Big Black River Feb 18th 1864

My dear wife,

I have not had a letter from you since I last wrote but thought that I would send a few more lines in writing to you although I had nothing of interest to communicate. Have not heard anything of interest since the army left Jackson upon its march out. But am looking for something startling, Sherman is going into their very vitals and before he returns will show them what he can do our army can do.

Jones is still at Kinston and is well. I never saw him as fleshy as he is now. Looks like a hard boy to me. I have been able to see him and gave the best advice I could and he showed me letters from his wife, and did you ever see such spelling, and such writing in all
your life, I thought it was pretty sad. But if I will give it up, she does not smile as good a letter as I did. As one, you must at all upon me, for if you do you will make me feel bad, dear! But mind this. It's warm. It has been quiet cold here for a day or two and last night and this morning it moved some. But this afternoon it is coming off pleasant and we'll undoubtedly have pleasant weather again, at least as all hope so, for we have been trying to chill us from the thermometer and but few chances for fuel anymore. But after all are yet along better than I should think we would. Nothing cold into account. One thing we can have plenty to eat so that we will get along much better than those in the field. Shot here must be out with General Sherman. But away this war will soon be at an end and we can then enjoy our home. But by changing shot and we must think they then had an offer to try on horse and lot in...
Eldora shall tell it to me now at once and think I can tell it now as I know how happy it is not in the section of this country. Where will you stay this summer and your folks? I want to hear from you since you got back to Steamboat and all of the news and how Addie is and how she improves and can you keep his hair out of her eyes. How if you cannot cut it off for it will fall into her eyes and if her eye gets infected I shall try it to that as now be careful. I wish you had got your nail in now before you went to Steamboat and that you could have sent it to me but you may not to come until I come home unless you have a good opportunity and then get yours done and also Addies as you have to have it done with yours. Take a good deal of comfort in looking at yours every day. I would not put with it for nothing if I could not send one "ps you shall have to send me a pretty good one or get this. I hope therefore when your
you by day and if I do I will write you and let you know that it will come sooner before I can send it off and if so I will end now and put it into this.

How are you and all of the news and remember me to all.

Yours affectionate husband

Nancy Anderson

P.S.
Enclosed you will find the photograph of Lord Ken of the 6th Indiana Battery, a friend of mine, one that I esteem highly. Now in command of the Battery. A good soldier. An excellent officer, and a noble fellow. And I shall take a great pleasure in preserving it with it the compliments of Lord Ken.

I was disappointed that I did not receive a letter from you. But I supposed that it would come on. I will end it until tomorrow and I will write tomorrow.

By that time, I had the misfortune to lose my revolver the other day and feel that some one must have stolen it from my room while I was out of my tent. But will close this letter.

M. Anderson
Stamford, Texas, March 14, 1864

My dear Husband,

I have this moment received your letter of Feb 18th, & I write to you as though you ought to have received one of my letters that I have written since. I write because, it may be that you know by this time, Father is still growing better every day now, & will get along of nothing seems to give him a good rest. We will move this week, if he still grows better. Oh I am tell you it does me good the more you feel much encouraged about the new ending. I am sure the thought of one crying out hens together again as soon, makes my heart beat faster with pleasure, in looking forward the soon for that happy time, oh will not be happy.

I must say, I feel annoyed to learn that you admire pension writing and spelling so much. I tell you it takes a scholar to read it sometimes, I never did see much of my life (unless it was some of my own) I cannot help but feel pleased to learn that you are not on the snare, and that you have enough to eat. — You ask me about spelling the floor in Eldora, what have you left off doing it? I would not tell it for a less than 3 years of your life. I would tell it if I could get as much done it as I gave for it. I asked Jno. what paper was used, and he said to tell you that everything was very high, and going up all the time, horses, grain, cattle, and eggs, and land, that he did not know how many more in Eldora, but he thought you prose
lot with one hundred dollars more than you gave for it. But I say
if you can sell it and make more of your pay, and so as much
as you gave for it, sell it, I think it is worth all of five hundred
and fifty dollars. My husband I only give my opinion you must do
as you think best, what you do will be right with me because I
have confidence in your good judgment. Now the rent pays the
interest on the money, and before I would sacrifice one cent of
would let at remone as it is; but as you think best. I near
want to live there or take you practice medium there because it
is to hard for you to ride the far across the prairie.
Addie improves in looking very much indeed. I try my best to keep
her hair out of her eyes, and I succeed very well, bow her around
for her hair that keeps it out the best of any thing, I think her
eyes will not be smoked, she has won eye now I think,
I would like very much to have had your photograph taken before
I left Albion but I could not, and now I don't know
when I can get one I would like very much to get a good
one to send you. I think that, but Kelton is a pretty good
looking fellow, I am sorry that you lost your brother, hope you
may get another one to find that one. He wishes to
the place in Eldora. Don't well and feels in good spirits
since I read your letter to day, there is in another case of
spared fear, the little of B. H. Work's not expected to
live, the mothers is full of tears before long
I will close my letter, remember me to your folks,
write me often, some well, will write and father
and be so hearty,
John N. Anderson's Wife
Sofie A. Anderson
Memphis Feb 4th 1864

