St. Louis, Sep 14th, 1862

My Dear Wife,

I feel that I come
go to bed without writing you a few lines.
I have been so meeting with today and
had a good dinner each time. the first
was from the 4th Chapter, 24 verse. the evening
discoursed upon from the first psalm.
I have felt very anxious about time left
home, and shall until I get to a place that
I can hear from you, are you well, I would
like you to make me some hints in the course
of about 4 weeks. I will write you about it before
you put yourself to the trouble. I can have
time to order any thing that I wish so that
you may give yourself no uneasiness about
the work. I am well, and have been since I left.
In fact, I almost think that I am better.
I do not wish to delay at all, but I think that
I lost enough. There is about 12 Iowa by Chyron
her in the same fix that I am. Has the boys you
and when and where, and how do you? how fai, and
come you get along this fall? to stay where in the house
and take another thing that she will stay with you
this winter and does Dave think of coming out.
have you received a letter from him since I left.
and what direction, fill one all of the news
and if James got any position in the company
besides a message. Had you a house yet and how is
the health of the county? does they stay with
you? Also, another person has another physician
come into the country. Has anyone got him
always yet. And in fact you must write all of
the news. I will try and get my photograph taken
before I leave the place but may not for I am pretty
wellusted for many staying so long. I hope
no I say that it would cost me or myself. I shall
just be subject however and come out all right. If
you and Addie and Mother as well do not
then. I will close for the present this every wish
and you good night and God bless you
From your affectionate
Husband, Oak Underwood,

After a great deal of trouble we will
be on the river today and leave
downtown River, and all.

Sep 13th 1865.

[Signature]
Camp at Danville Sep. 29th 1863

My Dear Alix,

I did not receive a letter from you Tuesday as I expected, this
ended by the news that you got any
money of Blaine or Bule who let me know
all the day of the news. I do not see why
you should not have heard from you
all the day. I have said in the letter of
yesterday. I would like to say in this
letter that I feel uneasy. I know I do.
I am not hearing from you, so what in all
this is going on? Mind if you answer
do any time and write for I would rather
know the word. There is no news here as I
told you. I did expect a letter once a week and
was very when I got the last but received one
from Illinois and the rest all
have received since I came to this
place. If you want me home please
let any of your get the news it will
make him hop glad. I feel very lonely to
talk about much from what I did yesterday.
I would have given one dollar to have
heard from you. We have not moved down
from this place and it pleasing but.
will be sometime before, we shall, The rain is damp and wet and as warm as gin. Nothing of importance has occurred since yesterday but marching of Camp, all the same day. I have no idea unless we should have a fight or ordered to remove. The boys from Eldora that are in this place are well and are apparently enjoying themselves as well. I shall mail this letter in this letter but shall wait until I hear from you or until expecting a fight or this near round. I must close.

Yours Affly, Hubert

I don't know what to say about Addie, I don't want to see her in bad. She appears to be very miserable. Sometimes she cries and sometimes in her sleep and sometimes in one place and sometimes in another. But always laughing. Does she grow fast and is the afraid of men or does she like them? Tell mother that I want her to stay in Iowa if the think she can. Are you still determined to go to Illinois? If so how long will you stay in the home for Ciceen. I suspect you will pay him all the money that James left you have, and if you collect any money well you may pay him but do not get into debt yourself. I don't know how long it will be.
I don't want to send you a half of a sheet of paper although I do write every day. I hope you didn't send any fresh shirts that you spoke of but they would be one half as much as it would to buy them here and that would be nearly as much as they would cost at home. I do not think that it would be a good plan to send them alone in that way. If you do you should make a small snug box. But I presume you will have sent them by this time I bought me a trunk when I was in O'Friske's store that I had not bought. For I'm afraid that I shall have to throw away but Iona. I understand that there is a large force of Rebels collecting only a few miles from here and may attack us. We had but a small force when last occupied an island. If you write to that is means to say we can get no reinforcements if we can have 2 or 3 more hours time. I am sorry that our position looks all together unsafe but I presume that our men feel safe. I am hoping for something to turn up. I presume that by this time you have heard all about the fight at Olga. We have been reported to have two or three times but are still alive. Whether we have proceeded this winter and whether we have What has everyone and in fact I want all of the news you can give me with it sometime and if we have it going on yet.
I have not yet written a letter to you and do not know how long it will be but I want it written as soon as possible but it will be impossible almost anytime here. It will cost about $10.00 for you and I do not know but I shall wait until I get to St. Louis. It started from it a little too quietly, I would have reached them earlier. But when I found out that I had to go it was too late and then I was afraid that I would run short of funds but I was not short of a place again I would just turn to the first place and then, and now I have got more money and don't know where I shall come from. To say you are a pleasant I had a room and the free rooms cost around $5.00 a night. But they kept falling at that rate beyond my price for a few days and I would have had a room if I could have reach.

The regiment is out on short leave now and I shall have a few more to write to you and some things to say. So I shall have to go good night for the present.

Your husband,

W. A. Burdick
Camp at Corinth, Miss. Oct 19, 1862

My Dearest,

At the close of another Sabbath day, and after writing a letter to you, I have thought that before I went to bed, I ought to write to you. Oh, how I have wished that I could be at home with you. I have been very lonely to-day, as it was one of the most lonely days I have spent in the army, but to wish I shall attempt to drive away this loneliness by writing to you. I want you to give me all the news that is of interest in our quiet town. The boys that are here are well, with the exception of A. W. Ball, as his leg pain him a great deal and is doing quite a little but the soldiers going down he has sold. I saw Frank and Bill. Bill, you know. Mark and all are well and hearty. The other boys are away some of them are around. I would write you a list of them but it is so many that I might and in fact you had said you would. At this time, I had intended to have written to you before but this time, I could not, and also that news is for the days after the battle. I had an order to lay my hands down but was constantly where the move. The wounded must be attended to before all others. And itis a fact that at the very time the corps were needed most men were in the vicinity and thrown to the ground. Some of our men fought desparately and then had liquor. I believe don't the best in the field. I have learned the beauty of obeying orders in the field and want to command one day.
a man in his right mind. Our men fear death but not for themselves, not for their loved ones, not for their families. They fight desperately and upon the last day they would become desperate. They would fight to the death, they would die, they would lose, but they would not yield. They would not give up. That's why we are prepared to meet the purpose of killing each other, one and to another. It's not just a battle, it's a war. It's not just a conflict, it's a war of survival. And the man who survives, who lives on, is the one who can and will continue to fight. He will continue to fight, to survive, to thrive.

My dear husband,

A. M. H. Sanderson
October 1862

Nigger you need not feel uneasy about me for I am well and
as is Addie. I have all that I need and
shall have things very pleasant for us
this winter. Every one is good to me
and would do any thing for me that
they could. Every one seems to think
a good deal of you. I have not seen
any thing of Comstock folks since
you went away. Poor dear anything
from them.

I have rather you would not write
any thing about what I write to you
until I see you but I want to tell
you all about it when you come
done so if you think well write soon
and all about what you think about.
coming to Lubone if you think you will come. Oh how I hope you will come. P. cannot stop and let Johnny help this to Stevens. God write as often as you can. I write as often as you can. I do not feel well as long as I know you are well and not under the bottle. P. must stop.

