

**Corpus of American Civil War Letters
AL1-02, Athey and Thrower Families**

Source: Alabama Department of Archives and History, Athey Family Papers

George, Emily, and Champion Athey were from Ramah, Montgomery County, Alabama. Their father, William Athey, was born in South Carolina about 1806. The younger Atheys were all born in Alabama. The 1860 census lists George's age as 26, Emily's as 21, and Champion's as 16. George served in Co. K, 22nd Alabama Infantry and was mortally wounded at the Battle of Nashville and buried at Mout Olivet Cemetery in Davidson County on December 23, 1864. Champion served in Co. D, 3rd Battalion, Hilliard's Legion.

Josiah B. and Wilson Athey were from Mt. Ida, Pike County, Alabama. Their father, Henry Athey, was a younger brother of William Athey, and was born in South Carolina about 1809. Like their cousins, J. B. and Wilson were born in Alabama. In 1860, J. B. was 19 and Wilson was 17. J. B. served in the 15th Batt'n, Alabama Partisan Rangers. Wilson served with his cousin Champion Athey as a private in Co. D, 3rd Batt'n, Hilliard's Legion (later reorganized as the 60th Alabama Inf.)

Starling, James, and Ben F. Thrower were natives of Lowndes County, Alabama. Their father, T. W. Thrower, was born in Georgia, and their mother, Elender Thrower, was born in South Carolina. The younger Throwers were all born in Alabama. In 1860 Starling was 25, James was 21, and B. F. was 19. Starling served in Co. I, 59th Alabama Infantry, James served in Co. B, 14th Alabama Infantry, and B. F. in Co. B, 1st Alabama Cavalry.

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P. O. Buckelew to William Athey

february the 20 [1861?]

deir Brother an sister I take my pen in hand to ancer youer kind leterse
wish came safe to hand and found us all well I hope that this letter
may find you all the same we was glad to hear from you an to her that
you got home safe an found all right [nargaan?] has got a fine boy an she
is doing well shee hasname him richsnd O.del wife had a boy but it only
live fore days and she is verry lo I have got that lent an setle the
fus about it I an fixed up for land to make a full crop without costing
me more than five dollars I have clard 8 achors of ground redy for
rolling the logs pleas right soon as you get his an let me know what time
to look for your kane was verry that she did not see you when you was
her abner an famley is well the children all sens ther love an regard to
you all right soon an give us all the nuse excus this short letter an
bad righting so nothing more onely I remain yours truly brther an sister
untell deth

P O Buckelew
to william Athey

From you lover

J.B. Athey to Emily Athey

April the 26 [1861]
Halls Mill Ala.

Dear Cosen I take up my pen in hand the plesent eaving to rite you a few lines whitCh leaves me well at this time and I do hope this ma find you well I received your letter last nite and was glad to hea from you and to her that the others boy was well we ind be thankful that tha ar yet a live for I am them ar expose to siCkness and balls and all that man can indure but I no that god is able to take us thru all tha safe if hit is his will you must tell unCle that I think he might of rote to me as hit only Cost ten sense to send a letter to me I wont you to rite to Gorge and tel him to rit to me as I dont no whare he is tel and Jan c that I shod like to se her and tell Cosen Coon to rite to me I must Coss rite soon to me tel unCe to rite to me and all tha will to rite

J B Athey

Emly Athey to Em Emly Athey

Though every joy Around the smile
And man y A faithfull friend you meet Though love may cheer life dreary
way, And turn the biter cup to Sweet Let memory some times bear the luck
To other things almost forgot And when you think of other firends Who loves
the well for get me not

J.B. Athey

J H B Athey

B J Athey

tomas G Athey

G M Athey

Cosen Emly Athey J B Athey to Emly Athey

I have nothing else to rite at this time.

unCle you must rite to me and ant Jane I have nothing to
rite abot the next time I will try to rite more to Halls Mill

April 22

Wilson C. Athey to Emily Athey

October the 26 [1861]

Dear I seat my self to drop yo a line to let yo no that i am well. sister i received your letter to day i started to wright to Mrs williams to day but i did not get the chance to send it of by male so i will send it by hand to morrow by Mr Reed sister i would have been very glad to have ben at home to night to went to preaching with yo sister i have not heard a sermond in three monts we cant have prachen in the ditches and i can not get the chance to go to toun to preachen sister i want yo to send me a box of provishens and yo can send me them close in it i want yo to send me some potatoes and meat and butter and some honey if yo have got it if yo have not got the honey send me some surrup send me some pepper too yo need not to fear to express them for the express agence has has takend moe responsibility on seld frt. they have inshored all frate that belongs to soldiers in the army on boxes to go through saft they will ship them first if they dont ship any thing els yo can things jim athey too and mr lacy too let mister S.S. maley to send something to sister i will close for it is getting lat wright soon yours as ever until death

W.C. Athey
to emily Athey

sister i fergot to wright to that i ame to wright
this morning i will send pappy some poeder and caps sh 11 that i will send him some
shot the first chance i get i can get led and soop it for shot sister yo make me
a coat if yo have got the cloth dont send me nothing but what i wright for if yo send
any pervishons dont send nothing cooked if yo do it will spoyl i believe that is all
i have to wright this timeif yo send a box do mine and mr. lacyses things up to-
gether and bran them so we will no our things eavns and jim speaks of sending for
something to be sent in in the same box.

