged those

time was hit by the first of october

My time is not out untill

5th of November you knows and

I do not know when we will
Get mustard out we will start to Louisville, Kentucky in 2 or 3 days I think and when we get there we will be able to find out what they are going to do with us but I think that we will be paid and discharged. I still think that I will get home to eat that dinner on the 4th of July with you and the baby. I have not received any letters from you lately the last one that I received was of June the 6th. I do not know what. The reason is that I do not get any more I will bring this to a close for I don't believe that you can read half of what I have wrote. I will write again in a few days.
Direct your letters to 13 Sun Loft, I.e. Joe S. Wilkerson
June 14, 1861

Dear Husband, I once more take my pen in hand to write you a few lines to let you know that we are well at present and hope that these few lines will find you the same good blessing I received your letter to day that you wrote the 16th and was glad to hear from you. I am sorry to hear that you didn't get your discharge for I know that you was out of heart to think you didn't get one. I got out of heart when I read the letter to think you didn't.
git to come home for 8 i was looking for you this week but i was very much disappointed when i got the letter now I don't think you will git home till your time is out I want you to write and tell me how much hay you want put up and how you want it put up if it will cost you about two hundred dollars to put up what you will want you can't git a hand less then 10-2 and 20 and a half half a day they ask thirty and forty dollars a month for work I wish that you quit home and tend to it your self and then you can do it done
we have as nice a crop of corn as theirs is on the bottom the wheat and oats looks nice but i guess the rain will spoil it for it is a very wet here now it has rain for over a week the bugs is very bad here they have took most of the garden here an potatoes i planted two bushel and a half of potatoes i have plenty of peas now to eat i wish you was here to eat some peas i have got eleven nice pigs and twelve calves and plenty of chickens i hope you will git home a soon as you come i wish my chickens gits i big enough to fry and then we will have as fry to gether i hope you will be home by the fourth of July
I would like to go to the Fourth with you but i am afraid i won't get to go with you this year. Maryett she wants you come home as soon as you can. She don't go to school here any more. She is got big enough to wash dishes and she think she is a woman. Hattie is got to be quite a big girl now. She can talk every thing she says that is now. Shaving rebels. She says she wants you to give her some candy when he comes home.

I must quit writing for you can't read half that I have wrote, you must write soon and tell me where to write to.

From your wife until

Sarahett Wilkerson

To L. S. Wilkerson

I will write again in a few days.
Camp near 7 miles below Louisville, Kentucky. June 14th 1865.

Dear Wife, I find myself once more writing to you. We got here on the 12th, we had a pleasant trip from Washington. Here we came on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad to Parkersburg and then we got onto steamboats and came down here. The distance about 450 miles. The 17th & 18th Corps are here now. I do not know what they are going to do with us. There is one thing, sleeping in the army is not easy. If there is anything that we could do, we would be home before this time. I expect that we will get some pay in a few days or at least that is the report now. There is all sorts of rumors about around here. Some is that we will be mustered out and sent away.
and some is that we will go
down to Leno and go in to camp
their and their is arumer that we will
go up read river in arkansas and
Texas but I think that we will
be discharged in amonth or two at
least if I do not git in time to make
hay you will half to hire hands and
have about 25 acres made if you
have it made have it cut over west
where stuff had his made last
year and have it stacked on the
ground hay made over their stuff
will not bother much if freman
is there get him to tend to it or
you if you can I would write
to him if I thought that he was
their if he is there tell him to
write to me and write a letter
of general information I have
written to him and have got now
unsure yet I have not had any
letters from you in a good while, but I think that I will get some in a few days or at least I hope that I will I think that there will be a general now hear even when the soldiers are paid off if they are not discharged or furlowed so as they can go home for there is a general dissatisfaction with them staying away from home for nothing. They say that they can see no good in staying in camp at an eating hard tack and sow bally when they have plenty for them to eat at home and do think to while we war after the enemy. The time past is well and finely but now there is no enemy to keep up the excitement the time dragged away very slowly and tiresome to us all the crops look very fine down hear they have commenced harvesting hear and guess look fine now
I will bring my letter to a close I will write again in a few days and then I think that by that time we will find out what they are going to do with us.

Direct your letters to 13th St. now I by was Louisville Kent. Good Day to you and the children.