Pam and yours Affectionate wife

Sophia A. Underwood

do not be uneasy about me for I am well and comfortable. I am glad you have got your tent. 20 miles and warm. How I wish I could see how you look to night. The moon shines so pretty it makes one so lonely

S. A. W.
Davenport Camp, Beverly, Feb. 27, 1863

Dear Wife,

Your letter of the 3rd came to hand yesterday. Was much pleased to hear from you and the folks there. Also received a letter from Amos and one from Andrew. Your letters all appear to come in a pile. It is still uncertain when we will get our pay, and how soon we will be ordered from this place. My impression however is that we will never go south again. That fighting we do after this will be in the North. Among the Indians and Rebels I would rather serve in the South. And I think the...
the majority of our yard are of the same opinion. I do not now need those shirts that you have made me. To make me comfortable. I may want my shirt when I get home, but a white shirt of mine in the warm, I feel anxious to get home and see you and Addie. Besides I wish to look after my business a little and see a hysteric in case of it collected. And what objections is for one paying me. If I come home, I will make a content them. Some of them will understand what it is to pay this bill. I was a good fellow as long as I would work for them for anything, but now I want my pay, and I intend to have it if they are able
to pay me. In the future I intend
to live a little more upon the
square, and if I practice med-
icine many places they will
pay me and I will not work
so hard for them for nothing.
Then I am able to pay me I
will not pay me I will not do busi-
ness for them.
I have been to Church today,
had a good sermon. Attended
Clerk meeting, enjoyed it
much. Some of the boys
went with me.
My health is good. Dr. Huff is still
in Iowa City but I'll come down
in any day that I think I can
him, his wife's health is very
poor and it is very uncertain
about her recovery. Gave up to
him to see her and told him
That I thought she had the consumption. He could not believe it. But she is evidently failing very fast. I would like him to get with her all the care for he will have her but short time. He has been very kind to me and will do what he can for me to go home when I can leave. Have very little to do here now but the sick let it is necessary for someone to be here. I would not have anything occur in our absence. If it would make one of the people a nuisance possible. I and stetson had I stand well with the regiment and I would not do anything to
Davenport, Iowa Feb 12th 68

Dear Wife

Your letters come now quite regular and it affords me much pleasure, when I receive one from you, to learn that you are well. I always look at the close of the letter for that reason, to see the name Addie and I am well. If I do not find it there, I read the letter anxiously, for the desired information. And always feel relieved when I find it, my health is good, you are as I supposed you thought it was. It is not because I am sick that I do not come home, but because I have not received any pay, and do not want to come home until I do. for two reasons. One, the paymaster might come and then I would not get my pay for at least two months more. And the other is I wish to settle up all of my accounts and pay all that I owe. And that cannot be done unless I have some money. Don't think something of my coming home as to make you sad. I will do my best for me to stay here for a few days longer, don't feel that I am not coming home, for I am at present in no more danger, without I would be at home. The reason that I felt so uneasy about you, was this, I could not hear from you, and that perhaps you were very sick.
and could not write and, that your folks thought it was not best to let me know. The reason that I did not write to you in the long time was that if I had written to you, you could not have got it, and, besides, I had no convenient place for writing. Not time to do her at present but if it is necessary for some one just to be here, I shall most need those white shirts while I stay in the army, for it is impossible to get them washed and had shall never wear them while I stay in the army for that reason.

It would be a pleasure for me indeed to see that little girl, but must wait until I can come home. I have no doubt but you are all having good times this winter. Your folks all at home. And no doubt the boys have but little to do besides enjoy life, Amos and wife & Andrew they are & Father and Mother and Johnny. And Addie. I would not think you would be lonely.

I had a very pleasant time while I was at Iowa City. At Huff's Hotel I met a deal of people to make me enjoy myself. I read all over the country. Visited the University and called upon some of my friends there. The name of Clark had a good visit, but all made me think of home.
Then came down to West Liberty and called upon some friends by the name of Evans and they insisted upon my staying all night in that I had a good visit with them, I in all had as good a time as possible for one to have. But seeing them at homemade meals in great fun and it seemed (just) that I missed you more than ever before.

I do not know that Amos or Andrew will write I am off so if I do not write to them a letter sooner I think that they will excuse a visit over Amoses came at the same time that yours did & also Amos & I was glad to hear from all and that you were all as well. You appear to have a fancy to your horse do you think that you can ride it? She is very fond upon the back anyone I think could ride her. Besides she is a good rider if you have a curb bit upon her the ride pretty good with the other however. I could lead everything that moved until the got lame. And since I have not tried her thoughts it would be too bad. She will be however a good family horse I think and do a great deal of work. And if she had have a good colt next year I shall feel very well satisfied. I shall have to be one before I go into the field again. I shall need another this. I Stuff Came down from Iowa City this evening I wish now that I had
My joy tomorrow would find me upon the way to Berdine C. But no regulations here it will not be possible to go, do think that we could have a good time if the regulations were changed so we could go home.

It looks strange to me that the boss master does not make his appearance.

I must close for this might as it is late. Remember your affectionate husband.

Mary Anderson

P.S. Remember me to all of the friends. Yours M. Anderson.
Leavenworth, Iowa, March 20th.

My dear Wife,

Your kind letter of the 13th. first came to hand yesterday morning. I always hate it as a bright messenger when it conveys the intimation of your good health.

I intended that you would retain those photographs if you desired to, had them taken for you, also need a paper from you containing those so-called Democratic Resolutions, I have read them, and see a great deal of General Statements. Bombast and lies is great deal of talk of what they will do for the soldier, and how they will put down the rebellion. And it can all be summed up in Convention of States. I might have said the in the second resolution I will copy it so that you will have it all before you and then will not misrepresent the resolution or its intent.

7. That we denounce the assertion that slavery is the cause of the present troubles as a libel upon the framers of our present Constitution and...
repugnant to the facts of our nation's history. We ascribe them to the unbridled ambition and wicked machinations of disloyal and fanatical agitators North as well as South, who sought to magnify and exploit disloyal and fanatical agitators among the ruins of Constitutional and Civil liberties.

And that grand杰克just let us look at the spirit of the Resolution for one moment. Disloyal and fanatical agitators North as well as South are the ones who are "the cause of our present troubles." That is the spirit of the Resolution, in fact "Glory" something to do with it. What have those disloyal and fanatical persons been agitating. One part of those disloyal and fanatical agitators have been saying that "Glory" was sectional and was limted by State laws. The other part said it was national and they could have it wherever they chose. But now this is the financial and this the Cause of the war the Resolution to the contrary, this is the cause of contention.

A Resolution that is lost of the loyalty of the deserters and their willingness to vindicate and sustain the honor and...
and integrity of the Benton County
while this is true of Just Men and
Democrats as Rosceous, Joe Hoopes, Ben
Butler, and their confederates. It is not
true of those that read with delight the
Cincinnati Enquirer, Chicago Times,
and Memphis Convention and pass
such resolutions as those passed by the
so self-styled Democrats of Hardin Co.
There is not one of them that can say
I dissented from my notions honored
integrity, and I do not believe that one of
them will unless compelled to do so. And
back and back what we desire to have
done and will do, while those Democrats
in the field repudiate their resolutions
and call them traitors. And demand
these resolutions from the men who
their Tories have forced, will not allow
them to be circulated in their Com.
Such is the position they occupy.
They are neither respected by the men
of the South above or below or
above or below.
O must not for a few moments to the
12th and 13th resolutions their spirit is about
the same thing, Convention of States.
What does it signify? Let the South cre
continue as they are a mind to. Let me illustrate
I also put one in for Mrs. Well. you can let them have theirs at first opportunity.
Here is arraigned for trial along number of men for those stealing. This trial goes on evidence is advised to prove them guilty and no relating testimony against. The case is clear. They are found guilty of theft. They are to receive their sentence, and will about to be executed. The court has provided for all of their wants, and intends to carry it out. But at this time they steps some of their friends and say, "Hold! None of those men that you are about to imprison for a jury upon their case neither did we act as jurors. Now this case must be left to us. We cannot agree it amicably. Would not any time money that is no way contrive our justice let the criminal take his sure sentence. This is about the position of these men. Not Convention of States. They are accused of a large number of those that are loyal to the government and are interested in pushing forward this war and would not be allowed to vote in their respective States if they could get a few women, and all of the gods. They could succeed in establishing the government just to suit their fictitious meats.
and those men that have made the sacrifices of home, health, and life, and those in the field who would not have a word to say, are loyal men prepared for this. Are we willing to let Northern traitors & southern rebels decide this case at this time, after having attempted to destroy our government, killed our young men, and when we created to execute them for all these crimes draw back, those men that express their sympathy for the south, and giving it aid and comfort, are but promoting the struggle. And if it should let Yankees and I call of any service to the government it shall have them. And unjudgingly, I believe that I love my family as much as any one, but what is my family to one without government that will give them liberties? It would be better for us to die than be slaves. Besides our government has demands upon us as citizens prior to that of our families. I am anxious to have this war close, but not upon the basis of those resolutions. If it would be ignoble, it would be completed to surrender our right to you by the Articles of the Constitution. If there had not been any abolitionists, there would have been no war, any less cruel.
Suggest a change in your strategy of the internal slave trade (instead of "repeal") that would have been no abolition. You gave him a hard thrust, and you might add if thine had been my view there would have been no need of a law.

