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While the Shadows of Decature
Hung over the graves we made
When the Battle day was done
And our Countrys parting Seen
A field of death Surveyed
The heroes & our brothers
Were born to Silent tombs
With Sorrow and with Anthem note
And many waving plumes

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But they the last & Noblest
Of the high Anglo Races
With a few brief words of Soldier love
Was gathered to their place

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In the Shadow of Decature
Where their youthful forms we laid
When the Battle day was done
And our Countrys parting Sun
The fields of death Surveyed

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But let them Slumber Shores
By the old Tennessee wave
Its will with those who bear thus
Unsulled to their graves

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When brightest names are breathed upon
When loftest fall so fast
We would not call our brother back
On dark days to be cast

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From the Shadows of Decature
Where their Noble hearts we cold
When the battle day was done
And our countrys parting Seen
A field of death Surveyed

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pp 196 The Cross of the Rebellion
North America or the United States

pp 197 In the Silence and grandeur of midnight
When the River is boundless magnificence spread
And beaming Sublinely Thru bright waves on high
The fair Allegances unite with the Sky
The tall tree waves ore the fires sad light
With its quick gleaming Splendor illuminates the night
And tried in Each Dint of the Skies and the Earth
How distant my Steps from the land of my birth

To heaven as how cold Stars replendently burn
In their clear depth of blue another devotion I turn
Bright beams of liberty Beholding the shine
_____ regrets the Loved land of the _____ & vine

Hear, callest the ages when first over the main
My fathers unfolded the Ensign of fame
And planted there forth in the Region that see
Its imperishing Symbol Emblazoned in thee

How often their course over the ocean unknown
Where wll was Mysterious & all feel & love
Hath their Spirit been cheered by thy light when the deep
Reflected its brilliance in limitous Sleep

As the visions that rose to the Prince of the world
When first his bright banner to us unfurled
And Such to the heroes & braves when their peace
Made the bellows the path of their glory wist thou

Shine on my own land is a far distant Spot
And the Stars of the Sphere doth Enlighten thee not
And the eye that I love though Even now they may be
O're the firmament winding doth gaze upon thee

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pp 198 But thow to my thoughts wit a pure blazing shine
A fount of bright hopes & visions divine
And my Soul as an Eagle Exalting and free
Soars high o're the Mountains to mingle with thee

Saturday May 20, 1865 A fine clear day with cooling breeze. This day I walked some 2 miles & returned before dinner & at dinner I Eat a fine dish of Irish Potatoes with Radishes, onions, lettuce & pickled beets that had grown this year. I have named some of those vegetables because all was on the table for I ate the onions and lettuce in the first of April & garden peas on the 8 day of May& corn this day is knee high

Sunday May 21 Coudy, cool and pleasant & my knees are hurting me Some

Monday May 22, 1865 A Beautiful clear day & my Sore knee very sore

Tuesday May 23 Nothing occured, only went to Decature

Wednesday May 24 Nothing strange occured

Thursday May 25 Went to a fish fry

Friday May 26 Cloudy, like for rain

Saturday May 28 I rode from Mooresville to Huntsville 24 miles & returned

Sunday May 27 I have been writing a letter all day. Just finished

pp 199 There is in my opinion only one sure way for the people of the United States North & South Ever to get out of the debt that they them Selves Contracted & those large amounts that the war has brought _____ _____ & that way is to Legislate out. My reason is simply this at the begining of the rebellion we the people of the United States North & South had the means in our hands to pay the debts that we had made but when the Rebellion Broke loose the Armies of the Federal govt. as well as the Rebel Army took our property all, Except our lands & there by reduced us to Bankrupty & we that was for holding the Federal govt. together had to go into the army on one Side or the other & those men that would not yield to the Rebels they had to quit their homes & that in the night & slip out through Rebel lines while those that was closer confined to their homes or in other words more Easly understood could not think of leaving home, family & Every thing Else they Staid till all of