Sophia

My dear wife,

Your letter of the 23rd came to hand today. It was a good letter to get to know where I have been. I have been working hard and have made quite a bit of progress. I am working on a large plot of land. I have planted many new trees.

I am writing to tell you about my recent travels. I have been to many interesting places. I have seen many beautiful landscapes. I have met many interesting people. I am looking forward to more adventures.

Please write soon.

Yours sincerely,
I wrote you to know how my sickness goes for I know you will feel better (and believe it will be well for you)"

I am pleased to hear that father has got some rest good the children will have a good crop this year and it will be a good site for than I shall and it will be well when that farm is out and have good and fine and a good time.

I shall try and get rid of the army this fall and will never want to move a great extent to do or if I take on will be good for the little as I like to do it. I think the daughter of the first time I have been some and the old 

amir will do and fo good and I shall find this after all. I understand that my Pa will be executed and that my tes have orders to be present. I shall undoubtedly shall executed if it does not serve and I shall not look but you will

I have not seen an in but will write again in a few days. I want to see you very much and little add in if I could spend an E地下

with you how well I should feel but I always hear some good folk in the annals of have become very much attached to them. But promise above.

Go good by...

Good night

Mrs. A. Anderson

Mr. L. Anderson

Brother

Friend of.

If you should go soon well.
In the Field June 22, 1864

P.O. Andrewead

Dear Sophie

As we move still further towards the enemy in the morning will spend a few moments in writing to you. You have undoubtedly seen this unsealed and commended letter but I have not received any from you since I last wrote you. I shall look for all 15 miles to bring me little help and I have received any pay up to the first of May and had nothing to send home to you and shall send all that I can to show you how I shall get some use from you. I have promised one hundred dollars and have two or three more to pay for it and some in a car and am Memphis and I received my pay for my pay to the first of May $2 3 75 and another later one hundred dollars and the first of June and you cannotceiving anything should happen. I want to be as saving going going as possible but I ask you the best I can do besides paying for the work of my colonel boy avery $177 dollars for all the colonel and the board, everything is so high. I shall live just as cheap as I can for if I fail that I should have the money that it astonishing so I am to pay in as much labor as I can. I think not now at any time but my living sometimes it cost me alone dollars and half his day for my food and from fifteen to twenty cents a piece. You writing to the you
as you can see in about the point in that I was placed in and all of my clothing to be produced besides you can readily see what I have to do. It has cost me almost as much as it has cost me to live in what I have done as it did all last year. I have been pushed around a must and that I could as much as I could. But it cannot be helped me will have to bear it as best we can. I do begin to almost feel a citizen they will stay at home and speculate in various ways and never the money off of our provisions. I will close the little girl's pride in its being said I shall have to sleep upon the damp ground.

I hope you are well and that I shall be able to hear from you soon. I have a letter from you. It was well and enclosure from one hundred dollars and that I think it is as soon as possible. Hoping that it will come safe to hand. I remain your affectionate

Any enclosed

P.S. Remember me to your folks & kiss our little Addie for me. Remember me upon your knees and say daily.