It is to defeat that the Court of North and South could not make the war determined to win. And some of their friends in the North, or fearful that they will accomplish either end and determined to aid them in their selfish design. Those men will be remembered by me as long as I live, and if my brother comes in my way I will not turn my hand aside to show him. But shall see my country beyond all human ties and, if I have a brotherhood in a traitor, let him suffer as one. Although it would make me feel bad, I would not raise my hand to save his life if it would be an injury to my country or if it would prolong the war. I know that I say, I am in earnest, and I wish to do all men were either upon one side or the other we could soon end this war.
I ask you favor of Father North or South if they tell me prisoner I am willing to be tried as one, for I will still try what I can, and if they love me I will suffer. If I can save my country with my blood as well as with my life, or can relieve it equally as well as with my blood and use my revolver in the field I shall do it.

You may expect to find me ever faithful to my country. But I presume that I have always written to much of my views to be pleasing to you. Nothing new has occurred in camp since I wrote you before and I have but little of importance to write. But shall leave here soon now I think. But when shall ye I do not know and I care but very little if we are only at work. Am tired of lying still as we have been here. The health of the troops are good now. We have some sick but all are doing well. I think of you often and long to be at home with you.

I will send to you in this letter a photograph for Mrs. Conwell and also a ring of my own manufacture. I did not send it to Huffs. Photographic and the first opportunity.

Remember me to all.

Your Affectionate

Husband

M. Hardwood
Benton Barracks April 4, 1863

My Dear Wife,

Your letter of the 24th of March came to hand last evening. Much pleased to hear from you and that you were well. That ring that I sent you made of a shell that I picked up upon the shore of the Mississippi at Davenport. I have two more that I manufactured while at Davenport.

I had a letter from James not long ago, he was at Bloomfield last week. Jonas had banded to work in a battery. Said it very much was doing well.

We leave for Memphis next Wednesday at least and will probably go down the river soon. Benton Edgington will be home in a few days. He resigned and I shall if I draw any money send some home by him. He resigned upon the account of his health. The weather is beautiful. Breaded out through the country to-day. It is beautiful all well formed and nice building and such fine churches and the peach trees all in blossom as soon as it would be in May. The road is good. The climate is just about what I like, and if I could buy a farm near St. Louis I would do it. Health of the troops is good and doing well. I don’t know that we will remain a regiment long. I have my fears for every regiment is so much reduced that it may be consolidated with some other.

I should have written more about those resolutions if I had had time when I did write. I endeavored to make any remarks upon them in a mild language as pr-
I have not heard whether you received the money or not. I will send you 250 dollars. I wish as soon as you get it to
let me know about it. and also to pay the note, and all the
particularly. David & Melissa both send to me a letter.
She wrote a long letter and sounds very friendly now. She did not want
to write and you she could hardly realize how much she
thought of us. I wrote to David and sent him the pay
note I was supposed to being owing him, and I think that
I sent him enough and I would like you to keep a letter if he should
write one to you about it. He will write to me about it, if he should
send it to me. As you can see, the storm.

I have been thinking today that it is two years since we were married and it seems like it has been two very short
years. I have been at home but very little for the last two years. But I have derived much enjoyment in living with
my family than in any other two years of my life. Oh! how I long
for the time to come when this war will close and peace and
prosperity once more to sup on our beloved country.
It will be ended to one by much suffering and pain.
and it is our duty to work for a proper basis. I will be back
here on our last, I am not dispairing for I believe that we will
come out all right. The Betings at first through which
we have passed, I am very much pleased with the officers
of my regiment, and will send several of their photographs
in such you can see what we have for instance,

Colonel Boswell, a fine man and a graduate of the
Military Academy at West Point, officer.
I want you to look out and get some shoes and
and his and also money and everything.
Mr. Oatmoswell. I wish you could persua-
ded him and father to have their
to take sometime. I haven't bought
me a home yet and don't know if I
will until I get around.

I am much pleased that you think
so much of sugar. I hope you will have
a good time. I could not send a little
saddle home or I should have done.
I want to get my friends that are
in the city to have theirs and also
those that live in Illinois and send
them to you. My health is good in
fact it was never better than it is
now. I have a good appetite.
I shall take the best care of myself
possible. For it will be very essential
that I have good health. I presume that
I shall enjoy good health this summer.
I long to get hold of that little girl
she will soon be a year old and how little
care I have had of her. It makes me feel
bad to think that you have had all
the care of her. Had all of the labor and care
of her. It is so bad. But it cannot be
helped. It must all be done.
one must have care of them, but I
again feel sorry for you.
If you had only let the little
one to have talked you? I would had
you came over with me to this
place for there is a large number
of women here but will leave as soon
as we start north for their homes
in the North. Melinda and I wish
that she might have you. We wish
you would come and stay with her this summer. Othine
that you would not work too much
unless you wish with you. I must close for the
night wishing you good.

remain yours affection,

Husband

M. Andrews
Boston Barracks April 9th 1863.

My dear wife,

I take pleasure in writing you a few lines. I have an opportunity of sending you an album and some money by my friend First P.V. Edington who is going to the S. Co. Shall send by him one hundred dollars for you and if you think that you can use some of it, enough to pay Connecticut 24 dollars. As I said, I would like you to let me know as soon as possible how much money you had left after paying board and how much you need and if you have received any letters that were pointed at Davenport.

My health is good and I shall write you another soon.

Your husband,

[Signature]

P.S. Mr. Edington will let me have an order upon Edington and brothers. You can cash it and draw the money as you need.

Ella, as she has telephoned to me, so soon.

[Signature]
The Amount of Money will be $10 and enclosed you will find the order.
Benton, Illinois, April 8th, 1863

My dear wife, we leave this morning for the South, and this evening I take the opportunity of writing you.

It appears that it is uncertain where we will stop. It is impossible at this present time for any one to know. The orders that we have to go is for Young's Point about seven miles from Pittsburgh. So that I have no doubt but we shall see the elephant at this place. I have nothing of particular interest to write and but very little time to do so.

I sent an order upon Edgington for one ($100) hundred dollars to be paid to you or soon as you saw fit to draw it. I hope you will apply early so that you can have the
Money to use. If you think that you can I would like it very much. If you would go home I
But still I want you to keep
money enough to set all of the little bills that you want
for your own comfort.
My health is good. I have
not received a letter since
I last wrote to you. I presume
that it is upon the account
of my going South and up
on the must all of the time.
My brother has concluded not to
go South and he is going back to
Fort Leavenworth and will
from this place.
Kiss Addie for me often.
My dear wife I must close
for to night. Your husband,Myron Andeswood.
I thought that I would write you after
linesome before I went to bed as you can
see. We have agreed to deal to solomones
and I shall have no time from time to
gain from time shall end one to while
upon the book. Mother like this clim-
ate, it is gone another rest. I was all in
blues the grass to grow, and rich car
on castles could get their living.
I want to have you write as soon
as possible after hearing the news
and all about it.
My dear Owl, I feel very sad for some
cause and don't know what to
attribute it to. All is not as very
friendly and I know the I have
many warm friends in the
Reg. I sometimes think of the
magnitude of this rebellion, and in
the bitterness from here we are
those Copperheads. I despise
them. They are not fit for the
of May came to hand yesterday evening, and I am still pleased to hear that you are well. I have written some to train for a few days, and sent one this morning by Capt. Wild to tell you he would put it in the office of Cuirs, Ill., I have received your letter and was so pleased to hear that you are, Altho' if possible it is so difficult to write a little child, this I did not expect it, I would like to have it again at some convenient time. Do not feel such an anxiety for me as the time as to make you feel for I am well and good, you must control your feelings as much as possible, if anything should happen to me I will be well taken care of. Our regiment, as you have been very unfortunate as we have lost but 1 man killed and 21 wounded, It has however done a great amount of hard work, and have suffered from lack of good food, but remain in a good condition. Our messes are very good, the greyhounds get plenty, I go on in a few days I think. We quite well today, I am not sorry that you sent your telegram, it will be a great deal of comfort to me, and although it may seem slight where I am not used to it, I hate it, you looked as though you had humor me, I am Monday by day confirmed that it is no place for the woman in the Army, for they are not only a trouble to their husbands, but to each other, you asked me the question when will you be home, then it 1,2,3, close. You also asked me the question of what to make of your plans. Some day plan without carrying them out. Be sure to your plans as it goes on and right, and then on they graduate. And, if inevitable will they be of benefit to you, Going to School and taking a good Course will be benefit to you and I should hardly approve of that part of the plan all right. But including Koch as a brother now into 200 men.
and in the proper place I will give you any lessons for singing. I would like you to go to school and take lessons for the piano, and also become a good mathematician, and a good Grammarian. If however you go, I would like to suggest to you a few things. I think that you have not estimated the undertaking that you have assumed. First and foremost their are difficulties to overcome that are not small. Such as composition in music that may be very difficult for you, and the study of music is not as easy as it appears at first. The first thing is the greatest of all, mental courage will have to be a little strong and not alone. You must not think of it as if all the country is guilty of it. In fact even though a choir is not accurate, you will do well to think of them. If you go to school, do not take beside your music lessons but two studies, Arithmetic and Grammar to start with. You must read and spell, bird and read nothing more. Also, if you learn very slowly, if you feel that you are not understanding, do not read a word but have your thoroughly understood. So a principal, you learn to look at it so that if you take, you can get it all by the time that the other students get. But you must calculate on disappointment. In the meantime, you will need to learn how to read music perfectly and all that. Remember that if you don't thoroughly understand when you will be pleased, do not put it in a class. If you cannot hear it, but in one that you can read, read, and when you will be added into another class according as you can meet all those in your first class. Then you will have more material in Mathematics and any other branch, then that you have studied. The right or wrong, anyway, and you will
have a good night. If you can finish the Music theory if you think so and I should think that you thought so by when you have written to me. But it will be best if you and me, music, you will want to know the principles first, and I will take a great amount of patience and practice to become a musician. It will take more to learn than just principles, for at least two terms and the combination you can get at school but not here at a very easy time. I should not