James N. Thrower to Stephen S. Thrower
[his brother, Stephen S. Thrower, was 22 in 1860]

[no date, prob. 1861]

Mr S S Thrower

Dear Brother I this Knight take the opportunity of addressing you with;
you with a few lines Which leaves me in fine health hoping this my find
you the Same Stphen I recon you think that I dont Cear nothing for you as I
never Write to you I havent had any paper for Some time & I have bin unwell for
Some time I have not felt liKe Writing to you Steve your healthe is not very good
You ought to Study

Steve you must rite soon give my love to all the family & except apotion ror your self
Tom is highly pleased with his dogs' Steve the people ar not Sow Patriotic hear as
they was at Cam Johnson it is the opinun of a gratmeny that they ar
abolitonist hear But they ar afraid of our Regiment in Huntsvill one of pur
men has bin don there & got in got in a fracus once or twice & wiped a half
dozen or more of them & they over powered him & put him in the Calaboose & the
agetent payed \$ 50 & taken him out our colonel has gone to town to get the
money back & says he will have it e I recon if he failes to get the the money
theres some talk of taking the too regiments down there and whipping the town
& if it be so I hope I will get a chance me & my mess any how I heard of the
little russ they had at Johnsons grocry I had no trumps then but I hope if
we play this little tune up now at Huntsville I will hold some trumps the ace
Jack & duce anny how commense on the little sheet now as paper is scarce
THE reason we want to whip these Huntsvill fellows they charge us three prices
for any thing we want & moore than half of them are abolitionist any how they are
afraid of Tom Judge regiment any how they call us the Tom Judge devil Ned brogans
Shoos they Charge uns three Dollars per Par Steve You must Write Soon-
Direct your Letters to Hunntsville Mattison County

James N Thrower

To Mr S.S. Thrower

James N Thrower

Stephen S Thrower

now give my love to all inquirn friends & tell George Haizarel to Write to me
Berry is well I believe & Well Satisfied tell Charley Boon to excuse me for not
Writing to him that I Will do beter for the future tell Challey to Stay at home
for he dnt Know nothing as I have not Wrote much & have penty of paper I will
Close for this time I Wissh to hear from you soon I remais yours affectionate
Brot now & death J <A?> Thrower To Mr S.J Thrower

James N. Thrower to Starling J. Thrower

November 25th 1861

Camps near Juensport

Dear Brother I this Coald Evening tayk my pen in hand to drop you a few lines to let you know Whear we ar We ar in one mile of the PotomacK river whear the Yankes ar on the other Side the River they throw their bumshells at our batries & they try to pass with their Ships & Skooner S I & Tom have bin don'on the LaiK a Roolend Cannon Across it & Wagons I should have roat before now but I didnot have the chance times is hard times hear. I am not in veary good health Tom is harty now Ben Warner has Come he come last Knight & he told me all about you all I was glad to hear from you indeed to hear from you all I am A Studing about Ben & Charley to Stay at home I expect it is hard times at though but it is bad times hear though I Could Stand it finly if it was not sow Coald hear I dread this winter if We Stay hear We can bild us houses in the ground though We may Stay & we may not Stay well Tobe as I have got to gow on Picket gard I must close untell untell to marrow
November 26 1861 tobe their is fore Thousand YanKey nigh opisite on the other Side of the River & it is the expectation of us to have a battle Just above us on this River or at Manassa in two days it is about twenty miles from hear & if it Should be the Case that it taiks place at Manassus we Will have to double quick their I dont thinK much about it if We have to fight our Regment Can do their Shir I fell Ver Sad about home When I think abut how you ar I Can give an idier how ever thing is at home now I Was Sarrow to hear that Ben Join that Company I do not think his healthe is Sowficient to Stand the Camp liesf hear if he do not come north Whear it is Sow Coald he may Stand it finly hear & Auburn is quite diferant aman has Sow much to do hear & Now Baken hadly all Beef
& hit freash everday it Will Kill Some I believe if they donot qit eating Sow much of it & I thought I Wrote to you to tell George & Ben & Charley Boon to Stay at home Ben Warner Ses Mathew & the old lady Was boath Sick one not able to Wait on the other I Wish George had Come with us though I thought he had better Stay at Home & I thinK Sow yet Though his lief may be as Safe hear as at home me & Tom is anoug though to Gow Tobe if I thought you Could get the Money I would Send you Some for but it is along Ways to risk money in a letter Tobe I believe that I Will Risk five dollars to you I havent got nothing more to Write to you Know Write Soon & give my live to all the famuly Direct your leters to Ivensport I remain Your affecttionate Brother Know & untell death give my love & best respect to all inquirers friends tell derham that I Saw one of his Brothers Stepen Bradley Sun & talk with him he Sed his folk was all Well When he left home but his father Was Subject to the rumtism & told him to write to derham Son he sad he Would Sow good by

James N Thrower
To
Starling J. Thrower.