Yours truly

Jesse S. Wilderson
July 7th, 1865

Dear Husband, I see now take my pen in hand to let you know that we are all well at present and hope that these few lines will find you in the best of health. I haven't much to write but I thought I would write a few lines and let you know how we are getting along. I have been sick for the last two weeks but I am getting better now. I had the new salicy in my face and head. I went to the fourth at Hamburg but it wasn't as well as they did last year.
Henry Butler got home the day before the forth he look very well and hearty but you didn't come to eat the Fourth July dinner with me I think it very hard to see the rest of them to git back home and you haft to stay till your time is out all barns is back home to he has bin home a bout 8 weeks I thought when you come to louisville you would get to come home but sense I heard you had to go to Texas but I hope it hardt So for I don't want you to go down their for it will be long before you git to come back again I want you to come home
on a furlough if you can git one and if you don't git one I want you to send me your likes if you can git it took the I got one when you was at eleven but I won't one now so I can see how you look since you bin down there the corn looks very well the high kids has commenced on the wheat now it hard ripe yet you wanted to now whether fremon was here or not he is here part of the time and part of the time i am a lone he he always has a good deal of this time a running a round a mont the girls I can git hay cut for one dollar an acre and hand
two clovers 20 day and two
and a half. I wish you could
be home to tend to it. It will
cost you so much to git it
made and put up. The hay meal
and stacked on the ground when
they furnish the hands is four
clovers an acre. I think that is
a big price for hay a cattle is
Lord now hunter sold his four
year old steers for one hundred
and thirty dollars a yoke. He
sold three yoke.
I guess I will quit writing for
this time for I now you can’t
read it. The children would
like to see you. The baby is
nine 1 months old. She has two
teeth and can get along.
I expect she will walk the
first time you get to see
her. Sherry says she cries to
see her feet now. She says
the stairs to long. Mary says
She thinks you might come
home as soon as you git this from your
wife until death.
Camp near Louisville Ky
July 18th 1865

Dear wife

I avail myself of this opportunity to write you a few lines. I received a letter from you a few days ago and was glad to hear from you but was sore to hear that you had been sick. I am well and have been every since we have been in this camp. I have no news to write only to tell you that we will be mustered out of the service in a day or two. I think that we will start for Iowa in five days to be paid off and discharged. I do not think that we will have to stay there (Davenport) long. You wanted me to send you my likeness. I would do it with all pleasure but I think that I can bring you the likeness.
Principle in 2 or 3 weeks and I think that will suit you better than my picture would. As for my books I do not think that I have changed very much if I have bin down south and by the time that I get back then I will have traveled five thousand miles or upwards and some of it the harders kind of traveling as for my hay you need not get any one to make it for I think that I will get back their in time to make it myself our offers is very slow about makin out the the papers we mite of bin home by this Time if they had trydle since the order came to muster us out but they are agitying big pay and we not in any hurry about goin out if half of the curses has had any, effect they will go to hell sure just as sure as there is one
I am glad to hear that Henry Butler has got home and is well. I have just lain to see if there was any letters here for him but the post master had turned the old letter over to head quarters you told me I was to take to see if there was any there for him tell little Mary to cry and worry about her paw for he will be home before long and he will not leave her any more for the rebels is all notified now. Tell Margaret that she must be a good girl and mind her paw and her paw will and she will bring her and make some thing home with me for them that is pretty for them and they must take good care of that little sister of theirs I forgot what they call her.
on the 4th we were received by gen Sherman and he made us a farewell address. It was very warm and it was for 3 or 4 days afterwards it is cooler now. I am sorry to hear that you did not have a very good time for they had ought to have had one thing, if they very had one for the country has gone through heavy trials and came out all right with flying colors and the nation has cause for great rejoicing. I will bring my letter close by wishing that you are all well and in good spirits and of good cheer and I think that I will be with you in a few days. Give my respects to all inquiring friends. Yours as ever, you know.
August 15 17 D 1865

Glenwood Mills & Co. Town
Maj. Wilkinson. Mr. Ballowe
has gone to the Bluffs, and he
told me to get his letters out
of the office and I have done so.
You will send his trapsack
To Glenwood Mills & Co. Iowa.
Yours is at my house and if he
does not come home I will send it
To you the first opportunity.

Yours truly W. H. Kellogg
United States Express Co.

Syracuse Sept 10 1865

M. J. Welker, Hamburg

We have this day received by Express | Knapsock | to your address, which you will please call and receive, presenting this note.

Yours, Respectfully,

[Signature]

Agent.

Charges, $1.50

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Strangers must be accompanied by parties known in this office.

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Marie Jayra Ellen born in Atcherson Co Mo April the 7th 1860. Died Oct the 3rd 1860 Fremont Co Io.
Hattie. B. May 23 1863. Fremont
b. Da M Jan 2 1881

M. March 7 1898.

Grant. B. Oct 10 1867
died Oct 31 1880

Frank. B. May 25 1868
Married Nov 14 1892

Jesse. B. Nov 26 1863
Married May 3 1893