It is that I could learn study at home and not do any room of confusion you can do twice as much, and you will not

noted Anne, for study of each branch you can do it and you

price your Music easily, and no one can learn fast. Then of your

However, I will not engage at the initial of the term of study as it will be about as much as you will need and for a thorough review spend the frinds. I only

you be as well and treat and how she has asked Robin says. And anything that you need will get and pray for all people. But do not pay any kind of attention to

for you lose strength by doing anything as you have done it

than to keep it for you, How do go, How do you, How do you

rical. The child may be a good girl and should the best had. But he

not wrong you, how she has an intimate friend she can

wish she is a suitable person for you to associate with. She

old in her state and peculiarities in her way, and as I subscribe a

and has a way of liking good people in her life that could not be justified in anyone and you cannot

with her motions she will show how much she cares for you.

for her in the course a companion in her actions when she

became acquainted with her. She listened

that she has taken a proper course in her and Comstock. I hope you have not heard any thing she would be

her a great deal of Mrs. Comstock. I have more

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Minna could not make his defense. I knew the Congreve as well. Mr. Constock may have said things that he might have afterward. But she heard with a calmness and for the purpose of injuring her. She had said it with a purpose of seconding and of reaching back at any way. I would not have felt it in the same

word that it would of opposing through his hands. It should not have any friends to worse. It was not

in the affair did Rachel tell you about Mrs. Constock's

for the sake of benefiting goods. For the purpose of Revenge and only deprivations. Mrs. Constock of a friend. But it would perhaps

would design to deprive anyone. Rachel was mild and

instructed a girl in persons at Coney Island. Do you and I
do you think Rachel to say that Mrs. Constock is not

my friend on the same reason intentionally for

I do not believe it. I can, as at a party to any good proceeding. Mrs. Constock must understand and to

hope you have answered anything in that you would

forsake you as well as the selling slave Rachel. CTRL

 defence as through Rachel. I do not mean it to fault

through, and I am not going to make a confession of

Rachel. And still I do not wish to that your answer

But I must distinctly understand that she cannot

be of mine. I will not be well publicly and privately, but

if you intend to speak my mind and you can act ac-

spondingly. She is a girl that is shallow and my remark not

at all, and she combine a dangerous friend. I would not how

a persons to speak their mind hardly any very though a

friend. How do not direct Mrs. Constock know

I am not to you to lead to her own anything of the kind. I must

you independent of a little talk and that if I think you can

any you can avoid it. fell till talk and you cannot half and

persons select through the they perform their purposes and shall os

for the purpose of pulling them down but on must be
Monogram: F. J. Black, May 15th, 186
My dear wife,

Vicksburg is ours. It surrendered to Gen. Grant yesterday. (The news of which) One of the greatest victories in the war. It was a great feat, and Grant's Generals have been pushed to the limit and more.

In the history of the world, we have accomplished a task which no one had ever done. We have kept a man daily in the trenches for nearly two years. He has suffered, and has been cut down by our men. But our men have stood it well. And are now in good spirits; although we have not been permitted to go to Vicksburg, and I am sure is good policy although the situation desire it. You are there. But our work is not finished. The rebellion is not crushed out. And we are merely a pinch into the heart of the South. I intend to clean the country of all Rebels. And an officer is not for to degare about 25 miles from Vicksburg. Come up to this point yesterday or last night. We have destroyed an army of Rebels in this vicinity of 20,000 men. The number of prisoners taken is seriously estimated from 90,000.
they had 60,000 men when we got there at Black River and the army is destroyed and we’ve burnt the corporation. And now we do not intend to let them rest as long as
the weather is so that we can March and if we can’t
it is useless for them to try. This part of the world is made up in good climates. The Rebel General says of this morning
he met a four and a half thousand between 85-40 thousand
He says that we should have a dog of rest. I would have been glad to have had you in Iowa to see how
the farmers that Block very how surrendered.
My health is good, and we have now moved into the
country so that we can get all of the fruit and green com
that are sweet. Blackberry is abundant our men
are improving very rapidly, in health diorward by
almost discrimination from the Rye. We begin to get in
a run of the hills and will have a better country to travel through when we have kept for the last 25
miles. It will certainly be desirable to have a
pleasant country to move through. The rebels and
troops are in motion and I presume that we
shall move in a short time. forward. I have
now no charge on Rye and a canal with 7
men so that you can judge the amount
of labor to be performed by you here. The
second one of the morning order and in the
and this other has charge of Bingham and
only Conville to go on. As long as I
am well I can attend to it, but if I
should be sick it wouldn’t go any harm for me.
I will not show any anger at any
move a letter to oblige and one to you but
have not received any from you since I
received your and

Give my Respect to all and let
Me know all of the news, if you can this term, your husband
On our behalf.

P.P. I will write to you soon
again and perhaps all will be well.

Yours,

[Signature]
Camp at Bear Creek, Missouri, July 26, 1863

My Dear Wife,

After the lapse of several days I have an opportunity to write you a few words. We have had days of excessive labor and I last wrote you marching and digging entrenchments and fighting as part of the time in succession. I have been in the field all the time. I have been without a shelter from the rain and a great part of the time without a shelter from the scorching sun, and fatigue either makes me shiver from the wet or make me shiver with the cold, or line of both has been on my person. And through all this we have been doing something. We have not been idle. It is true said before, but I have destroyed an army greater in number than our own with a small force compared to the number in the field. We have marched further than any army before in the annals of history and dug more trenches and ditches than any army in the annals of time. The Western army has a proud record, how honor cannot estimate the stupendous work that has been done. I will give you a little of what has been done from last Saturday until this order every day. We left our camp after the surrender of Jackson as I should not go to the surrender of the surrender. We have moved across the Mississippi River. (will now explain the division.) Six divisions, 4 regiments of our division, of which I am and myself I will hold an active part. For a Camp, a day before the battle. To the West we are ordered for Brandon at a place in Miss.
Twelve miles east of Frederick, upon the Jackson and Meredith road, for the purpose of destroying the R.R. in that direction. Our R.P.R. at the advance of the enemy and of course kept skirmishing every advance of the time to avoid a direct assault. Marched about 7 miles and skirmished in front of an enemy in force and it would be dangerous for us to make an advance in small parties at any time, however, we made them get out of the woods and as fast as possible our push was as rapidly as possible in the woods but with 2 or 3 hundred yards of the woods the enemy opened fire. The 12th I was in the woods and the 12th Iowa with the 8th I was in the front and the fire opened fire. The 12th I was in the woods and the 12th Iowa with the 8th I was in the front and opened fire. The 12th I was in the woods and the 12th Iowa with the 8th I was in the front and opened fire. The 12th I was in the woods and the 12th Iowa with the 8th I was in the front and opened fire.
very heavy for the first mile, the firing was kept up with the artillery in Artemas time. The hot sunpouring down upon their heads, but on the advance they throught Corn and destroyed the until the line of skirmishers came to the open field; and then the
reb. fired up their rifle arms and left. But they had killed one of
the 40th and wounded 2 more of our brave boys. Well, then oven
we marched into Brandon that caught and Corporal 