James N. Thrower to Starling J. Thrower

6th 1862

Federburgs Virginiar; January

Dear Brother I this Morning take the time of Writing you a few lines
Starling my health is very bad I have bin Sick for three WeeKs but
am getting Tom has bin Sick for about five Weeks but is gting well Kosin
Bill is ded he died knight belast hear at the Same horspital that I am
he had the Numoner he Was not Sick only about Six days & Knight Tobe you
Know that I hated to sea him gow but I was mity Sick at that time I Waited
on Tom two Weeks be fore I got Sick Tom has had ahard time of it I have
bin mity sick though I have praid to old Mosty sav me & I think I mus
live abeter lief I am agoing to quit Swarrin & Playin Cards I am afraid
Bill Wasnot pepared for death James Wanner & Axum Fenell & Ingram Scofield
is ded & EllicK Crockson H H Armstrong D.H. Trater & Virdy Cranchaw &
W H Sharp Butlar Williams & Aron Parker ecept Bil & they died in twenty
days & if we had of ur Ridge would have died our Ridgme is gon to Richm
& is agoing to Stay al this Winter & I think our health will be betere Tobe
I got your Letter before I Come to Hospital & I Cried about two days I Was
Very Sick & Sow far from Cry & pray tell Pin if I neve Sea hear in this
I hope I will neat hear in heaven tell that I have thought What she told me
athousand times Tobe I Cant Write much for I am to Wek I Want to Sea Home
Very bad James N Thrower to Mr S.J. Thrower direct your Letters to Richmon
Virginia Dear Sister As I Know you will be very prou to hear from m I Will
write you afew lines which leaves me in bity bad health Louisa you ar Sow
proud to hear from us you Say you want letter everday Louisa I am Just as
proud to hear from you as you are to he from me I am Sow proud to get a
letter that I dnt Know wht to do Louis I Couldent Come over to tak Super with
you that though I and pray I May talk super before August.Louisa Sa Kosin bil is
ded you Know I hate to Se him gow he never has bin sick ay in
Camps at James N Thrower
Direct your Letters to Richmon Virginiar.

George W. Athey to William Athey

Camp near Shelbyville tenissee
January the 18 / 62

Dear father I take my pen in hand to in form you that I am well at the
presant hoping these fewlines will find you in Joy the same blessing we have
very cold weather the fifteent of this munth was a day longed to bere menberde
by the souldiers it rained and sleeted and snowed all day that.day the next day
was not much better this is afaire day but very cold I drawn some money
friday fo last I am going to send won hundred and thirty dollars home to you
by Mr nora urqurite ? I want you to take hit and do the best you
can with it I want you to write to me wheather you you get it or not I dont
think thaire is any dificulty about it I would send some more but the times
is so haird here that I think I had better ceep aright smart wit me tha did
not pay me up all tha was dew me he said that he would drop it with Sweat or
Rhoda brooks mother I afewwords to you I am as well as can be expected my health
very good except some lit tle cold and I have a braking out on me and I have
had avery sore hand but it is about well now wehave had very haird times ever
snce cristmust we wasout on picket about tow weeks before crist must and was in
the weater more than we would have bin the weather was socold that had to by me
another blanket and I have somuch marching to do that my shoes is awring out
very fast and my pants is warin out as fast as my shoesis I also boucht two f
paire of socks I subcribed fur afaire of shoes this morning fur fear I
would get ketch with out and cood not gethem when I wanted them asfur pants when
these gives out I dont nowhat I willd furpant if I cant get from home I
received aletter from beckey the other day which I was very glad to here from
here and you all mother I have bin troub ble very bad lateely I am heaire and
my mind is wit you at home I wish the waire would stop fur I cant live in any
pease attall hear I want you to write to me as soon asthis conesto hand I
want you to write how champion is if you no and I want you to write to me
whaire mr lacy is feyou no cant find out whaire he is I woush that champion
cood get afrloe and gohome I ant you to send me some thing good to eat if you
can get the chance fur our rashenes is very scanty I must come toaclose fur it
night and my hand is sonumed that I cant write any more I must get my supper
papa Jone wilson said that he gives you his best respects he said that he wants
to sea you very bad he hopes that he will get to sea you some time ornother
I will close I cood as much more but it is so cold

Remain youre Affction ate sun untill dathe
G, W, Athey

George W. Athey to his parents

Campmeminger

Mobile Ala feb. 26th 1862

Dear father and mother I am at liberty and dont no any beterway of imploy my time than riting to you to in form you that I am well at presant hoping these few lines will find you all in Joy the same blessing I will tell you a bout the sad surcomstance that has happon to us this morning about day brake this morning tha was a very heave storm where blew down all the houses and tents that was in camps and rained very heavey every thing got weat we was in fraimed houses and tha all blew down and althousewonders that that tha we all had of bin cilled but no body was hurt wone man cill at the horse pittle and or two more wonded in other ridgements we all run out in the street as quick as we cood the hole face of the earth was covrd in water Mr Yarbrow was in his house I thought of him and ran assoon as I cood seea to seea what had becom of him I got thaire and cod not find him I was revieved he cleard the house as hit fel over we set to weark this morning about wone oclock we got ordors to leave this place to some point onthe mascippia rivear about wone hundred and fifty or two hundred miles from where this morning I was detailed to stand gard tha was nearlia five hundred men detailed fur gard duty this morning I want you to send those things that I sent fur and send mea a little lard if you Can fur if I get any I haft to pay fur hit you may think that I may be to you but if I everget back I will sea all strate again I hope that we all will get back some timeorother our boys is in afine spiret concidrin the starm if I esscape the yankes as well as I escape the stam I will be thankful though I was thankful fur esscapping the stam I must come to aclose fur I haft to prepaire fur moving you ned not to rite to mea as soon as I get station I will rite again I give you all my best respects and remain your affectionate sun,

George. W. Athey

when you rite to mea direct your letters in cear of capton hart 22 ala
ridgment Companey K

B. F. Thrower to Starling J. Thrower

1862

Charokee, Ala. March. the 16.

