Vale Mills Tenn Feb the 13 1864

Dear Cousin Margaret

I seat my self to write you a few lines to inform you that I am in good health and I hope these few lines may find you and family enjoying the same. well I received your kind letter of the third was glad to hear that all were well. well Margaret you must cheer up I know you have had to undergo a verry hard trial but you must try and cheer up Margaret I have had a dear friend laid away here lately no one so near on this green earth only my wife and child Margaret no one can realise the loss of a good mother only those who have experianced it and me being away from home so long I do not know that I will

~~will~~ miss her as much as I would
if I had been at home. When we get
back home their will be right smart change
when we go to church their will be several
of our old friends missing that is gon
to the spirit land. but why should we
mourn departing friends. we shal all
soon follow them. and we should all
live prepared to go to the land of spirits
Well Margaret their is no news of importance
here we are doing splendid out here we are
out at a mill some 3 or 4 miles from town
we expect to get pay soon all is quiet not
talk of us leaving here get as we can hear
Well ~~Margaret I believe I have wrote~~
all I know at present to write.
Write soon I remain your Cousin until
death good by to all

J. C. Storment

To Margaret Boggs

Vale Mills Feb the 9 1864

Dear sister I will try now to
to awnse your kind letter I
so long neglected but I have come
to the conclusion I will try and
take time peggy it is not bacuse
I ident wand to I want you to
for give me for not writing sooner
peggy it is that I have so much
to do that I cant git time to write
but I haint for gat you in your
lonley situation I know that I
aught to have wrote to you sooner
peggy I have gat well once more god
be praised for it for I have suferd
agrate deal since I saw you last
I feel well ~~eny~~ enough but I
aint very stout I am cooking for
nineteen men counting my self
you may know that I dont git much
time to rest I do think I will
have to quit cooking when it comes warm weather

well peggy we have nice weather
down here in dixa it is dry and
warm I can go in my shirt sleves
all the time I do hope it is warmer
up there now than it has been
I know you have suffered agrate deal
this winter for I thought of you
and your hardships you had to
under go Cynthia wrote to me
that she had three of her fingers
froze I hope I will be at home
before next winter to do agrate deal
of the hardships peggy it is
a hard thing to stay away from
home so long but it is my
duety that I am called way so
long from home the report is
that we will leave here before
long we will go ~~th~~ to general
logan when we leave here
where ever that may be when
we git to him we wount see
such good times as we do here

well peggy I no not what to write
but I must say ~~a~~ say something
well the boys went out the other
night and pressed a barel of molasses
we have lived sweet ever since and
we have baked turkey or goose most
every day I am going to bake a turkey
for supper if it was at home I
could eat it with a good relish
but I do hope the time is not far
off when I will be there with all
of you again for being away from
home so long is hard to beare
but when I think of the cause
that am away for its ruines me
up again if it wasent for that
I dont think I could hold up I
long to see this unjust war put
down that I may returne to my
dear family once more but dear
sister you cant have that hope
that he lies under the sod
cant returne to you but you can
go ~~to~~ to him Oh war is a horable thing

some times we hel some fun
and at others we dont but such
fun is no satisfaction to me peggy
I will have to close for this
time and hope to write more the
next I want you to write as often
as you can and I will try and
awnser peggy think of me and tell
all to write tell ya little ones
I haint for got them
tell billa and gilbert to be
good boys and mind there mother
no more but remains your
true and affectionate brother
John Hicklin to peggy Boggs
excuse bad writing spelling
wit soon soon soon
peggy keep in good courge
and dont greive your self
so much

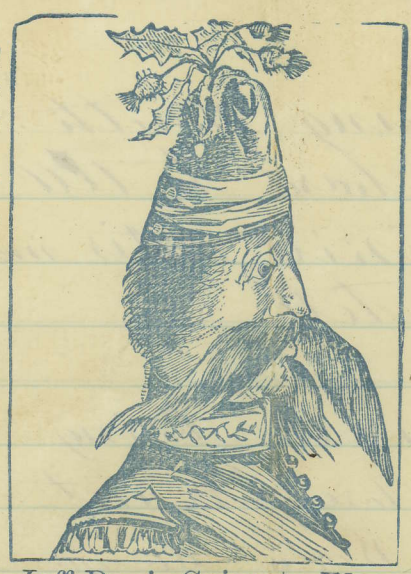
Feb th 18 1862

Paducah Ky

Mr. Mrs. Boggs I take the present opportunity of informing you that I received your kind epistle some time since it found me well & doing the same I am so over joyed this evening that I can hardly write so I tell you what pleases me so well our men has taken Fort Donelson & also has taken 10,000 prisoners & has got 4 gen that was secesh comanders Johnson & Buckner & Tomman & Pillow he put on a negro dress & made his escape across the river & some of the cavalry