threw in the night. It is a beautiful place situated in a pretty County and such a number of the people felt placed to see a man on two
ground with us and learned their books from us and looked upon
us Killers and cut throats. There wasn't even one how have Daymuth

of the Copperhead smears. I told you Sophia I didn't know what
I had seen the Ay'my Campared to this, But I
have answered. We destroyed the Rlick Road, for several miles
next day and defeated and marched 15 miles that day and
around about every back to Jacksonville. Next day and evening
we sat in the district of public property in that place.

Since that time we have marched 10 miles and with an
army of about 30 thousand men. We expect to rest for a
short time. There is no one but political, for the last week.

I have had the Red and Brown Corps of this division under
my charge; and Mr. Haff, for he has been sick, I have not
been able to lead them effective, and we had to get up six
in the morning at our vellear. Yesterday I became almost
somnolent. Yet a blindness came over me, got off of my
horse and sat upon the ground under the shade. But
the men shouted a few moments, and waving my hand, and by seeing
was taken to prison Camp. But we are to have rest now,
and it is the amen. Mr. 2. the sick among the column, to

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We expect to camp where you are, and rear a home for both of us.

I want you to go to school this fall and you are under your own arrangement with Mr. Cole. I hope you may think better of it. I must tell you to be made to time. I don’t wish you to go to school unless you receive the money and the only payment. I want you to return all of the money you did for your own use, and for school, if he does not receive his pay as soon. I shall send more money before long and will be able to send it home. But keep enough for your own use.

I want you to hear from you often and how you are. If you had better mean Addie, please a room by yourself. I hope you go to school and furnish the same if they will let you, and make a diploma in the future.

Let me hear from you soon.

Your affec. husband,

W. Andrews
Camp at Bear Creek, July 29th, 1863.

My dear wife,

Your kind letter of the 13th just came to hand yesterday, fell pleased to learn that you were feeling better and that you were able to be out to the Blackmore meeting. You need not apologize for what you wrote for I was satisfied that it did not mean anything but it would be well enough to be careful how I responded your words.

If Melinda comes over do not stop going to school upon that account. I do not want anything to stop you. I was not to feel independent of you if I have any health I consider it a good living for yourself and I. Besides I am under very little obligations to any folks.

If Melinda should come over there is no pleasanter for you as you can. (But the 2 need not have addled)

We are still camping in the same place that we were when last I wrote to you. But how long we will stay it is impossible for me to say. I understand however that we go to Chetah this State in the course of two or three days. It is uncertain however, I am glad that Rachel is so kind to mother
for it is my impression that she will be with
your mother a great deal of the time until
you get home if you should go to school.
I wish to be at home as all of the time but
I shall stay until this was closed or until my
term of office expires. All moves on about
some other I lost yours to you only only day
I was relieved of a part of my duties the Piano
corps is now in the hands of another Surgeon.
I went to the General and told him I
would like to be relieved of a part of my
duties and he assigned another Surgeon.
I should judge that your father had been
working very hard this summer. How
does he get along with all of my loose stake?
I presume that this is a great deal of trouble
him to have the care of it. I mean that he shall
be well paid for it. I would be so glad to be at home
for a short time and enjoy the society of my
friends for a short time for I have had a hard
time for the last two months. I haven't
had a bit of corn bread. But hard Bread, bread.
Can tell you its beauty, besides we had had
a hard time the most of the time.
I begin to think that I shall forget how
Bread tastes. But I think some would test
good. You can have very little idea of
the renovations that we have undergone.
the first of May. We have seen this in the face of some Copperheadators. We have a good deal in store for them. We have no sympathy with them. We wish to see the ends achieved. No one may ask for sympathy from me. I am not disposed to aid in the prolongation of the war. We have suffered too much to have this all lost. We will not go back, but forward and all that opposes we learn to hate not as motions but as enemies. Politics, when it interferes with the vitality of us citizen on the field, and destruction a nation should not be suffered. You can see the position today by the benevolent party in New. And they be said to be friends of the army. Read are questions you can answer in your own mind. We have given them a chance of success in the mouths of the hot headed legislators, and are willing to count on this vote. My health is good and I am about. I think only one thing is fit for duty in our department. The men are generally well paid and very well secured in their . Shall we not go again. But it is getting dark and I must close. Kiss Addie for me.

Your Aff. husband,

Myron.
Camp Bear Creek 0 Oct. 5, 1863

My Dear Wife

I thought a few words would give some amiss from you at any time although I might not have met to communicate, and even if I had just written a letter to you, I must tell you a little of news. Fresh arrival just read at the Quarter Master of 4th Regt. live Yankee woman, in person of Mrs. Burnside, the Quarter Master's wife, and all of the way from Iowa. How don't you think be a good note, and she belongs to our own, or rather to those with us. And you may use her for this letter, for it made me feel so very lonely then. This evening I could not do anything, it turned any heart. (It was a very cold winter). If I was to lose her I would not go down, and that just fit for nothing. Cannot do business and till I do something to drive away this loneliness, I felt as if I was alone in this world and still she was within a mile or a half. 3 or 4 persons. But a man can be alone although he is in a crowded assembly, I feel as anxious to see you and our little girl. How it has been almost six months since I have seen a real Yankee woman or any woman who I could converse with freely. But I did not consider as a traitor to her government and could wish that it directed from such good qualities. If I possessed any, which I have no doubt many of them possess. All of them that I have talked with think one of the most bitter persons. Among the stores that they did ever see, one of the citizens, said that they did not believe what I had one part of sympathy for.
The world, I have met and hold them as, and I despise old men. I yielded, and I believed that the war was not only at but then and elsewhere a fit out of a republic in forms of Government, and we are fit to live and the only place he was fit for this hell, and I would kill them and send them their just as fast as I could. Only you think that by this time I have got to be a pretty hard case. And I realize the hate with all of the venom that is in one. And I am more responsible for their opinions, and if they are not for the support of this government, it is because of some deadly enemies. And they would be willing to stand up and shoot at one. And I know I would do them what you may assure me you will, and I have seen enough to cooperate with.

I am afraid that a word is about any coming front will end of long duration by being your one and only of my word, I know you that I was disappointed that you did not go to school, but you did not give me any reason for not going, and I did not know what to think of it. I do not think you believe that the little girl go school or anything else. I have not the least doubt but we have done right. I feel that it will not be long before we shall be a home for students. We will close in two or three for we are making a centennial or open road report this summer, when the time a move are held at. We shall not take an important place but we have held it ever, and today we are going ground upon them all of the time and to built greater foundations than may seem slow. But we will an able result sooner. It will be out and adjoining. I can be but another year of suffering, and that will
from roll around. Please let me know from time to time if any news of your health comes. I hope to visit home soon. I hope to hear from you soon. My regards to all.

Mrs. [name] and [name]

[Signature]

Husband

Amysond Anderson.
Oct 9, 1863 Camp In the field near
My dear Wife

Your letter of Sept 25.

Came to hand this evening and I take this early opportunity to say a few words to you. I have been very busy this afternoon sending out the orders and command at Antietam. And making our requisitions for medicines for the next three months.

You will have to give up the idea of going to

Cincinnati home until the next six months for they will not let me reenlist they will not furlough me and as that I can not get out. I am pretty well healthy for either and therefore will be obliged to stand it the best I can, and look for something to turn up in the wind that will help out out.