Der brother I Seat my Self this morning to in
form you that i am in good health at this time and hoping that that few
lins Will reach you in the same health well Stauling i heard that D.M
was dedd i was sorrow to herar it it has grive me vary much i heard that
Steve and Gorge had gon back with Cap willimsom som of our boys met parry
hasard on the way home. with him or bill burgus and i Can not tell witch.
well tope i have bin a traveling for the last 30. days we have
road don our horsis i have swap horses 3 times Since i left home i have
got a good yong mar.4 years old wee takeon the boat at Mont and went
to Selmer and then wee takon the cars Montivallars witch was 65 mils and
then wee takin it on hors back witch was.8 days travil to flarence and
then wee Stad one day and then wee went away in tensee they is lots of
uniion men in Tensee and wee give them hell wee Came back to flarnce in a
boat.10.days and then wee Come ovr the rivvr and then wee went in to miss-
ipia to to East port and wee went to Lukd and then we went back to East-
port and then wee Came back to Charokee witch is our head quarters and wee
did not Stay but one night And then wee went to the pork hous and won
Prest wagon to hall it a way and then wee Came up a Ck to Charokee tell
Mrs .boon that Charley is well at this time the yankes is a Charginge up
and the river with the gun boats but is doing no ham but they burnt a
brige a Cross the river Som of our boys got a Crack at them and kill,11
of them take good Car of mary
well tobe i will Close by saying right as soon as y u git this letter
Direct you leters to Charokee. P.O. Ala. franling Co, ala
to B.F. thrower Privat in the,l, ala Calvlary
J.F. Gains C.P. Clanton

Wilson C. Athey to Emily Athey

Tupelo Missisipi June the 16 1862

Dear Cosin

i Seat my Self to right you a few lines
to inform you that i am well at this time and
hope when these lines reach and find you all well i hav
nothing of importance to righth to you we have hard times
hear but it is not as bad as it was at Corinth we have
Several little fight sens the Shilo fight in the Shilo fight
we lost a great many of our men i have not seen george
Sens the fight at Shilo we supposed he was taken a
prisnor tell all of uncle wily people and yours that they
must right to me tell champ that he must right too
i Seen woren Athey yestoday he was well he ses that he
did not like camp life but he can not git out of camp
after he once gito in to them but i Wold like camp
life very well if it was not Somuch fight to do
you must all right to me as Soon as you
Can for i wold like to hear from you i have
bin hear in camps three months and have never
received but one letter from papy yet i will now
take to righting to the girls and so if they will
right to me i must Come to a Close
You must right soon

i remain your Cousen tel Death

To Emily Athey

Wilson

Wilson

Right Soon

Wilson C. Athey to his mother and sister

[August 2, 1862]

Dear Mother I wish to be there with you we have A good Deal of Sickness in our company at this time and they git sick every day we have Sum that is verry Sick at this time but rest of the connections is all well at this time but the fear that we have I cant tell you how lonng they will Stay So our bread often have nothing but water in it So mother I must come to A Clouse at this time I wount you to rite as soon as you git this letter and tel all the rest,to a rite as ofin as you can So nothing more at present but remmer yours as ever A letter to sister and mother and all the rest

W C Athey

Elijah James Athey August 2 1862
W.C. Athey letter

Chatanooga) August the 2 1862
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tenn) Dear sister I know take my pen in hand to let you know that I am not well at this time I have got the yellow Janders and is verry pourley at this time I hope these few lines may come to hand and find you all well this is a poore place fore A Sick man we have meat and bread Anuf to Doo At this time but I cant eat but little of it we expect to leave hear in A Day or too we expect to go to loudan tenn A bout A.bout one hundred miles up the tinn r. A bout 15 or 20 miles below knoxville tinn one the r. tell Lacy not to come untill he gits well for this is A poure place fore A Sick man and if you git this letter before Lacy leave home Send me Sumthing to eat and if the potatoes is not gon Send me Sum when Lacy Comes.

W.C Athey

George W. Athey to William Athey

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conver lesant camps nox tenes
October 23rd 62

Dear father I have taken my pen in hand to drop you afew lines to in form you that I am well at the presant hoping these few lines will find you all well I am proud to sa th at I made the trip Safe when I got to chattnooga I found but wone man that I new any thig about I staide thaire three daies and nigts I left thaire on the 22 and landed here at noxville the same day when I got here I found mr pilley and several others of my companey here also found uncle george buckem and and danel crainshaw and several others acquaintences is her I have found that gen bragg armey is fall ing back to this place we will get with our com mans here at his place thaire is some of the men agoing to thaire commands now uncle george left here this morning to go to his regiment some of the reg ments has all ready got here I am looking fur the 22 Ala reg ment in about three or daye turn over
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I will be very glad to sa the in here without going any further if I had of new that I would half found the reg ment here I cood half brought any thing the nabors wantted me to bring I hope that we will stay here or go down on the cost to stay fur the winter tell Jackson brooks his reg ment will be here to night or to morrow I hope that the legen will com here so that I can git to see a champon and mr lacy thaire was a white frost here this morning I am a feaird that if we stay up here in this cuntrey this win ter we

will suffer for the want of banketes
I hapond to bad luck in montgomery
I lost two dollars I think that I lost
it by too bills sticking to gether
I will be more cear fel from this
Mr Pilley maid out to get tranpor
tation on the road nothing more at
presant I remain your affection
ate sun g W athey to william Athey
G. W. Athey

J. B. Athey to Emily Athey and James Athey

Miss okolona May the 18, 63

Dear Cosen I seat my self to rite
you a feu lines whitch leaves me well and I hope these few lines ma find
you well and all the famely I receve you letter last nite and was glad to
hear from you I h ave nothing of im portance to rite a bout we have hard
times hear at this time we Cant get water for our horses to drink and
hardley eny Corn to feed om tell uncle William that he is excuse for no riting
to me but I ask him to git Catheren a par of shuse and send to her if he
Can and she will pa him for them and his truble the yanks have got Jackson
but re port ses tha Cant hold hit tell ant Jane and Cosen loo howdy for me
tell Cosen loo to rite to me

I will close by saying give my bst respect
to all inquiring friends good by for this time
J.B. Athey to Emily Athey
J.B.Athey