swam their horses
across the river after
him & caught him so he was
the 1st well Mark this is
Tuesday morning & we have
got Gen Grat report of
the fight he reported that
we got 13,000 prisoners
10,000 stands of arms & all
of there bigg guns thats
nothing like the Ball run
affair this is the bigg
fight that was ever
fought in America
the report wasnt so good
yesterday evening as it
is this morning But I'll
tell you what so secesh
is about plazed out the
secesh has evacuated Bowling
green & I'll tell what another
fact the first thing you
know secesh dom will get
it neck broke it has alred

got its back brok
well I expect that
you would like to know
something about how
our troop come out
they got pretty badly
cut up the 18th Ill got
a good many killed &
wounded I cant tell
you much about our
loss for there is so many
false reports it is
reported that the 11th
Ill is right smartly
cut up but I cant tell you
any thing about the
fact of that well this
is enough of this subject
I have nothing els of
importance to write
at this time so fare you
well at this time write
soon to your humble servant
H M Parkison



Jeff. Davis Returning from War.

Jeff Davis Going to War.

march 11 1862

Dear cozin I
now take mi
pen in in hand
to let you
now that iam
well at peresent
hoping these few
liens may find
you ingoying the same blessing
of god ihav nothing strang
to rite to you iwold like
to sea you icold tell you
more than ican rite ~~the~~
though we hav good times
here h we hav not
bin in any battle yet
we hav bin garding the
rail rod we are about
50 miels from home
but the talk is that

we are going South
but it is hard to tell
what we will do this more
than i can tell

Well i must bring
liers to a close i want
you to rite soon so no
more at this time but
remain your cozin until
death

When this you
remember me

tell John that he
can kiss mi fot

Joshua Dallas
Mrs Boggs
~~rite~~ rite soon

Scottsboro Ala
Apr 14th/64

Friend
Peggie

I seat myself to answer your kind letter that came to hand this morning; to let you know that I am well & doing the same & I hope that these lines may reach & find you & your little ones in the same condition & have got no particular news to communicate at present the boys are all well & am having a very good time & enjoying myself first rate. to day is ~~that cou~~ cloudy & cool we have one day pretty sun shiney & the next will be cold & cloudy & maby raining

well Peggie what to
write I dont know for
we dont get much news since
the regt left I dont get many
letters now: I have not seen
the boys in the 111th for
a right smart while John
was down there last weeke
they were all well I think
that I will go down there
to morrow & also go to see
my girl: you said there was
about 10 women to write that
will just suit me for I
love the society of women
& it has been so long since
I had the pleasure of hearing
words spoken by one of the
northern damsels that I dont
know what kind of an effect
it would have on me I expect
that I have entirley forgot how
to entertain them fair ones

Well Peggie I was sorry
to hear that you had
so much trouble about your
peace so that you had lost your
wheat I was also glad to hear
that you had got some one
to work your farm for you
this: I am very sorry about
all the peaches being kill
for I had been making
great calculations about what
a good time I was going to
have eating peaches when I
got home there going to be
lots of peaches here in this
country this year especially
~~the~~ in this part I have not
traveled any this spring
Well Peggie I suppose that
you have seen some of the
boys that belongs to our
regiment by this time
I guess that you would know some of them

well Peggie I am
ran out of news to write
so I guess that I will
have to quit I know that
I will be glad when the
time comes that I will get
to quit writing letters
home; I have three months
& a half to serve yet before
my time is out then I
will rejoice :- Give my
kind regards to all
in quiring friends &
take a reasonable portion
to your self & Children
& write soon to your friend
Hugh

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my Deare husban I ~~the~~
take my pen in han to
let you anow that wee
are only tolerble well at
this time the childern
has bad colds thay claught
as bad as when thay had
the hooping caught
I resieved yours the 2
I was glad to here frome
you wanse more it hase
bean over to weeks
sins I got won it wase
rote the 18 of last mont
but o blark I was so
glad that I went out
and nelt don and
prayed to god to save you
and to protect you from
all danger I hope he will
give you hellthand strong

well the weather has bea
very disagable it is A
prety day I made A corne
pulling to day you brothe
ers wase here Mary hays
had A wood choping to
day all I had was mather
fohn cunhagin and James gaston
and robert and Jesy
gory I am going to have on
next week Sary Jane Anders has
won tomorow that is the
resen I haden it tomorow
I will laye it of to nexte
week what is here to day
will pull A rite smart
the settlment sayes
they will all help next
week well clark I will
tell you A boute my
trade