Murfreesboro Tennissee

General Hospetal No. 1, Dec. the 16, 1862

Dear Fother and Mother I now embrase the oppertunity of wrighting a fiew lines to let you Know that I am well at this time hoping these fiew lines may hastly reach and find you all well and doing well Cary is on the mend a litle but he is very weak yet he can set up in the bed a litle the fever is entirely left him and I think he will soon be able to set up and walk about he says he is not sick mutch now but he is so welk that he cannot set up long at a time I have bin waiting on him all the time and will tell he gets able to wait on him self I have not bin out of the house more than a half hour at a time since I came here H. H. Nix is so he can set up a litle John Potillo and Sam ar both here ~~an~~ sik with the Tipoid fever this is the feever that Cary has I. H. Maxwell was sent to Chattanuga night before last I am sick and tired of this plas it is the tiresomest plase I ever was at I saw seven dead men lying in the dead Room yisterday morning & 6 this morning

There has 5 died in this ward since I came here some of them wer brought in one day and died before the next night I have had to help to carry out lots of dead men since Since I came here they dye on an averedge from 3 to 5 ever 24 hours here there is about 230 sick in this hospetal as fast as one gets well ~~an~~ or dyes another is put in his plase I tell you it is an awful plase to be at I use to think it was bad anough to see one one sick person but it is nothing to what I see here there is foure nurses in this Room and we set up two hours a piece of a night just imagin what lonesom times I see in the night no body but sick men all around me and them moaning with pain Continualy it is awful to think of but still we have it to bear tell Dicy that John Whiteker Joshuas son Died night before last he came here the day that I did he kept going till the day before he died his diseas was aresiples they sent him home by Jacob Case he started for home yisterday evening he took J C Taugter James sutles ane another man I did not get to see him I would have bine glad to have seen him

I Suppose our Regimt is drawing their Confederate bounty to-day $50 dollars they have drawed more clothing I want you to tell Dicy that she dead not send me any clothes for I will draw as soon as I go back to camps again and I will not need them the pants are made of blue blanket cloth like your Over-coat and they are very good and warm The President Jefferson Davis was here last Saturday but I did not get to see him I Suppose his business was to reaview the army here every thing is very high here Shoes are selling from ten to 18 dollars a pair and boots from 30 to 50 dollars a pair pork 25cts a pound and other thing in proportion whiskey ten dollars a quart I want you to take cear of every thing that you have and not let it be waisted and tell Dicy to take cear of what she has got for I may never be there to help here any more and I want you to see to her things a little but I know that you have anough to do to take cear of your things I would not ask you to do it if I was there to do it myself but I cant be there

Cary wants you to tell Betsy to take good
cear of all here things and not let the children
wast it for if she gets out she will have to do
without for he may never be there a gain but
I hope he will get well a gain and live to come
home one more time and see you all I hope
I will live to come home but there is no telling
Captin Hardy and our Quarter master are gon to
see gowener Vance to see if they can get our
Regiment back to North Carolinea a gain and
I am inhaps they will and take us a way from
this sickly place. the most of the people here
think the war will end by the first of march I do
wish it would so that I could get to come home
and see you all one more time this is the third
letter that I have wrote since Cary has been sick
we may one have got many letter in letter than 3
the weeks I want you to write and let me know
how you are all geting along and write as often

Murfreesboro Dec the 25 1862
General Hospitle No. One

Dear Father and Mother I Seat myself this morning to inform you that I am well at this time hoping these few lines may hastely reach and find you all enjoying good health I received your kind letter on the 24 inst and was truly glad to hear that you was all well but Mother I am very sorry to hear you were not well and was still sorreyer to hear of the death of my Brother you requested me to join you in morning for your Dear son which I am bound by the corse of nature to do you may be assured that you will not morne alone for he was a Dear and lovely Brother to me and I sadly mourn our loss but the Lord has seen fit to take him away from us and I hope and trust he is gon where wars and trouble cannot come it is our duty to mourn the loss of such an one but I do not want you to take it too mutch to hart for you are geting old and infirm and the less you can take it to hart the better it will be for you for I hope and trust he is better off to day than we are he is out of this crewell war now he will not have to wade

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the Deep Rivers nor march on long journeys any more
nor face the bullets in the storm of battle he is
done with all these troubles and hard ships and if
we were all prepared I think it would be better too
if it were the Lords will to take us from this world
of trouble and Sorrow as there is no real enjoyments
here if it were not for my Dear little children I
would rather this day be laid low beneath the clod
of the vally than to stay here in this wicked world
but I hope I will live to see you all some time again
but I may be disappointed in my hops for there is no
telling what a day may bring forth ~~to~~ I am well to-
day but to morrow I may be in sickness or death truly
a man is as grass his stay here is of few days and full
of trouble you ~~of~~ requested me to take as good cear of
myself as I could I assure you I will do that as fare as it
~~of~~ is in my power you said the girles had some clothes
~~made for us I want you to tell them that we are~~
dressing clothes and they need not send them to us
for we will have clothes a plenty yet a while
and if we need them I will write and let them
know it I want you to take good cear of your self

and not expose your self no more than you can help and not trye to work mutch for you have worked long enough to rest the ballance of your days Cary is still on the mend and is writing a letter to send home to day I hope he will soon be well tell Dicy that I received two letters from here on the 23 of this month that was mailed the 17 and one from Riley that was mailed the 19 and yours on the 24 which was only 5 days coming and Cary received letters also that were mailed at the same time I think ~~if~~ you you could mail your letters at Hendersonville that I could get them sooner than I do and if you could go to Henderson after my letters I think you could get them sooner I want some of you to wright whether you would rather go there after them or not and if you all think it best I will mail them there I am very sorry to hear that you are all in such troubles at home about the thieves that infest our cuntry it is an awful matter to be so fare away from home and hear such sad news from home It appears to me like all the trouble has come on me at once the news of my Brothers death

I have written a few lines on a sheet of morning paper to you and Dig and Betsy two pages to you and two to them I hope you will cut it into an key that is written to you and give the other to Dig.