My health is still good and the most of the boys give out. I was told by the Surgeon of the Division that I would have to take charge of another Capt. Two
died out and a Surgeon was to take charge of it. He said that I was as about the only one that was able to work all of the time and thought that a Battery and two Rebs would not do much for me but I conclude that it all agoe at least I hope so. For I am doing now as well as any other Surgeon on the

division. I understand that Capt. C. Wooduff will be here soon but has not arrived yet. I think that he will have to be on
to be on hand soon if he takes the fort of this Vega so it will be now in three days. I wish you would tell me what
is as unpleasant for you, if it is anything that I can help it
shall be done at once, for I don't want to stay in any place
that is unpleasant to you. If there is a place under heaven
more pleasant for you let me know it and you shall leave that place
if possible. We are expecting a great snow soon and it is
impossible for one to tell but the most of us thinks a
fight or a retreat upon Wakefield. The creeks have all been
kept away, and we have our things all packed so that
we can strike and move and be upon the Mount in ten
minutes any time. I have not heard from Illinois for
some time and from James and Jones and do not know
what is going on. I have been quite anxious for
Molnar to arrive as we have our fears that he will not be
here six days hence to take the post of
the key. But we feel determined to hold at any rate for
I have good reason to believe that the French will
try to kill the rest of this Brigade and it is all Iowa
men so he will be mistated for we will not if we
have to do with the French,
The weather is beautiful now and as warm as summer
with the exception of night they are quite cool but we
get along well for we all have tents to know. I have not slept
out of doors for some time and feel in hope that I shall
not have to. I want to see that little girl of ours very
much. I would like the first time you can get an opportu-
nity to send me her photograph or letters.
Gen Tuttle is feeling pretty sure of his prospects in the army and he is doing all he can to stay the soldiers under his command from voting. His very impression is that the Iowa troops of his state elected (which he will not be able to cast) will influence his position and send him home. And I would be surprised if he is not by the next move. I believe that he can be dishonorably discharged from the service for his conduct. He is not worthy of the position he now holds. Any man that will support him knowing the man is not a Union man, and knowing his acts, is not worthy of the confidence of the people. He is not a sound loyal man; if he was why should he still vote Rept, even if the 20 or 20 Colored. But our troops will applaud that, and any man that will vote for him is a despot. At least a fool or a traitor. But enough of politics.

Mrs Burdick is still here and a very pleasant lady, she BOARD with us and her tent is next to mine and her husband and she are in my tent about every day. Have very pleasant diners with them but it makes one think of home and my little family I regret very much that I could not come home and make a visit for I felt that it would be very pleasant for one to be at home if but for a few days. I shall expect a letter from you again soon. And by a mail soon here of all that is all of Annick's possessions what I think. I am. Must close from Your Aff. Husband Anyon.
Albia Oct 11 & 1868

My Dearest Affie:—I am pleased to have the time to write you at this time. I have been to school to-day and heard a very learned lecture on this subject. I am glad I have had a school. I want to get along with my studies, and wish to do so. I expected to have come from home, but have not yet. I sent a letter to you last Wednesday, but you did not write me one. I wrote one more today.

Albia Oct 13th I received a letter from you yesterday, and was much pleased to hear from you, and believe that you were well. I have been some time that I have not heard from you, and it seems to me good to get your letters. I read it with pleasure, and I hope you were as good as though you had nothing to write me, or anything else. I am interested in the weather. I have been in the school today, and saw the sound of your voice. I hope you will hear from me before you will hear from me again.

I did not attend school this afternoon as I was almost distracted with the train which I went to Dr. Priebe and had three extracted, and he did it my nice. I was as nervous as I could be, but they hurt me. Sometimes, the Doctor said I was perfect. I feel good now that they are out, and I could read and study the points one.
very bad. I think I never had the tooth ache as bad in my life. I like my teachers well and I think it will be a great benefit to me. Now tell me are you pleased because I have come so not tell me all about what you think of my coming to school? The folks and people look one as though I was some more or less. I hope not here from Ireland but look for a letter in the morning, then I will feel better when I hear from her and how she is well. I feel bad because I cannot see, with her, not long for the horses to pass and I gone you home.

I will not write you much this time, but will write a good long letter as soon as I get time, and will take more pains with my next, my head aches since I had my tooth out, and I will close my letter May God protect you and keep you from all harm. Write as often as you find time. I hope to hear from you often as possible. By the way I heard that Ed Edginton is intending going into the army again I heard that trained and they get along there in their family affairs. I will address two loads might my dear Husband.

Yours Affectionately

Saphia A. Underwood

P.S. I am well.
Camp on the field Oct 21st 1863.

My dear wife your letter written from Albion was received this evening, I also received one besides this one since I wrote to you. The reason of my not writing to you before this is in consequence of a very hard march that we have had which is now at an end, and I have my flog up and will have my tent up in the morning. I will endeavour to give you a little history of our March.

Upon the 14th of this month we received orders of General Burnside to move on to Dickson, that night and to be ready for a start at six on the morning. (I should say however that we had expected the orders for about four hours before.) Instead of all pulled down and upon their road for Dickson by nine o'clock of the 14th, and then commenced our out of doors life. At six o'clock we were upon the march. At nine o'clock we were upon the march. At noon we got a drink of water and joined the 17th Army Corps under the command of Gen. McPherson. All told about 4000 men. We marched that day 20 miles without anything to eat from morning until night, and camped upon the road with the road and Cloudy sky. At about midnight it rained a little just enough to wet our tent and camp, for us at eight in the morning we hurried to Brown's Mills the distance of two miles. Some skirmishing between the Rebels and our Battle line which we lost two horses and found the rebels upon the field, from this time forward all the afternoon there was no commanding upon both sides the enemy marched and our cavalry following them, skirmished this force to be about 3000 strong cavalry, this day followed about 10 miles continually trying to flank them, but they understand
our design would retreat whenever such a move was made. Camped at night within about two miles of them and in the morning the battery of our Brigade moved into position.

and I was ordered to take charge of the second if any should occur.

in a sudden action upon the enemy and such a scattering as there was among the rebels our shells falling in their very midst. After morning two or three shells an return to me. They belched!

The shells followed rapidly our battery charging fourteen and then

and shell after them as fast as possible. We again laying ground. Camped for the night. At about 9 o'clock

of 8 a.m. it commenced raining and it fell in torrents and

came down the hills sides cutting great gullies as it came. You ask

yourself how you stood? Come, Sunday morning brave brave brave,

and we moved out about 5 miles from the point of our

the enemy. But our officers had moved about 5 miles when

the enemy opened upon our forces that had not moved and

with heavy siege guns throwing shells into our lines. The

enemy being reinforced with about 12,000 troops. The next

order was to commence a retreat immediately, which we did being

in a position in which they could cut us off if they should

more with the same rapidity that had done so they crossed the

road behind us and we would have to march by a circuitous

route we started and marched about 7 or 8 miles very slowly and

for the night in the morning across again and camped

the morning following the side of Big Black River near the Bridge,

passed over two fields and were fought left there, on Champion Hill, and Big Black River Bridge. Could see

the graves of many of our battery that have fallen in defense of their

country. And also many of the graves of the enemy.

Hard a two hundred battle fields but other battle.
...out of them, yesterday we marched to this place and to
day elected camping ground and was for our efforts at Rich-
burg, which arrived in this place this evening and
Tomorrow will start any tent up again, and endeavor to
fix up for camp up again as much as possible.
Mr. C. Woodruff left this place this day but one before annou-
ced, I had a very pleasant visit with him, while hungry
down all we could do was to make it comfortable for him, while he was
here he could eat very little however of the hardships of camp
life, the payers expressed their opinion of Ben Tuttle's corner,
By thin coat, $1.00 for gold, 25 for Tuttle, and only a short time
before he accepted the nomination of the Republicans of Iowa
he could have carried over one half of the votes of the state.
You can see by this makes a discount the place upon
his former position, he has told me and all injured him
himself more than any other step he could have taken unless it
would have been to surrender his division to Fremery.

Dear Mr. C. Woodruff, a fine copy of Shakespeare
was picked up as porter's trick and also a fire bell,
which I am going to keep with the damsel, for it is over
all the clocks I have a few of this sort. And I do not know
that I shall ever get any more of any kind.