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them that did not hide in the Mountains was conscripted & Even some that did hide was hunted out & put in the Rebel lines then those was 4 or 5 years war that those that was in debt could have no chance to make any thing, Even to live on much less pay debts with(a few Exception) then on that account legislation will have to be Resorted too to pay our own debts also the Federal govt. has got a heavy debt on its Subjects that under the Necessity of the trouble they had to do the Rebel tried at govt. has made another heavy debt on the people of the United States which they Say was Essential to other Salvation that kneeds legislation for my friend if all of those demands fall on the people they never can pay them then Consequently this country will have to be Ruled by the few and not the many pp 200 So then it as highly Necessary that those Should be Legislated on this thing & that is a way that will get the people out of those debts and if all three of the debts or the debts that the three parties havve Constricted are not legislated off the People they ought to be two of them at least ought & the Interest Stopt on the other the one that the People made them selves this would gave them the chance to live again though I do verely Believe that the People ought to be forgiven those Contracts & begin anew in the world again those moneys belong to the govt. & So does the men just like the Estate of Father & the whole then is the father (which is the govt.) & we are the children then those Rulers of us Should be as the father of a family of children (they (the father will set at the head of the table & deal their Bounties to their children) so ought the Rulers of the People of all countries But more especially this than I whose debts have to be paid the govt. will Materially injure the great masses of her sons & daughters while it is true she the govt. will Set some few of her children up on high & who of her Sons are they, they are that part of the great American family that will not help their father Sustain the Estate. they will no go to the Battlefield to Even help them Selves (stop) I Saith they will not go to the Battlefield they have not But have hazzard for the Battle when the Soldiers in the field had to do the fighting after Marching through hot & cold, wet & dry, day & night, Rain & Snow & Ice with his knapsack on his back, cartridge box belted
pp 201 around his waist & gun upon his Shoulders & often on short Rations & often the Soldier was knocked down sick & for want of kind treatment they was lost to the govt. So death ended their toil through all Enclimences and place them where they had no mother to gave comfort, no sister

to Shed the tear of grief for them, no father to lament the loss of them, no wife or lover to rest their heads on the soft downy pillow of love, no friend near them Save the Soldier & they had no chance to do any thing for them Save place them hastily under the wild Sod with out funeral rites Save the Mourning of the tall pine or the hooting of the Solitary owl, Now those Sons of the govt. that the Repudiating those debts will hurt is those that has not faught nor does not but has Staid at home & hazzard for the union on one Side & the Rebellion on the other & has Shaved the Soldiers money by telling them that as Soon as the war is Ended this money will be of no good & the Rebels if they Whip us (mind you my Brother Soldier us) And gain their Independence this money will never be Redeemed So you had better take one dollar gold or two greenbacks & they have never been where they heard a bullet whistle on the other or Contrary they were at home where they could Snuff the delicious fumes of the mush pot Now friends those are the only men that this way of Settling those debts will Ever hurt.

Tuesday May 30 Acool with a hazy appearance
Wednesday May 31st Last day of the Month. On yesterday I went to the Beaver pond fishing & caught Some fish. On Tuesday the 30 of May I caught Some fish & we had a fine fry of fish. Those was Seven of us at the fry A.B.

pp 202 The Terms of Surrender by the Lieut. General in Command in the Name of the Govt. To Lee are in the following words

Rolls of all Officers & men to be made in duplicate. One copy to be given to an officer designated by me, the other to be retained by Such officer as you may designate The officer to give their Individial paroles not to take arms against the govt. of the United States till properly exchanged and Each Company or Regimental Commander Sign a like parole for the men of their Commands. The armes Artillary & public property to be parked & Stacked & turned over to the officers appointed by me to Receive them. This will not include the Side Arms of the officers, nor their private horses or buggays. This done, Each officer & man will be allowed to Return to their homes, not to be disturbed by the United States without So long as they observe their Parole and the laws where they Reside.

Very Respectifully
U.S. Grant, Lieut. Gen.

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June 1st Wednesday 1865 I was at the Union Meeting held in Athens, Lime Stone County

Friday June the 2. 1865 Went to Athens after a Series of Resolutions for the people of Morgan Co., Ala.

Saturday June 3 I Staid at home

pp 203 Sunday June 4 Staid at home

Monday June 5 Still at home. My left knee hurting me worse

Tuesday June 6 At the Same place & my knee worse

Wednesday June 7th worked in the Shop repairing plough Stocks

Thursday June 8 Repaired 2 plough Stocks & that finished the job & at 1 o'clock thare fell a pretty Rain

Friday June 9 this is a clear morning & I am not So pained in my limbs. have not any thing to do

Saturday June 10 this day I finished Making a pair of Swiffs(a reel) for Mrs. Kimble. My knee is yet very sore

Sunday June 11 My knee hurts me very bad & heavy Rain to night

Monday June 12 My knee Still hurts me as bad or worse. Another heavy rain today & no Appearance of Stoping & I can hear nothing from home or My Regt.

