

April the 18th, 1862, Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Dear Brother & Sister:

I now take my pen in hand to write to you to let you know that I am well at present and r hope that these few lines will find you also, I have been pretty sick, when I was to West Point, but I am well now and I thank God for it. Abram Hunt is not very well now. He has been very sick, but has got better and I guess he will get along. Sally, I don't know as I have much more to write. Sally, we are encamped on a rabid secesh door yard and it makes him squirm some. It is a pretty place here as ever I saw in my life. Sally, Polly said that she was going to write you a letter and thank you for them things that you sent to her and I thank you for it till you are better satisfied. Sally, I had a letter from William and Clarence and they are well now. William, Clarence said that they had a fight and took 100 horses and 75 mules. They said they had 1 man killed and 2 wounded. Dow, when I look back to the days of my youth it makes me think I can't. Dow I have seen the time when I would like to have of your cooking. Then I could get enough to eat, but here had what you fed your hogs to eat. That is God's truth. I don't know as I have anything more to say. Give my love to all inquiring friends. No more at present. Direct your letters to:

Co. D., 9th Reg. Mich. Infantry, Nashville, Tenn.

Yours truly
Jacob M. Houseman

April 30th, 1862

Dear Brother & Sister:

I take my pen in hand to write to you to let you know that I am so I am about. I had two teeth pulled and it makes my Jaw ache so that I can't hardly rite to you, so I won't rite much to you this time. I send my love to all enquiring friends. Sally, I am agoing to put one letter in this one to send to Polly and I want you to put it in the Post Office for me to send it to Polly, and I will be much obliged to you. Sally the Governor of the State of Michigan is here and I send it with him. It is unsafe to send a letter so good by.

Yours truly Jacob Houseman

Direct your letters to

Co. D., 9th Reg. Mich. Inf., Tennessee

Dear Sister, pray for us that I may always be found doing my duty, that I owe to God. No more at present.

Yours truly,

Jacob Houseman

When this you see, remember me.