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and of my Brotherinlaw and the distress that my family and folks ar in I asked the captin for a furlow and he said that there was no chance for me Oh I want to come home so bad but there is no chance but to to runaway and some times I am mitely tempted to trye that plan I want you to wright and let me know whether you think it would be a good plan or not if you think there is any ~~chan~~ chance for me to stay there I will come home Dig rote that uncle billey wanted me to wright and let him know what had be come of Harison you can tell him that he was here in the hosptal abot two week and they sent him to chattanuga about two weeks ago and I have not heard from him since when he left here he said he felt as well as ever he did but he was very horse he had not bin bad sick this is all that I can tell about him tell Riley that I will answer his letter as soon as I can and see him the capt Received his letter the 23 inst I must bring my lines to a close hoping they will hastly reach you and comfort you in your sad berefements Remaining your Dear Wm P. Maxwell

Tullahoma Tenn
Feby 15 1863

Mr Maxwell

Dear sir your note came safly to hand and I now proceed to answer it I am verry unwell I have not been well since the fight we were so much exposed in the rain and cold We are having a deal of sickness in our Regiment our men are dying nearly every day I have died out of my Company since 5 of this month they have Fever and Measles

I am sorry to say to you that your Son W. P. Maxwell was left at Murfreesboro as a nurse and we received a list of Dead the other day stating that Maxwell of Company D, was Dead the paper did not give the Christ name. I fear it was Pinkney as that is the letter of my Company. I have no news

To write that is good and I suppose you have plenty of bad news without me writing any
Cary is not well he has not been able to do any duty in two months Out of 70 men we have about 15 able for duty
Well about you wanting me to send Cary Home on a Furlough Mr Maxwell I would gladly do so but it is out of my power Old Bragg issued an order that no man was to be Furloughed and so you see that I can not do any thing
We are expecting an other fight hear if the yankees advance on us our men have been making Breast works
There are so much Rain the Road in such a bad fix they cant travail

Respectfully
Chas. N. Feltham

To
David Maxwell

September the 15 1862 Camp martin Tennisse
we are all well But Riley and he is still
taking medison and is no better he still keeps
knocking about I want you to right to me
and let me know how ys all are and how you
a gting along and let me know if you get that
box Direct your leters to greenville Tennisse
McdowelS Battallion in cear of Captin
J Fletcher I Remin your son Wm P. Maxwell
we have divided Companys and made a new
one there is to be 2 others hear in a short tim

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General Hospitle No one Dec. 24 1862

Dear Father and Mother and Brothers
and sisters and Companion I to day
seat myself to wright a few lines to
you in sadness and sorrow and solitude
and morning it is with deep solemnity
that I am caulled upon by the request
of your kind letter and not only your
request but its a duty enjoined on me
to join you in your bereavment for the
Death of my Dear and loved Brothe
who I learned on the pages of your letter
that he died in the Southcarolinia Hospitle
in Richmond va on the 18 day of Oct
I am truly sorry to hear of this Death
for I know that you have lost
a good obedient and a dewtiful Son

A list of the mens names that have sent ther clothes in our Box

Cary Maxwell	James R. Barnwell } cane creek
Riley Maxwell	Robert H Maxwell
Wm. P. Maxwell	Archable McCalopp
R. M. Barnwell	Josua Townsen
P. N. Hood } Blewridge	Where I have ritend Blewridge
B. F. Rhoads	is to show where the man lives
Jessy Rhoads	and where it is riten cane creek
Gorge N Williams	is to show the men lives on
John S Watkins } Cane creek	} on cane creek the
Henery C Watkins }	rest live in your settement

To Amey Maxwell

and me a true and lovely Brother but I hope he is gon to a land of rest and he is don with wars and trowbles and hardships and the many sorrows of this world but we must camly submit to the workins of the Lord truly the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh a way Blessed be the name of the Lord I had a Brother I loved him dear He has bin gon for many a day he has bin laid in the clay for many a day Death has come and stoled him away theres a Crown for me theres a crown for you glory be to god theres a crown for us all I hope and trust you all trye to obtain that Crown and if I never see you a gain I hope we will all meet in Heaven is my humble prayer } Wm P Maxwell in morning

Mr. David Maxwell

by Thanet of
Thomas Coleman

W P maxwell lefte July the 27 day 1862

Camp Near Fredrics Burg Co.
Nov the 29 1862

Mr Dary Maxwell Derre prom
i have this morning to drop you
a few lines to let you no that
that for time there is her in
Verginia ~~[illegible]~~
with Sorroupull heart
i have to write to you
witch will State you
that John Maxwell
is Ded he died the 18
of this month he was
in the South Carolina
hospital in Charlets Vill
Va i cant tell you
much about it as
i no but litel about
this is the Sergents report
from the hospital to
our Co commander
i will close J J Cox