Chickeesauge Miss okolona

Dear Brother I this morning
take the opetunity to rite you a feu lines whitch in formes you that I am
well and I hope this ma find you and the Childre well Jim I herd that you
was agoing to the war Jim I ask you to take a Brother advice I think you had
better stay at home if you had seen what I hav I think you wod be willing
to say at home tell Gorge to be a good boy nothing more at this time rite soon
to me

yours un tell death
J.B. Athey to
J.W.B. Athey

Wilson C. Athey to Matilda Athey

(Cumblin Gap 1863
(
(May, the 25) Tennessee
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Dear cister I this eavening seat my self to drop you a few lines which if comes to hand will inform you that I am well at the present time hoping that they may come to hand in due time and find you injoying the best of helth
Dear cister I have but little to write to you at the present time I received a letter from you the other day and was glad to hear from you all and to hear that you all was all well and you wrote that you was goin to church and you said that you would be glad if I was there to go with you to chuch I would be glad if I was there to be there with you cister the next letter that you write tell me whear wash Gardner and tommas Kinion is foe I never heard whether they have gon off or not and aursbon Dun I heard that they was conscrip and was discharge again. So write whear they ar and what they ar doin and you also wrote that you had got a letter from barnet Athey and the next letter you write to him write whear I am and tell him to write and tell him to write to me and the next letter you write to me whear he is and what Co he belong too and ridge and also cister you have bin wounting me to Send you my pitue but we have bin whear I cant have it taken but I will Send it the first chance that I have cister we have got back to the gap and I expect that we will stay hear sum time the yakeys as bin in sight sents we have bin hear and the other day we went out to hunt for them but we did not find them So cister I will close So nothing moore

W C Athey
to Dear cister Mis Matilda

J. H. Lacy to his brother and Emily Athey [?]

East tennessee Morristown
July the 8, 1863

Dear brother sister I this morning conclude to Drop you afew lines being that it is araining and I want some thing to pass the time off this Dont Leave Me me verry Well at this time and I have Not bin in some time past but I Keep up and astiring and hope I will soon be as well as ever and Emily I hope this will find you all Well and harty and Emily I Dont have any thing Strange to Communicate to you at this time We have rain Daily and I am fearful that it will inJure the Wheat crop up in this potion of Tennessee the Wheat is in the Shock in the field Emily I received yoursans and Louieser letter on the the 4 of this month and I rote to Louieser on the fifth of the Month W hich Was next day and if this Letter had Good Luck it Will Get to you on the 13 of this month and I hope it Will be shore to get their in Due time Emily I have Not Seen Champion in Nearly too monts the third battalion is Still at Cumber Gap and I hope Doing Verry Well but they complain Som at their fair they Dont Get anuff to Eat at times but As for my self I Get A plenty and more than I eat but I Dont eat much these tims my appetite is not verry Sharp these Days Emily if your father and Louiser has not Started When you Get this Letter tell Louiser She must bring or send me Some Cotton Socks if She can Get them With out bying them if She has not Got them if She had not Got them on hand fur hur not to by them & I probialy I can by them up hear but I Dont expect She has any oet cotton socks on hand but I rote the perticulars in Louisers letter last sunday and tell your farther he must Get A passport at montgomery at the ticket office so as he Wont be bartherd on the Way they are verry particular on the railroad Emily I Saw one corn Silk this year and I expect you have rosonears before this Time Emily tell Louieser I think I will be shore to Stay hear Long anuff for hur to come and if hur farther has not Started she must be shore and come with him but she must not Start by hur self if She never Comes.

Emily I reckon this is ten cents Worth and I had better quit for this time Nothing More from Jasper H Lacy

Emily Kiss Little Sally for me and tell mortha she must Liurn fast at School

Yours brother J.H. Lacy

George W. Athey to his parents

September 23, 1863.

On the left flant of the water we moved over the hilles and holows and come in on them but we found it a very ruff comeing in so much that we had to give way we give back and rested awhile and tride them again but our ranks was too open fur the affect aney thing much we had to give back the second time an it was very haird fight but concideren the ingegement I think that the loss was very lite I never saw nothing like the number of dead men thaire that I did at shiloe the yankes was as shore that tha would whip us thaire til tha had writen in letters to and back home how tha was agoing to do to said that tha was agoing to whip us thaire and then go and take atlanta and go though gorgia out into sout cairline but it seemes lik as if tha have turned thaire corse the newese is now that tha have gone back across the tennessee river tha that general cheetom went back into chattanooga yesterday at won oclock thaire was some wone devision of troops left heair yesterday evening fur mobile it is said that general pegram cavlery in acooking five dayes rashones to go back in to West tennessee again the yankes may undertake to foolus by making out like tha aire agoing to leave and clip around upon us at some other point I think that if tha hate to fight as bad as I do tha would go cleane off we have lost men anuff now we have got aleven men wounded in our company be sides the too that was kiled and some of them that was wound will be very apt to die fur tha was wounded very bad aleven wounded bad anuff to go to the horsepitle be sides several otheres that was struck with peases of shel that spent and stunted them be sides some lines fel or some and hurt them our regiment was cut up worse than it ever was before we have wone or too boyes that is missing that we dont no anay thing about we taken a grate miney prisneres I dont now how maney be cides abundance of guns and artilera and other airmey equipments horses and wagones and when we charged thaire brest works we killed a briddear general I am mity glad the fight is over I have bin dreadding it long anuff I have bin in hot places in my life but when we cirgld the third line of battle I thought that i war than in the hottest plase that I ever was but when we trid the forth lines in the evening I found hotter wone than ever thaire was more grape shot and canerater far thaire was a fine powers of niney balles it like it was imposable a cingle man even to get out alive I thank God fur my ascape I would like to be at home to tell you all about the fight but as I cant be thaire I will try to tell you something about it with my pein I dont write this to wone or too I am writing to all that wants to reed it nothing more at the write soon and give all the newse fur I want to heairs from home very bad excuse my shorte letter if you please I will try to do betern this next time