I received a letter from Annie Underwood and her
photograph, and have sent Capt. K. Alwine which he
sent me from Memphis, Capt. Hunter, which I
will send to you before long.
I shall be very anxious to hear how you get along with
your studies and what you are studying and all the pio-
nia, and how you go along, being absent from college
now never being to think about her from the Ibad
Since you can go home almost any day now as you are good at your school and so you will be missing attending school, so I am satisfied that you can learn and attend school. I have often wished you would be able to attend school. I do not think it is impossible for you. And I think that it would be a little while to be pleasant for you as it would be at home with your friends. And when you arrive here and see Addie and have trouble you will see that Addie will be just as well off and you cannot help me here and I shall go along well and I shall help me here and I shall go along well and I shall help you more. I am your father, Inwood.

Oct 25th. My dear wife it has rained all of the last part of the night and all day today. It is very cold and damp in the tent. But I feel in hope that I shall have a fire. I am glad you have written to go to school. I have been often and all of the time.

I shall look for a letter from you soon. Your loving husband.

Myra Andrews.
Memphis, Tenn. Oct 14, 1863.

My dear wife,

Your kind letter of the 7th inst. came to hand the same day that I arrived in this place and also met you at this place. We shall be from the railroad between here and Corinth, Miss., so that you will give your letter to this place and also the key and then they will come directly to me.

I saw James when I came by Helena, but, had but a few moments to talk with him, he is having the ague and looks bad. He says however that he is better now than he has been for some time. I let him have $20 dollars in money as that you need not let him have any more, and want you to tell him if you cannot spare money let them know that you are not afraid to replenish what money I need do you? Just let me know if you need it and if you do not want to lend it tell them what you do not want to spare it, feel independent.

James told me the last time that he heard from Jonathan that he was getting better, but had not gone to his keep yet. I had but a few moments to talk with him as the boat did not stop long. But passed to the other side of the river and stood for 6 hours.
My health is still good, and I will have all that I can do. I expected to have a pleasant time coming up the river as I would have but the Bottling was all to; But a Rest was put on the same boat and I had the rest to attend to so the 20 were taken back almost as soon as he came aboard of the boat. Such is my luck.

I enclose the Wordsworth, a poem of Shakespeare as well as a bill which I would like you to get as soon as you can for I would not like it spoiled. Don't you do odds in a letter some time ago which you have not paid one word about, I also sent you 25 dollars in the last letter before this. I would like if you would acknowledge it as soon as possible and I will send you a commission I intended that nothing that a man shall detract from school. I want you to go the three terms certainly tomorrow. I am satisfied that you feel that what is your interest is mine, and what is my interest is yours and that you will do all that you can for the mutual good and further I feel satisfied that you will not spend any more money than you can. You shall have all of the money that you want to go to school. I am glad that you have concluded to attend school. I can go to school by all means I do not want you to feel that I do not want you to go to school for I do and I hope that you know me well enough to know that I do not want you to-commend anything and then give it up. But if you feel that you are doing
right go through with it. If we fail it is your fault of perseverance on our part. You do not think that you do not have my approval for you do. I did not say around to you about going to school, for I did not think that it was anything that mattered him. You can see the pleasure it affords anything you had a desire to attend school, you have my hearty, and cheerful cooperation. I don't wish you to feel only and sad because you are going to school as long as Edith and you are well I shall feel in some way unhappy, I say mother, because I know I could enjoy myself better if I were at home with my family. But you know that I could not do as my family and doing justice if I would stay at home at this time.

I have spent since I came to this town 75 dollars for clothing and hand trunks and proposed that I shall spend more as soon as I have a good chance I intend to send home to you soon some more money but do not let yourself get to short until you get some more from me. Give up to all of the orders that is put upon and other scholars, and anything that they require of others be prompt at do yourself if right. I would have a room to myself as much as possible when I move and I would not be talked to when I was busy.

How do you like Mr. Cole's folks by this time? As well as you thought you would.

The cows fly, horses and one there is some better.
Mrs. C.A. Anderson
Alfion
Marshall Co.
Iowa.
Memphis Nov 15th 1863

Your letter of Nov 8th came to hand this morning and also the endorsed letter to Capt J.R. Hunter which I delivered to him. He asked me and I told him that it came in your letter, after I had read yours I felt sorry that I told him how I came by it. But it cannot be helped now, I see all that like to be the medium of communication between young people, for it is a very delicate matter, and something that

I must not become public. Hunter is a friend of mine and also I have the best of feeling toward Miss Furny, and would not by any act of mine give them any thought of anything but a friend to me, I will say however that the period when he read the letter but did not say a word about it, Miss Furny must pardon me for giving it to him at all for I should not if I had known what she had written to me. Sophia been very unfair with me, the young ladies communicate with you by one word you cannot all them given enemies for all coming time, but then learn that you are a boy for all that is committed to you, of their talk and that you do not even communicate it come, your is of no interest to me and would prefer not
I do not know one word of it. But anything that interests you I shall take pleasure in hearing and giving you all of the advice in my power, and young people the same with one exception, that is between each other, that they must settle for themselves. We have not moved out from the town, but how long we will remain in this place I cannot tell. Write to me soon and all of the news. Remember me to Mrs. Berry and the other young ladies.

Your Affect Husband

[Signature]
It is not daylight yet but as we are underbasing
my orders and all read to start at a moment's
notice, I will write while we wait. I have had
but little time to look about town since I have
been here and for that reason I do not know
what there is in town of interest, there is a beautiful
park however, and the general appearance of the
town is good. J.B. Edgington will hire a boat to see
him get as he was not in his office when I called
and when he came to the office I was not with
him in fact I have not seen him for some time
But we in the same brigade and can get to the
Regiment just as often as I choose.
Major VanDuzen left Camp down to see
him at Kitty Corner, and she arranged him
to get over coming up the river the boat
passed down, she saw him, but could not speak
to him and so she passed on, but as will prob-
ablely be back her soon, I want to see your
Addie very much, and shall take the earliest
opportunity to come home. Write often I
think a letter will go quicker and so, with
all the news. Your affectionate
Husband

P.S. Remember me to Mrs. Cole and people and all
of my friends in that town. Send me a catalogue
of the School, as you have already, Mr. Co.
Sent one a circular.
I had a letter from Angélique a few days ago, but have not answered it yet. They were all well then in Illinois and were having beautiful weather. James had a letter from Mélissa but a few days before I came by there and not much news from that family. I would not worry about Eddie too much; she is sick so you can go home and all be any time and not worrying about it. It will do good for it will only help me, and it will do you any injury to keep as quiet as possible about it.

I shall try and come home this winter, but you and Eddie, but I may not be able to do so. I have been recommended for promotion by the Medical Inspector and also by the Chief Surgeon in the army, and by Col. Bishop. But it will tell Memphis is a pretty place and as far as I have been into the country from this place I like it well. I think the land is settled in this town. If I was out of the army, I would make a good living. I must close for the night as the tent is in a tent without any fire and I am without any fire now myself, and it is getting cold in the night. I shall expect to hear from you soon and all of the news. I must say good night. May the blessings of heaven be upon you, your life husband, Ignaz.
Memphis, Tenn., Nov 18th, 1863.

My dear wife,

Your kind letter of the 1st. came to hand today. I had intended to have written you a letter before Excedar today. I shall send you by express to John C. Hanks (@ $100) one hundred dollars which I have some doubt you can call and get the first time you go to Elora. That will make you ($140) one hundred and forty dollars that I have sent to you. If I have not heard of you, you will please let me know as soon as possible. You will direct your letters to Memphis, Tennessee, until I give you further instructions about where to move from the above named place in the morning however but this will be the place. The country is beautiful and I like this place much would like to live in it. Paul T. Edgington he is doing well and wants to settle in this place, I think Edgington if I were out of this army but I still wish to cling to the army as long as this war lasts. I have no idea however how long it will be before it will end. Benton is doing a good business and likes the town well.
I must go to school this term as I have no other way. I want you to be a good scholar and learn all you can in the three terms and if you think you are doing well and I think you can, I shall want you to go longer. I want you to have a good education. I am a very intelligent woman indeed, and very much of a lady, and a good judge of human behavior. I can see that at once. If I had not been to school and the school I would not have had to have called and made an a visit this winter, but I would not feel at ease about her if you went and you could go and see her. I want you to go and see her, and I would not mind it if we had to have her brought to you. I want to see you look smart and you seem a lady from way. I think it will be better for your health to have your mind occupied with your studies than think any of me. I think I would feel what is your health if not in any other way. But I feel that you are growing and making much improvement. Be friendly with the girls, but keep your own councils. I would not urge it on you to put any more letters with yours and send.
but if they object themselves let them send them. You say that you are reading and writing by a candle-light, why do you not take your lamp or get one and have a good light. 3.00 four dollars is about compound with my eyes, have a good light and a shade for it. I mean a mind of good light, if it cost you ten dollars buy a lamp and wear good shoes, keep you feet dry. Tell us what kind of shoes you wear, and if you wear underclothing, how be particular about it, I want you comfortable and not only that but healthy. Now let me know all about it, be particular about and give me all of the items of comfortable clothing. If you please that you have got such a nice shall ask you. числе of. Now give me all of the news. Remember the kindly in the saying "I won't to coven as bad." But I will keep it for handed, and you may fill that grace for another purpose. And I will feel all the bitterness you are anxious to resent. Criticise the character of him with whom you are with. How much there was to criticise them. Truthfully, and still give him one character. You at the head of Dr. I must close for the moment your offers. And

Yours. 