Yours & C

Anyson

Keep the fifty dollars for it draw five per cent interest

Your

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On board of the Chicago Nattle Sept 2

My dear wife,

I conclude that I will not go, though I have not heard from you since I wrote you at Tallahatchie Miss except a short letter written by me while you were at Col. B. V. saw F. B. Edgerton and he told me what at first he did not know you when you spoke to him but that you were looking well. We have been constantly upon the move since I was at home. But I must say that I felt disappointed when I came back to Memphis to find but one small letter for one. But I should not complain for I suppose that is all that I deserve. I should be glad to hear from you as soon as you think that you can write. I do not know but you wish to write to me that I might to long letters and so I will not omit long ones. I am well and would be glad to hear from you often and see you & Addie

Your affectionate husband

Myers Andewood
Sedalia Mo. Nov. 3rd 1844,

Dear Sophia,

Your letter of Oct 15th was received this evening, and as I have for once true comfortable quarters I will answer you after a few words. We arrived in this place this evening at 4 o'clock having marched 20 miles through the snow, and mud. It snowed and rained all night last night and all day today. Our men suffered very much, but have marched with a good cheer, and company was under cover for the first time for 4 months. I shall sleep in a house tonight for the first time since the first of April. Don't you think I shall enjoy it? We had marching before us, moving for St. Louis and from there to the North of Oklahoma. Still in the quiet. We don't expect to have any rest until we arrive at a mustering out of our service. I have just had a letter from Melissa stating that James is dead, that he died the 12th of Oct. at Henry's. And also the letter I wrote that Henry was very sick. But as I am in him and he tells me that he is better, that he got a letter from Mrs. Bascomb and that she said he was well. Good Night. Yours,
My health is good and has been upon this time, miss. I lost your note to you. But I find no time for rest and very little time for sleep. So into Camp about good-bye we might move as half past six in the morning so that you can see what we have to do. And in the morning we start for Dover 200 miles away expect to reach that place in 5 days. As that you see where we are. Have not much time to write this. So I will bid you good night.

Alas, Addie for me & remember us both.

Your affectionate husband

Miss Underwood.

P.S. I will write to you again as soon as I have an opportunity and will endeavor to let you know more of the particulars of the Company. Underwood.

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Camp in the Field Nov. 6th, 1844

My Dear Child,

Another Sabbath evening, and after a hard day Marching, I thought I could spare a few moments in writing to you. Last Wednesday night, Thursday the snow fell about 8 inches and since that time has been thawing off, and has made it very muddy, and we have marched through the mud, and slept upon the ground all night. To-day we have a large pile of wood on fire and a fly of a tent stretched to keep the dew off of us and that constitutes our house, I do not know that I ever described to you what a tent fly is. I will tell you now so that you can see or know the dimensions of our house. It is made of four Breaths of cloth six and two thirds long by 2 3/4 feet in width, Making a Canton of ten feet by twelve, we stretch above a pole, held up by two upright poles 4 to 5 feet long thrust in the ground 4 inches in length, to one end, to keep the wind out of that end and then make our fire at the other and so keep us warm. We call this house a great company, for we have had it but for Tuesday and that since the fall of snow last week, quite fall now, 4 others sleep with me, which makes 5 of us to have and hold this our situation so well.
The health of those present is excellent, and no one seems to suffer a great deal. Complete rest is very little sought, and that is just what is good for them. It does no good for them to do so for it moves nothing, but they can make themselves comfortable and keep still. I do think, however, that it is deep down in their feelings. In returning letters that Jones was dead, I felt very deep and sorrowed. I felt spiritless and need the sympathy of all and the sympathy of others for she is a woman of a kind and good heart and has lost her about six months. So many have left this world of trouble and disappointment. It has indeed been a world of trouble to him. But I can say that it has not been me to add one to his troubles but that I have endeavored to counsel and labor for his good as a friend devoted and it shall be my effort to add to the comfort and happiness of this family. I shall write Louise a letter as soon as possible and also his little boy that is in Iowa. George Needham now at Manchester Iowa, and if I call through that town shall call and see him for he is one of Jones's children and his first born and I give him some of the money and advice and help towards priest.