G.W.Athey to his parents

George W. Athey to Emily Athey

Co. K. 22 Alabama Volen Teeares Oct 27/63

I Resceived your welcom letter yesterday which gave me grate Satisfaction to heaire from you all to heaire that you all was getting alongus as well as you Aire your letter was the first news that I have had since I got Jackson croos letter about to weeks a go I am in tolerable good helth at this time more than I have a god maney risings on me that bothers me agoodeeal I hops these few lines may com e to hand in dew time and find you blesed with good helth Emily I saw Champion yesterday and day before he was sick yesterday I have not heard from him to day our regt is out on pickett to day and I was left in camp to take ceaire of the boyes knaps sacks and other tricks until tha come back and I have not got the chance to go to sea him the boyes is Generale all well in the legen and in the 33 and in the 22 you wrote that thaire was agood maney souldars coming home I would be the gladist in the world to git to come hom and if I eve seea an opning fur it I will jump at it thaire is some men geting furloes heaire but thairs is several boys in our Co that has never bin home cince tha have bin in survise and our capton will not give aney other won an ey shoing in tel tha get ashoeing first I want you to send me my vest and a paire of socks the first chance you get tell uncle Joe that I want to be thaire to help him dig the pot atoe you wrote that the corn turn out fine I was glad to hear of it tel uncle Joe that he must geater me apeack or half bushel of pindears and send them to me if he can get the chance I hope that I will get to go home before all the potatoes is gon sothat I can get some of them

I do hope that this war will come to a close before longue so that we all can go home and sta I am afeaird tha we will have another hard battle before longue if we do it will be above Chattanooga in the direction of Ionden thaire was wone devision left heare too or three days ago to go to londen tha have some cannon wading near the lookout mountain across the rive the yankes wants to get the railroad I think that tha aire askirmishing down thaire to day eather skirmishing or shooting off gunes the last time I heaird from Mr Spivy he was ageting alongue very well nothing More

Youres trule

G.W. Athey Em Athey

George W. Athey to his mother

CO. K. 22 . Ala Regt. Nov. 11th/ 63

Dear Mother

I take my pen in hand to write you a few lines to let you know that I am well as common hoping that these few lines may come safe to hand and find you in enjoying the best of health

Mother I have nothing or important to write to you at the present but I thought as I had the opportunity of sending this letter by hand to Montgomery by hand I would write a few lines to you to let you know how I was getting along I saw Champion and Mr Lacy this morning they are both well at this time we are looking for Major Hart today I hope that he will bring me some little tricks that I am needing very bad if you have not sent anything by Major Hart I want you to send them by Ben Mitchell my vest socks and handkerchiefs by Ben Mitchell if he can bring them and you can see him he says that he will try to go and stay all night with you if he can get the chance I want you to send me a loaf of white bread and a big potatoe rashenes is pretty short we have hard times here was you no but will try to endure it I hope that the war will come to a close some time soon so that we all can come home worse more there is a good many getting furlows I intend to make an application for a furlow some time this winter any how as soon as the opportunity will admit of doing general Bragg says he is going to furlow all his men this winter if he does I sure will get vacation.

I want to see you very bad I hope by the help of God I will get home again Me & Mr. Lacy was talking this morning of applying for a furlow about the same time Mother if you have sent me anything by the Major you can send me something to eat by Mitchell anyhow I want you to send me some thing to eat every chance to help out short rashenes we have not had but little duty to do since the battle except Pickett duty we have had abundance of Pickett duty to do tho I dont mind that much we expect to go to drilling tomorrow Nothing more at this present Your true and affection [obliterated] until death so

Goodby Dear Mother for the present

G. W. Athey
G W^m To his Mother
To his Mother

Wilson C. Athey to Emily Athey

september
the 29 1863

camp near chat ta nooga tenessee dear sister i this morning
take the oppertunity to drop yo a few lines to inform yo that i am well
at the presant time and all the rest of the boys that is hear with me
sister we are fareing purty bad at this time but i hope that we will gt
to seeing better soon sister we have had avery hard fite about t ten
miles from chat ta nooga on chickamogga creak in gorga sister i have not
hear from mister lacy sence he left marastonn about fore weeks ago
i saw george severel times before the fite but i have not sean him sence the
rite i heard that he was wondid in the lague but i sopose not very bad
there was five of our compney kild and wondid dave gefcote was kild frank
hudgens was wondid and died after he was tuck of on the field frank s smaet
was slite ly wondid bil jones was wondid rollen sweat got a flesh wnd in
the thy i came out safe but it is all i can say i have all ways crave to
fite a lit gust to no what it is to go in to a bat tle but i got the
chance to tri my hand at last a nough to sad isfi me i never wan to go in
to an nother fite any more sister i wan to come home worse than i eaver
did be fore bwt when times gits bet ter i will tri to come home thare
has ben a grate meney soeldiers runing away late ly but i dont want to go
that way if i can get home any other way i saw warren athey, and andew hix
the oth er day i am go ing to sea them in the morning they are camt in about
a mile of us i wil come to a close W C Athey
to emily Athey

George W. Athey to his mother

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November 12th 1863

Mother BF Mitchel leaves heaire this morning at aleven oclock I will writ afew more words we had an election apoon the bravery of the souldiars of each companey in this companey William Spivey got the onor of being the braves man in the companey Mother BF Mitchel sais that he will bring aney thing fur Me that he can if he ca git aney thing on the train and can git it to montgomery if you I think it very doub ful of his git ting aney thing on the train myself I learn that we are not agoing to git aney meat oneley every beaf every seven dayes and bacon every ten dayes oneley apound of beaf and a third of a pound of bacon when it does come we git a pound and aquarter of meail aday wone day the next three crackers furady
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that is prity haird liveing we have not had aney meat in todayes now where we dont get aney meat we get too ounces and haff of shugar aday to the man we make sactfract tea and meel brand coffee and sweeten it with the shugar and eat bread and drink sacfrac tea and meal bran coffee we half to go to drilling to day the men dont like it abit on as short rashene as tha have I am well this mornin

G. W. Athey

George W. Athey to Emily Athey

Line of battle A'tan, At, Ga.