Mylon Underwood.
Will write you another letter again and let me
know how your eyes are and was them in cold
water and a light.
Sapranz, Nov. 22, 1863.

My dear Wife:

We are getting forth day, at this place arrived here last night, had a hard March, you can name all one day, and the road has been very muddy but we got along well. I have been quite comfortable, all of the time had a tent to sleep under at night, and all of my things brought onto it at night without my having to lift my hand. Have been the best provis for what I have once I have been in the armies. Have not received a letter from you since 20th to you the last one. But expect one will come soon at least can start to camp. Have nothing new to write further than that, we will be within about ten miles of Cornett again and will probably stay for the winter, at Chawalla Farm. You may however direct your letters to Memphis, Miss and they will be forwarded to one as once. I have not received any letters from Illinois for some time but shall expect one from there and one from you the next mail write often and all of the show you can think of. I know you get along with your studies. Your affectionate husband,

Myron Underwood.
P.S. I have sent you now (142) one hundred and forty dollars, in all that you have not told me whether you had used it or not. Do not forget but 3 are owing John D. Hunter for his horse if I pay him when you get after the money I expressed to him $100 dollars. and I had sent to give you 20 dollars in two letters each now aawner and let me know whether you got it or not. Remember one at all of ye folks.

Yours etc,

Benjamin Anderson

Go to school for three terms and it will be all right, money you shall have.

Write her about Addie as often as possible.

End of please find the autographed of Capt. Robert Allison.

M. Anderson
Pocahontas Field, Dec. 5th, 1863

My Dear Wife,

Your hand letter of the 25th of last month came at hand some three days ago, but I did not answer it because we were expecting a bottle here and communication has been cut off, and it would be impossible for you to get a letter, but I will venture now and think that perhaps one will go through now. We are in line of bottle for one night and one day expecting an attack to day, but the enemy many wound and left us and attacked the road, but the road was cut down to our front line and cut the road and had quite a little fight with the part of our forces at the place and our forces there retured, and made another attack after license and were again defeated. Col. Hald of the 2nd Iowa fighting was wounded supposed to be mort, right leg.

The grass is in and good十分 good and it would take a large force to do any thing with us as we have a great and rifle pits for protection and the enemy would have to advance across a field for a long distance and would be exposed at all of our fire and they could do but little with us until they could get within 100 feet of us. In short the grass is high for anything and the weather is very cold except for a cold time to eat and go having all the reading I desire. Winter is beautiful and warm and I have a fine little bag house all lit up and a little fire place and as nice and warm as you please. I have not been able to fix up a little to come long I have been in the army so little present time and my health is good. No other life is coming I could go home now for tow
or three months, but I am not anxious, I hope it is for the best to remain in this army until is is over as any term of servies is closed. I am in amn, pleased with your letter and that you express to like your school so well, and please also that you have such a desire to improve your mind, I won't you go the three terms to school at least and if I should stay in the army longer these will fall will enable to go have you go know what length of time, I should be pleased to be at home for Christmas and see any little family.

I do not see or understand what you would do if you were separated a for from addie as I am or a you an from one at how do not let your stay from school if it is well, for he will all time come along, it will be a pleasure to one if you send one addie picture so that I can see how she looks, it please me to learn that you are allowed as what you can attend church when ever you choose, I wish I could I should return is it a great privilige indeed to do so, there 1st when one word from home arrived I left him at Kutter, and do not know how he is, get a room if you can by yourself and one write a line in it at least a letter with a person is for I am afraid that you will get sick this winter if you have a cold room, best a warm room if it cost you 2 or 3 for a year or even three dollars I do not want you to get sick, how ever it get a room like is warm, and I will not feel very about you until I know you have a warm room to sit in at least, I will be at your home and good next letter, having ourselves is not an objection as a room without a fire for your health depends upon it, I do not understand what beauty you can clean

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Weigh carefully. The crux of the matter is that you contain more than you think. I often think that if you could condense your thoughts and let them flow, that is all of the real stuff of truth. Sometimes I think that after I have written these that they aren't worth anything. We have to make very slow all the time for the gorillas are prowling around all of the time trying to get someone and the idea that I might get as quiet as the rest of them and one feel lonely and wish I had something to do with myself then I will shut down and read. If I don't know that your business must help you to, many hours and it is too much better for you. I am going to study and confine to one thing. To groan for it will be an injury to me. I am selling a very well in the meantime. That college is out here that I am hardly kept still. I shall close the night and will come in the morning again at it is so light. I will have plenty of time to do. Night. May God bless you. To the swimming. Good husband, and husband, Kansas No. 7. I have been writing all day for the mail to come as I thought I would see you. And then I could answer if at once but the mail did not come and the result was that I had no mail at all to Chawalla where the newspapers and I will not get it until tomorrow morning and then I wish to And this will go that I will and this indefinitely.
The day has been beautiful indeed as warm as summer and cool often thoughts of you and how pleasant it would be for me if I could spend it at home with you and have the opportunity of attending Church with you and conversing with you upon a variety of topics. I do not know how I would have spent the time if it were not for this happiness it affords me in reading your letters and thinking of you and in the anticipation of hearing them finished at some future distant day.

I should have finished this letter this morning and put it away, but I thought perhaps the communication would not be completed before tomorrow and if I were ever I should get word of it and a letter from you and I could partially answer it in this one, but I have been disappointed of a letter from you at the end of this I did not at all look on it, and for that reason I did not get any letter from you. But think of it as one in the morning.

I do that you set to right a little more of the letter that I write to you. Often think of you. I hope to letter from you. That there is to make in with, for the amount of intellectual food contained, and do not carry the real thought that which is to appear in your mind, but from most of me, in the construction of sentences. I should have written with the same care that I would if I had known that they were to be published, and that they might have been worth the while of preserving them. And again, they might have been of interest to you in the future and a benefit to your little girl and of which she could have learned my true character, and know who her father is if any accident should befall me.
I am not sure if I have mentioned to you how much I admire your work. I believe it is essential that I should know them. I consider them. You recalled it to me. I have often longed for it, and prayed for it. And then the determination and moral courage to put it in practice. Tell you what, it is not in the command. Mental courage. More physical courage. And a full supply of courage, and the confidence in me. Sometimes I have had little of which courage is so very derivable for life and its realities. I have to tell you they are real, and that any affectation may be freed of its realities. Do I want, do I want anything that is forceful and clear? Will you notice that the approach of the need of the physical must have its temperance to enjoy it in a physical form something that the mind can go to check an approach and feel it. The mind as the body, has that iseful, and like the insect that calls, he is a failure if properly educated thrown out before it. No wonder it is a danger, and that we as intelligent beings neglect these feelers. Should we notice that they are truly well trained that they indicate us what is dangerous and what is not and not any more in the way when these are motion, failure that at least we can cut when obtain any such feelers. Let us not! In ourselves this question, can I obtain these feelers? I trust you know what the failure of the insect are, did you never see those little light where sometimes call storms when the most moving, continually in motion. What is that yard? And now I have done it! But don't judge in hoping that it will be of interest to you. And at some future time if I get time we will talk. Do you know of this bug and we