Murfreesboro Tennessee February 27th 1863

Dear And Affectionate Wife

I again take my pen in hand to let you know how I am geting along I am tolerable well at present and I hope these lines will find you and the children enjoying the t good blessing of health I have not received any word from you since I last wrote to you I am always glad to get a letter from you or any of the friends health is improveing in camps there is only five sick in the hospital out of the regiment The weather here is verry disagreeable it has rained for thirty six hours and it rained hard all the time It is pleasant today Well Margaret I have heard that wheat is worth One dollar and twenty five cents a Bushel if it is worth that you had as well sell some Thirty or Thirty five Bushels you might sell some if it is worth one dollar a Bushel and there is no prospect of it geting any higher ~~after~~ Any money that you do not need I wish you to pay our tax and school money Interest and the ballance to paying off the Note at Samuel Andrews held of Estate money

Well My Dear Wife We have not received any pay yet but I think we will be payed off in a few days for they are paying off other regiments around us and they say we will be payed in three or four days And when I get mine and have a chance I am going to send it home to you for to pay debts with and to buy things that you need We have drawn a full supply of clothing We have plenty to eat such as it is old Bacon and pickled pork crackers once and a while beef And a kind of vegetables for making soup that is tolerable good There is a talk that we will stay here this summer I hope we may if we have to stay in the Army we have no trouble with the rebles here now only small garrilla bands they broke into our cavalry pickets last evening and took two prisoners and run off There is no talk of a moove from this place that I have heard of So no more at present But Remain your Affectionate Husband Untill Death J. C. Boggs. To. Margaret. Boggs

and the soldiers is geting
better reconsiled and begin
to think that likely it is all
right Well old man I have
not told you that I receiued
that paper that you send
to me it was quite a treat
and I was glad to get hold
of a good paper to get some
reliable news we get a
paper every day or two
since we stopped here
Well old man I have not
any thing of importance
to about And I will close
so no more at present
But remain your
Affectionate Son untill
Death James C. Boggs
to Wm Hicklin

Murfreesboro Tenn March 6th /63

My Dear Wife I again take my pen in hand to answer your affection-ate Letter of the 25th February I am sorry to hear that you and William and Gilbert is unwell but I hope you and them will get along well and Mary and Florida tell them to be good girlez while you are sick and when I come home I will bring them a present a piece I geting along verry well now I am not stout yet but I have a good appetite and am able for duty again My vaxination has done well and is geting well Well my Dear wife I am in hopez that when those linez comes to hand that they will find you and the children all better or well and the rest of the connection all well I was glad to hear that Liza was geting better I was glad to hear that Frank Watson was home on Lucinda's account But was sorry to hear that Taylor was home in the pix that he is in Well our Regiment started on a seven days scout on Tuesday

I was excused from going on account of my arm
being sore from vaxination they went out for the
purpose of Pressing mules and horses I am in hopes
that they will have good Success the last ive heard
from them they were out twelve milles they have a
bad time again for it is Raining to day again
They want to get Two hundred and fifty head of Horses
to mount that number of men out of our Brigade
And the mules they want to fill the place of them that
the rebles took from us at the time they took Robbert Oldfield
Well the health of the troops is still improoveing the boys
in our company is all geting better Thomas is still
at Nashville and is in the hospital but is able
to be up and around some I heard from him on
Wednesday morning Joseph is not able for duty
yet he gaines verry slow he is not quite so well
to day as common to day There is not any thing
new going on here that I have heard of
Well My Dear Wife Remember me in your prayers
I remember my Wife and dear children at home
So no more at present but remain your
Affectionate Husband untill Death James C Boggs
to Margaret Boggs And Friends

Murfreesboro Tenn March 11th/63

My Dear wife I again take my pen in hand to let you know that I am tolerable well at present I thought a few days ago that I was harty and well but I have taken a little more cold and it has affected my bowels again that I do not feel so well as I did Two days ago I have not received any word from you since I last wrote to you I have been looking for a letter for several days from you I am anxious to hear from home to hear how you are all geting along with the measles if you have not written I want you to write soon or get some one to write a line for you if you are not able to write for yourself Well There is considerable of rumors in camps of us mooveing from here but I think there is no certainty about when we leave here

