

## Benson Bear Letters

Paducah Ky. Nov 2nd 1864

Dear Brother

I take my pen in hand to let you know that I am well at present and sincerely hope these few lines may find you all well an [sic] enjoying good health. I have been wanting an answer from my last letter until I thought I would write and see what was the matter that you could not write. I have been looking for your Likeness but have not seen it yet. I would like to know whether you got that one that I sent to you or not we were at Huntsvill [sic] when I wrote before but we left there on the 16th [missing section].

I am Camped one mile and a half east of Nashville on the Coumberland [sic] River it is an unhealthy [sic] place hear [sic] the boys has poor health hear [sic] and I think we will stay hear [sic] for som [sic] time if we do not go to Louisville K.Y. we will git [sic] payed {sic} of the 10th of this month we have \$7.04 dollars a coming to us well [missing]

I wish you would get some Potographs [sic] and send me one. it would give me great satisfaction to see the Portrait of my only Brother of which I have not seen for nine years. you can send a Likeness by paying nine cents Postage [illegible] Pinckney how do you get along with them prety [sic] girls that you use to write about. I tel [sic] you I got a nice Letter from a nice girl it gave me much pleasure in reading it. Well Pinckney you must be sure and answer these few lines for you do not know how much satisfaction it gives a soldier to get a Letter from his friends when the [illegible]

Huntsville Alabama

July 26<sup>th</sup> 1864

My Dear Brother

I wish to inform you that I am well and enjoying good health and I sincerly [sic] hope that this few lines may find you the same. Well Pinckney we have fine times here. plenty to eat as much as a soldier could ask for. we have plenty of [illegible] here plenty of Potatoes plenty of Blackberries plenty of Apples plenty of Peaches which are getting ripe. I wish you was here to eat Peaches for they are aplenty the Land is suplied [sic] with them. Blackberries comes in town by the bushels. the Land is well supplied with them. Well Pinckney I would like to see you once more and I hope that this cruel war will [illegible] and then I can see my friends once more. Well Pinckney I will send you my Potograph [sic] in this Letter and let you see if you can tell if it looks like I did when you saw me last. the boys say it looks just like me and I think so myself

[illegible section]

Letter from Pickney to Benson

[first part is missing] last month and went to Louisville Ky we got there on the 20th and drewed [sic] our horses and stayed there until the 28th and then started for here we arrived here on the 31st a

distance of 350 miles down the Ohio River we left our horse back and came down on The Boat but I expect we will go back to Louisville soon and from there to Huntsvill [sic] this is a very fine country here. Well I hope this Cruel war will soon be over and peace once more be spread over our Land and the poor soldiers Return to their homes. Once more I wish you would send me your likeness Well as I am cold and wet and have a bad place to write I will close for the present by asking you to write soon and often

yours Respectfully  
Pinckney Bear

Well I will write a few more lines as I did not get to send this before we left Paducah we are at Louisville Ky now and I expect we will start for Huntsville tomorrow so I will close. write soon. Direct to Co. G 13th Ind. Cavelry [sic] when this you see. Remember me although many miles apart we be