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August 2 1864

Dear Sister

I wouse more take the oportunity of writing you afew lines to let you no that I am well as comon hoping these few lines may come to hand and in due time and find you all well Sister I have just resceived aletter from you which was dated the 15 of July it was along time on the way upon the account of the raiders tairing up the railroad but I am in hops that is stoped now Emily we have very disstresing times hear some time we have had too prety hot fights in the past week the first was on the 22 of July the next was on the 28, 22 of July the fight of the 28 was a greatdeal the hairdst fight commenseing about twelve or 1 oclock and lasting until nearly knight we lost agood maney kiled and wounded in both fights in the of the 22 we did not loose as maney as wedid in the last fight we captured agood many prisnears in the first fight and drove the yankes from thaire frunt line of breast works but the last right tha was so strong in ,forse that we cood not move them from thaire position Emily, I would bevery glad to be thaire to talk with you and tell you about it if I was I think that I cood tell you the reason we did not take thaire works from them we lost agood many of our beast frieands in the too fights, in the fight of the 22 we lost one of our company too of the best soildars that we had though tha was not both kiled in the fight Naporlion Eilands was kild on the 24 on picket he was one of the beast boys in the world we have all reasones to believe that he was acristian James Suggs that got kiled in the fight he was shot through the right lungs and died the next day he told his brother about fifteen minuts before he died that he was prepared to dis and he was willing to go his brother seams to be satisfied

at his lose and I believe that he is trying to live so as to be prepared to meate him in abetter world in the fight of the 28 Colonal Hart got kiled on this battle fieald and the yankes got his body I have writen to you and Rhod since the fights but I will send this letter ferrfear tha don't go I will wright every oppertunity you must do the same I have not heard from Champion in too monts or more I am vary ancious to hear from him I am agoing to wright to him in aday or too if I dont get the chance to wright this evening we haft to go on pickett this evening I must close fur the presant You trule and affectionate wright soon
G.W. Athey
and give me all the news

Wilson C. Athey to Emily Athey

August the 18 1864
pptrs burg virginia

dear sister i seat my self to drop
yo a few lines to let yo no that i
am Well at the presant and all
the rest of the boys mr lacy is Well
sister i reciev your letter the other
day that yo Wrot the 17 of July and Was
very glad to hear from yo but i have
heard from yo home sence then Bil
mansil come to our company the other
day but i think that he Will be discharge
and if he is dis charge and if he is i
I will yo a leteter by him i will send
this by hand by mr guy to
mongomry sister i think that i Will
get to come home next Winter they
hatoe commenst to fer low a gain
i think that We Will all get to come
home if We should live We are in
avery bad place thair is some
men get ting kild and Wondid
eaver day but i prey to god that
i Will live to get out of

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theas ditches once more sister
theair is one thing that i can say
to that Will be grate sad isfac
tion to and that is that We are
getting plenty to eat We have
ben drawing cofey regular i
was very sorey to of unccle geor
ge luse his lague sister that
in velope an paper that yo sent me
got Wet We had one of the hardest
rains that i ever saw ever thing
that We had got Wet our ditches
Was soon half lagues deap in mud
We are toteing sand in our ditches
to ceape the mud form Working
up sister i have got some paper
and envelops i Will close for
the pesant Wright soon

Johney i Will drop yo afew lines
brother yo must go to scool and
learn to Wright good and Wright
to me i Want to hear from yo but i
Want to sea yo Wors than i Want
hear from yo W C Athey
to emily Athey

[??] to his father

Line of battle near Love Joy Ga. Sep. 5th, 1864

Dear Father I have again taken my pen in hand to wright you a few lines to let you no that I am yet in joy tolereble good helth hoping these few lines may come safe to hand and find you all well I will also state something about our last retreet first we had another prety hot fight with the yankaes on the 31of August We charged them in thaire breast works but we was repulsed with some concidrable loss but not as heavey as it looks like it would have bin. it is im poseble to take thaire breast works unless we make very heavey in asmall plass and we have not got the men to hold our lines other whairse and do that too when the yankees drew off from atlanta I thought that if our general did not mind that tha would fool them and sure anuff in about three or four days tha found them at Johns Burro ninteen miles in the reair on the 30 of august we marched all knight nearle and fought them the next day we then marched the 1 of sept back to atlanta to let out general Stureds corps and our wagons & while general hardees men held them in check at Johns burro we aire now in line at love joy tenn miles above griffin it is supposed that we will fall back to griffin in a few days I think that we have lost grown anuff all reade not to loose aney more