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I have not read a letter from anyone in Iowa yet and she went to Iowa, but have looked anxious for it and shall expect a few words from David also for this winter. They cannot go every Sabbath to meeting and they can write once and a while and I will endeavor to answer them all. I could not trouble myself anymore about Gertrude for she has done enough to read herself out and the best way to deal with her is to not pay any attention to her nor have anything to do with her. I will not say further than to treat her well and if she thinks that she can talk about us with sincerity I think that she can talk to us with sincerity as that she can talk and still remain my friend she is consistent in her admiration more and more even than in Country than any other person. She is my next wife and I shall treat her with all the respect I can. But when she tells of you and about you it is time that the amount was shut and I will let James know that it cannot be helped and if she still persists the may convince herself no longer a sit of friend even of mine. I will treat Lawrence like as she always means to do when I go to the house but she shall not go to see him at all. But enough of this I will not make a profit a goal
[Handwritten text not legible]
In the Field, December 28th 1864,

My dear wife,

Since I wrote the last letter I have heard no news from home and the battles of Nashville are long past. It is an opportunity to write you which I am sure will be pleasing. I thought last night of the year before we were away from you by surprise and how I did wish that I could do this same again. Disgraceful that I have no such hopes now, for and it is sad how far I am from home. Many uneventful days thinking of you from last few months. I would suffer almost anything suffering strained suffering in mind, but I cherish you. I don’t know whether I have any sympathy from anyone at home or anywhere that I was the sufferer you were willingly endured the suffering that you have had to endure if I could have it is impossible. I am so near you now and shall continue to do so until I learn what you are really well and more. I write this letter with the intention of showing you any letters I have of you and your condition. I am from the ashes and ac coal. I wrote to a dream of you and leaf out of any hope and fire that I am all the dreams. But enough of this at this time and I will never to fill it with anything else, I am sitting out of doors writing this letter to you this 28th day of December, 1864, and sitting by the fire to keep me warm, and I have my over coat on, no shoes or stockings for I was unable to purchase shoes, as I was. I was in particular to you. It is extremely cold but I was able to keep warm in my present position. It is about 45 miles south of Nashville on the road to Huntsville, Alabama, and I have no idea how long we will stay in this direction but until then I am no prospect of annoying you any more. I wish you find a good place to camp. For our Army you and the forces there will be stamped
To the Editor of The Times:}

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still in line of battle. Our men are in line of battle and are keeping up the ground and driving them in and when we move forward we say how it is to be done. But I have no idea that we will have any fighting in this section out of the time for fighting is short, and if we can move fast enough to overtake him he will be compelled to run. But when I think of the amount of men and horses in our forces, I am not all engaged and have no idea that his forces are moved away as near as our men chegut them. It was one of the most difficult and gallant in sight to be done. In fact, I will not now attempt to describe to you the whole line of our division could be seen from any point along the whole line, and I am satisfied with the good results of this day's battle. How few bases of the struggles that are traceable through each day, it is not to turn out well into the great events of death, and no man that goes into the battle but has his fear and I must say that a man must be a fool that has no fear for he has not to live with him in the face and be in health and in full realization of what is before him. I can but admire the good officers and brave men always found in his place, this is certainly another man, and is a source of much prayer and much peace. One of them meant to go forward with all of his men and could not. But you would see him with a bright eye a brave face, a strong arm and fine set head, and a loving good arm and good foot when running again a heavy storm of wind, and a wind, and in that position would hold them from the balls. This is not the case all though it is very, very hot, and the wind from action, and the enemy in which they are upon the enemy tells them that they do not have to go back but forward and if contact the bayonet will be used and that will be all.
The boys to C. A present document to him & did all of the
pay in for the whole division. I have not had
time to write to Angie since I received his letter of
dating from him. If I should not get time to write
I wish you would say to him that I wanted horses
in a business and pay him to go there if he could
get a chance. It should be an advantage to him to
get in St. Louis. I had never been there. I always
thought I would have gone there and they would have cost him
but little extra from coming off the train. So our
army just came in off of a hard march
and algebra came in and ordered me
to have four horses that would be good
able horses. I could have four or three more but
and good Ca. for putting the horses in train.
But I had no one for them and could not care for
them. I have sent a gun to him that I
will get one at $50 dollars and soon I can take for
him 150 dollars. But I would not sell him.
for I think that he is just the horse that I
want for this army. I could get horses
and it would not cost anything but Ca. but
I could not use them now with Ca. and
without a horse would not be able to go there and
would not be able to see and so on would Ca. I will
write as soon as
soon as I can and tell him all about it.
I must close this letter with best love,
My sons,

P.S. I have just completed my report of killed
and wounded of the 12th Regt. My health is
good. This little child is in poor health. Remember
e me to your father, My sons.
Shiloh, US Army Co., May 11th

My Dear Husband

Your three welcome letters of April 30th came to hand, and also a paper, which is quite interesting, and I shall keep it. It was very happy to hear that you was all. It does me so much good to hear from you.