There is not any thing new going on here that I have heard of Our Division came in Sabbath day they broke up two rebble camps while they were out with out a fight they got a considerable number of mules and horses there were a Division out at the same time that had a little Fight we have not heard any thing definite about what was done only that the enemy retreated and our men fell back to their old camp near a little Town called Franklin from what we have heard the rebles did get the better of the fight they led our men into a trap Well Margaret we have not received Any pay yet the talk to day is that we will be payed Tomarrow I would rather see it as to hear tell of it I am going to have one mess of Chees when I get money enough

Chees is worth from Thirty five
to Fifty cents per pound that is high
to pay for cheese but we have to pay
high for every thing we buy here
we have to pay ten cents a paper
for pepper black pepper in
small papers butter Fifty cents per
pound this is at the sutlers stores
At the Division Comissary Flour
is worth Four dollars per hundred
Bacon Shoulders and hams ten
cents per pound Irish potatoes
Six dollars A Bushel Melasses Sixty cents
per gallon Well my Dear Family I am
in hopes that when I hear from you
again that I will hear that you are all
well and getting along well I hear the
Orderlies Call I am in hopes that I will
get a letter O it is orders in place of letters
so I am disappointed so I will wait untill
later and I may get a letter to day yet
Well Margaret there is one thing that I think
I have forgoten to tell you that is we have
received plenty of clothing since we came here

Well to days mail has come in and I have received no letter so I think that likely you are to or have been to sick to write I will have to be content without at present I hope you will get along well

Well Margaret I feel harty this evening And I do not want you to be uneasy about me I have told you the truth of my situation all the time I do not wish to deceive you or the rest of the friends And I hope those lines will find you and the children well so no more At Present But Remain

Your Affectionate Husband untill Death James C Boggs

To Margaret. Boggs

And the rest of the friends

Mr Wm Hicklin Please let me hear from you if your eyes is so you can write

March th 22

THE SOLDIER'S DREAM OF HOME.

"At the dead of the night a sweet vision I saw,
And thrice e'er the morning I dreamt it again,
But sorrow return'd with the dawning of morn,
And the voice in my dreaming ear melted away."

BRYANT.

St Louis Mo
Dear uncle and Aunt
it is with pleasure
that i seat my
Self to wright you
A few lines to let
you know that we are Bowth
well at this time Hoping when
these few lines comes to hand
they will find All well we have
left Chillicothe and are here at
this time but we wont Stay here
longer than this Coming week
we are on our way to Tennisee
or Some other Seaport when
you See tom you may think he
will bee on my way home we are
All redy to leave St Louis
at any time i want you to

Wright to me if any of the
Boys inew was At fort Donalson
and if they was tell me who
they was and if Any of them
was Kill When you get this answer
ti and tell all the news you know
When we Stop i will let you know
where we are and tell you all the
news i know of in the South i will
See i expect plenty of Ded Bodys
on the ground when we See tennis
there is Some men Stacking
there Camp equipments to leave
Camp Benton it is the Missouri
25 they will leave here Some
time to Day or to morow
and the 23 will follow
them Soon as we Can Draw
Some Clothing and other
guns and we Will be redy

to folow them I guess I
have seen John pope in here
and he was at our Camps
to Day and he said granny
and mandary was well when
he left home they are in
the 15 Iowa they are lots of
Boys in the Company that iam
very well acquainted with in
his Redgement.