George W. Athey to Matilda Athey

C.O. K. 22 Ala Regt. September 11th 1864

Sister I have just recieved yow kind an most welcom letter which bore the date of.29 of august which gave me grate satisfaction to heare that you all was well sister I have nothing of importants to wright at the presant more than we aire resting some at this time we will be very apt to rest about eight or ten days longer before we have aney more fiting to do we have of ten days heare in this airmey I would be the gladest in the world if we world never have aney more fiting to do. I was glad to hear that you had heard from champion and Lacy I saw a letter from that companey yesterday and it said the boys was all well You stated in your letter that papa was acoming up heare after the weather got alittle coole if I understand it wright the letter was

I seea Green Wilson some times and warren Athey has one brother well I heard from George awhile ago if papa comes up heare I want him to bring me a paire of shoes and if he very long he may bring me too pairs of socks some paper and envelops and a dollars worth of samps I want them if he comes right away fur I am out he can bring aney thing to Green if beck wants to snd it he can be found any time rashens is not as plentiful as tha have bin I will close by saing these few lines leaves me well yours G.W. Athey

trule and affctionate to Matilda Athey

papa can bring any thing fur me to eat that he got it intime that I cant caried much with me but if I had aney thing on hand and was to get orders to move I cood get the money fur it and by again if I cood find aney thing to by Some potatoes and late apples would be bery actedable and a of bacon fur we dont get any bacon and the beaf is very dry and tuff

George W. Athey to Emily Athey

[December 1864]

Co. K. 22 Ala canpet in line of battle

Near Nashville Tennessee

Sister I have onse more taken my pen in hand to wright you a few lines if comes to hand will shoe that I am yet well an hairy hoping tha will come to hand in due time and find you all well and in joy good health Emily I have bin in one prety haird fight since I have had the oppertunity of wright ting to you be fore but I am happa to sa that I never got hurt in the fight but vary sorrey to sa that we have lost some of our best friends in the fight but one kiled in our companey & three wonnded Lt C.C. Moore kilel James Wilson wounded in the wright side he has got a very dangrous wound but the Docter sas he will get well Serjant J.N. Day wounde in the sholdear F.N. Moore wounde in the hand Col Airmsted the luitenan col of the 22 redgmen wounded capton Boldon kiled & George Seveston kild and several others to maney to mention I do not no the offishel number of kiled and wounde but we lost agod many in kiled and wounded the yankes loss was prety heavey (considering) that tha was in thaire breast works we charged them ouut of too lines of warks the third line tha heald it by reinforcement and heavy loss tha hild thaire position until about three oclock at night before tha avacuated thaire position we faught them at franklin tensee 18 miles from nashville we fought them in the edge of the town whaire tha lay as thick as hills of corn in the field the fight be gun about the midle of the evening and lasted til some time in the night we neve got in to the fight until about dark when tha left knaps sacks blankets over coats and agood deaal of other stuf behind which was picked up by our men I got agood kapsack fool of tricks whitch I sold \$ 4.5. dolars worth out of it and cepe as mutch as I wanted I got aportedfoile with about ahalf quaire of paper and a pack of invelops I am now writing on some of the paper now I will put it in a u.s. invelt General Cheetam had a fight with them at springhill 27 or 8 miles from nashville the 33 ala redgmen was in both fights in fight of 27 william hicks got h kiled and James Kinion got wounded but not serious on the 28, at franklin pary tucker got kiled and some other peroson but I dont reculect so I have not heard from warren athey since the last fight he went throught the first safe I wan to heare from him very bad the boys was very mutch againse coming in to tennsee at this time year on the account of not having blankets but I cant scarcle seea aman but what has got a good yankee blanket as fur my part I have got very good blankets and a tent flie to stretch in raine weather to keep me dry we aire lying round nashville a shart shooting of the yankees just like tha was adoing of us at atlanta the yankees is ashelling all the time we aire not as close as we was atlanta Emiley I will haf to bring this letter to a close soon but I cood find something to wright about all day I must resurve some thing to wright brother alleter I supposed that miligan has gon home I am mith glad of it Emily the last letter that I got from o you

you said that you was agoing to School and would soon wright as good as m I want
you to ansur this letter as soon as you get it so that I can seea how yo have
improvede direct to Co. K,22,ala vol. Deas Brid ade Johastons Division beas
corpst and it will follow the airmey whaire ever it goes
you true and affection brother
excuse bad writing G.W. Athey
the fight at franklin was on the 30 of Nov (sic) tell couesen that I saw
erastas lacy after the first fight he was well then but I havnot heard
from him cince the last.

D. C. Buckelew to William Athey

22 1876

Jefferson Co Ala Januar the

Dear brother i sete my
self to answer yo kind dear wellcom letter that i reseived
yesterday and i was glad to her from you all yor letter found us all
well at this time and doing well we hope that this letter will com safe to
hand an fin you all well the children and thar famly is all well but Abner oldist
child she is very low at this time a the children is geting along very well we
hav never herd from Jo yet catharine is living at the same plas that she was liv-
ing at wen yo was hear she right that she is doing well and is sadistfide me and
the boys to gether has aldmost card of Jefferson county if we can keep well
i think that we will in a year or so longer we will be able to live all right i hav
sold 100 and fifty bushel of corn and hav got plenty to do me and i have sold
fifty bushel of potatos and we hav got plenty to do us till spring i made 1 bale of
cotton and we have sold ner fifty dolers worth of leather off of two cows this
fall the longer we stay her the better we air pleased with this country we air all
about to get as much land as we nede the public land will soon be enter up
the peple is moveing in as fast as the care too of old James Henerson son has
moved clost to us this country is improving as fast as time can role in a few
years land will be out of a poor man rich in country yo must right to me
how yo like the graysing [Blurred]
we want you to right how all the connections is getting along give our love
and regard to them all tell them to com and see us and we want you all to right
soon and tell us all the news your effectnet brother untill deth

D,C Buckelew and family
William Athey and famley