The weather is quite warm now, and the prairies are looking very beautiful and green. Father and Sidine have not got all their corn planted yet, but will soon have it all planted. They intend to plant fifty acres, the wheat is looking nice.

All are well this morning. Addie is sitting in the crib playing with one of Addie's shoes and her little red kim cup, and is feeling very happy. Addie is sitting by the chimney by herself, and is very happy writing to you. She stops now and then to ask Dillie to be a good boy, and not make a noise and play with his sister when she is writing to her. I'll, she has got to answer that I had written.
One paper brings us the news of the capture of old Jeff... dressed in blue, was old cloth. I am glad they two are together, and I hope they will honor him. "Divies colt and Samney will make good matches" both have strips in their face, and one of a color and nearly of a size, but one is a male and the other a female, but their good matches both have strips in their face. "Samney colt" which is the male colt as indeed I knew, holds his head so high and canes his neck like the prettiest of any little colt I have seen. "Good matches" "Divies colt" which is the male colt has a strip in its face, and "Samney colt" which is the male colt has a strip in its face too, good matches both have strips in their faces. They come and fly and wind fly and run, and we quite fine colts, "both have strips in their face good matches."
...would have a strip in their face too, and "Shilah" has a strip in his face, and "Fly" has a strip in her face. Too good matches, both have strips in their faces.

I am feeling well, and think my health very good. I wish I could have as much exercise out door exercise as I had last spring, but Arthur needs my attention as much, although he is the best baby I ever saw, he will play with anything I give him a long time. It will not belong next before you can see your boy and girl and wife. Arthur will give his hands to go, when I attempt to take him. I feel that I shall be the happiest woman live, when you get home and every time I think that it will not be long now and if you will be home, not to leave me again, my heart will beat so fast and hard that it seems as though I can hear it.
Selma Ala June 9th 1865,

My Dear Wife

Your letter of May 22nd was read yesterday, and to day as I am in a cool place as I can get I will attempt to write you as you will see by the date of the letter I am still in Selma and still have no room in which to cor wetly as cool a place as I can possibly for it is something to keep cool just now and requires some planning and effort must be avoided at all times as this. I have to do my work still I can and that is as much as possible in the morning early and low straight I look after my health as much as possible but the heat will overcome me I do believe I sometimes have a little talk with the people of this section and then we have occasion to eat their corn so let them know just about how we feel it is always pleasing to come to this town and then the say that they are not subdued that they are just as powerful but Congress them the cannot
In conversation with them last evening they told how greatly they felt for the ordinary blessings of life and how greatly they could be deprived of them, and to prove it we spoke of the shedding of our armies and of the people of this world and the pleasures and even luxuries they have enjoyed and those of the world. Yes (says one old lady) and now you wish to punish them that have fought for their own county and heart of stone. I (say) mother is a mistake we do not wish to punish them, we wish to preserve this our own country but we do wish that wish to destroy not only their own but our country and the United States. But I say you say your arm not subdued, we intend to punish the people of this world sufficient to at least let them know that it is not pleasant to raise the hand of the assassin to destroy our government or to assassinate the president of this other than to do the General action is at least dead to protest. But there some very earnest time from our talk last night. I pressed them on hand that they said the distress is not pleasant to tell about and that they did not like to hear the war mentioned.
I told them that it was most pleasing for them to hear their own conviction and condemnation read out to them and still further it was very pleasing to have a halloo put around their necks if it did not subdue them it was a pretty effective way of stopping the mean as well as a man's heart, and further it was pretty certain that quite a large number of them would be stove in that way if not subdued. The Proclamation of President Johnson hit them pretty hard and they do not own it as a happy time but little hopes of the north, look sad and broke down their cross.

Along as the time grows nigh to see my little family and and mother and have all of the pleasures of home again. Detain a great deal of my little family. Remember me to all of your friends.

Your Affectionate Husband

Orrin Anderwood.