Nothing more
at present but remains my
uncle and Aunt till Deth
John pope sends his best
respects to all of you

From
Thomas Dallas to uncle
William Hicklin and Aunt
Anna Hicklin

Fort Hiemen Ky
May 22nd 1863

Mrs - Margaret Boggs -

Dear and afflicted Sister - I sent myself to answer your letter which I have just recieved I truly sympathise with you in your great affliction. It has pleased God in His Providence to deprive you of your nearest and dearest friend and while we with deep sorrow ~~mo~~ with you mingle our tears in mourning his loss as a good brother a kind friend and an affectionate husband and a tender father, I do deeply sympathise with you and his poor orphan babes he has left behind - you say, you will trust in God yes do this for He has

said
"they who trust Him shall
not lack any good, then
only trust Him, lean upon
His Almighty Arm for safety.
and on all occasions, look to
Him as your great Protector and
guide, and all will be well.
Clarke doubtless was better
fitted for Heaven than
earth, God took him home
to be with Him where he will
be free from all earthly sorrows
where sorrow ceases and all
tears are wiped away. I know
the bereavement is great and
it is hard to submit to
such a stroke but God's will
must be done and let us
bow in humble submission
to that will saying it is the
Lord that giveth and it is
the Lord that taketh away

and add with true ~~and~~ christian meekness blessed be the name of the Lord - Then further you should ever bear in mind that He has promised to be a Husband to the afflicted widow and a Father to the helpless orphan, His ears are ever opened to their cry, He is truly the shield to the widow and a stay to the orphan -

God only knows the end of this terrible calamity that is upon us - when we think of the untold suffering that is daily going on, of the cries of lamentation and sorrow of the widows and poor helpless orphans that are continually daily and hourly going up to Heaven from all parts of the land it -

makes
me shudder at the thought
and not only that but
the many orphans and
widows that are daily being
made and the many more
I fear that will be made
before this awful war
ceases. it becomes us all
to look to God for help
in this time of trouble.

I hope this will find
you well, and I hope and
pray that God will protect
you and those dear children
now left in your charge
and that you may all
meet in the better world
and not only you but all
of us where sorrow will
no more cross our path.
I will now close my letter
your brother
J B Parkinson

Fort Heiman may the 29

my Dear sister it is a pleasure
to take my pen to awnser
your letter I would have
awnsered it before now but
I dident have time I was
sick last night but I feel
better this morning I was
out on picket and dident
sleep hardley any and out
in the night air it dont
agree with me but I hope
that time will soon come
when they will have to be
no pickets out tom is out
on picket now and it is a
raing as hard as it can pour
down it is the first rain
we have had for along time
I do hope you and the children
is well I am uneasey about
gilbert o I wish I could here
how he is whether he is better or not

well Peggy I have just been
to breakfast but I dident eat much
for I dont feel like eating much
this morning for I have some
fever Peggy I hainat got much
to write to you this time
onley I want you to try
and enjoy your self as well
as you can I know you are
loneley but you have a hope
that your tears will be
wipt away and enjoy your
self with your redemer and
him that you have lost
Peggy you know that Clark
was the one that I thought
the most of among all the
rest I longd to see him
again on earth but my hope
now is in heaven there
I hope to meet him I want
you to manage your things
the best you can and dont
sell your land sell every
thing els before you sell that

for the boys will be big enough
to plow after awhile and then it
would do you some good I would
like to have your wagon if you
sell it that is if I would
git home next winter I would
like to git to come home in the
harvist time but it looks
like that men cant git to
go home without they are
sick or sent home in there
coffin for they are no more
discharges to be given with
out pehas this leg off or they
think he will die in a month
or two but our regiment has
no right to complain for we
have been treated very well
as far as erspsure goes we
have not seen as hard times
as some regiments has I got
a letter from Cynthia about a week
go she said her and the children
was all well and I am a looking
for one to night

I seen it in the papers that
we was in the battle of vicburge
but I think they was a misstak
in the figers we wasent there
and I dont think we ever will
Tell betsy Jane and florida
I will write to them as soon
as I can and I want you to
not forgit to write to me
and I will write more the next
time I am aging to send
this with Em adams I
would have sent one to cynthia by
her but I wanted to wait
to see if I got one and
then I would not have
time to write and send
with her so I will have to
send hers by mail
so no more but remains
your affectionate Brother
untill death John Hicklin
to Peggy Boggs and her
write soon soon children

Camp Sherman
Mesenger Ford
Black River
Mississippi
Aug 6th 1863

Dear Friend Peggie

I seat myself to write you a few lines to let you know that I am well & doing well & hope that this may reach & find you & children in good health well Peggie I am sorry to tell you that I received both of your letters your first I received July 3rd at Oak Ridge & the next day we started to Jackson & I had neither paper pen nor ink & the very day I got in camp I received your last letter but I

hope you will excuse
me for this time if
I will promis to do better
the next: I was sorry to
hear of your troubles but it
was God will to call him
home & it is to be hoped that
he has gon to fair world
while we are here in foul
one: health is tolerable good
in camp: I was in the
fight out at Jackson
I would give some of the
particulars about it if I had
not time or space but you
can get the letter that I
wrote to pap & read it & you
will hear the whole story
well Peggie yesterday was
was two years ago I left
home & hope again this day
year I hope to be at
home if I live & keep my
health. & the rebels dont
kill me turn over

I have not heard
from the boys for
some time the last I heard
they were all well! I
saw George Galloway at
Snyders Bluff he was well
& has had good health ever
since he has been out
well Seggie I was out a
foraging yesterday & I got
all the peaches I could eat
& fetched a haversack full
~~on~~ to camp to the boys!
our duty is quite light
now to what it has been
for some time back: well
Seggie I dont know what
to write I wish you would
tell me some thing to write
John is started home on
furlough yesterday morning
you will be very likely to
see him before you get this
& he can tell you more
than I can write turn over

well Peggie this is one
last places for me to live
in this Country the moss on
the timber grows 10 feet long
it dont grow on the body of
the tree it grows on the limbs
& grows right down in ropes
about the size of my arm
I was in Vicksburg since
it was taken the most of
the houses has got a hole
through them maid by your
shells! well peggie I guess
I have writen more now
than will be interesting to
you so I will quit for this
time hopeing to hear from
you soon give my best
respects to all inquiring
& dont forget to write
soon to your friend

Hugh

Camp
Sherman
Miss Aug the 9th 63

Dear Friend
I seat myself to drop
you a few lines to let
you know that I am
well & doing the best I
can & hope that this
may reach & find you
& the children in good
health & in good spirit
I have nothing
strange to wri
the healthe of
is improveing
kind epistle
hand last n
read with great
I was glad to hea
& the children was ge

Oh Peggie you dont
know how bad I want to
come home I never have
wanted to go home as bad
since I have been out as
I do now not even when
I was sick or wounded but
it looks like it is a seald
doom that I have to stay
until my time is out without
getting to go home: the weather
has been quite cool down here
for several days past; you
t got any idea
t it has been down
hotest day that
in Ills was
to what some is
ere I think this
unhealthy country
bout 3 buried out of
ings every day

well Peggie I am begining
to think that peace will
be maid again spring I
dont think that the south
can survive longer than
that unless they happen
to whip our army in the
east I think that Charleston
will be ours before long;
peggie you said that John
had told you a good deal
about our travels I expect
that I could tell you some
worse looking storys than
John can & they would
be true: well Peggie I dont
know what to write we
have prayer meeting every day
& ~~Church~~ preaching every
night but I dont very
often go for they aint my kind
so I feel beter satisfied in reading my Testament

well Peggie the cooks are
just begining to put on
dinner I have a darkey
cooking for my mess he
is a firstrate cook he is a
a preacher we had him to
preach one night & he don
not so bad to have no
education I have heard white
men that didnt do any
better & you ~~know~~ know
them als well as I do oh I
can see the curse of slavery
every where that I have been
in the south. well I guess
that I will have to quit
for this time give my
best respects to all in
quiring frieds & take a
reasonable portion to yourself
& children & write soon
to your friend Hugh