Tuesday June 13 rather cool this morning & my knee very Sore____

Run Yank or Die
Richard & John Crouson

pp 204 Now if you will listen while I relate
About the cause of Freedom
You will _____ culminate
Old Abe tried to Enslave us
But soon it will be the cry
Big Yank or little Yank run yank or die
(Chorus) Huzza for Slaving, the Southerners and the Boys
For Singing & fiting & Stoping Yanky Noise
The whole Confederacy is[2] getting _____ the cry
_____ big yank or little yank
Run yank or die

Huzza & C(chorus)

The finest looking mortal that Ever I did See
Was John Brown tied to a white oak tree

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pp 204 To See them tied the Rope you ought to Stood by
I was done with South Carolina cotton run yank or die
Huzza & C
Thares old G. J. Johnson of E. Tennessee
He is gone to join Abe Lincoln to Set the Negro free
But when he undertakes it he is Sure for a sigh
He'll Back_____ the Southern Boys
Run Yank or die
Huzza & C.
The little Northern Yankies are getting very Sick
They don't like our medicine because it is too thick
And when they go to take it it's Sure to hurt the eye
They don't like the Southern pills, run yank or die
Huzza & C.
_____ going out to Richmond to get all the news
And on coming Back by Washington to get old Lincoln Shoes
And as we walked the Streets, the yankies will cry
They'll hollow out to Southern boys, run yank or die
Hazza & C.
Old gen Scot is a very great Sinner
He never comes to fight us but is here to _____
With Southern boy coming it was time for to_____
pp 205 For Jeff was after him, run yank or die
Huzza & C.
The little Northern yankies are getting very grand
Bunging down their dinner & Setting it on our land
They had all kinds of Spices mixt up in pie
But the Southern boys Eat it up, run yank or die
Huzza & C.
The pretty Northern women No doubt they look fine
Trapping around the table with the demijohn of wine
But when they saw the Boys coming they made their hoops fly
I have no place for women folke, run yank or die
Huzza & C.
Old Abe's head is getting gray
He asked genl. Davis for a night & day stay
He had to have money & he wanted time to try

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pp 205 But Davis wouldent grant it to him, run yank or die
Huzza for Slavery The Southerners are the boys
For Singing & fighting & Stoping yanky noise

A Letter to the Tennessee Legislature
May 27, k865
For Your Hon. Body
Having in my possession Senate Bill No. 78. To Establish the Loyal Integrity of Tennessee

Where as the Situation of the Country Lines the 6th of May, 1861 has been Such that a great Number of men in the state of Tennessee who was regarded as honest & true men before that time have Since that time been guilty of Such acts & conduct that it is Imperative on the general Assembly to restrict or prevent men who have been trying to back up the govt. of the United States & the State of Tennessee from all officers of trust or profit within this State there fore Be it Enacted by the general Assembly of the State of Tennessee pp 206 that Every person Elected or appointed to any office of hurt or profit in the State under the Constitution. Before Entering upon the duties of Such office shall take & Subscribe the following: Oath or Affirmation
I _____ do swear (or affirm as the case may be) that I will to the best of ability, dilligently & faithfully with out partiality or prejudice Execute the office of _____ according to the Constitution and laws of the State & that the 6th day of May, 1861. I have not in any manner violated the Constitution of the United States or the State of Tennessee. I do further Swear or (affirm) that I will bear true Allegiance to the United States & Support, protect & defend the Constitution & laws & govt. where of as the Supreme laws of the land, that I have never willing directly or indirectly by word, act or deed given any aid or comfort, Encouragement to those in rebellion against the United States or the lawful Authorities there of but that I have been truly and loyally on the side of the United States against those in armed rebellion of the United States but I do further Swear (or affirm) that I will to the Best of my ability protect & defend the Union of the United States and not allow the Same to be broken up & disolved or the govt. than of to be destroyed under

any circumstances if in my power to prevent it and that Trouble at all times discontinue and oppose all political combination having for their object Such dissolution or destruction. Be it further Enacted that this oath Shall be administrated to all office holders now holding office in their State and all other persons mentioned in this Bill & this Act shall take Effect from & after its passage. Be it further Enacted that all lawyers, Preachers of the gospel, Presidents, doctors and officers of all banks, Presidents directed pp 207 and Employees of all R.R. Companies, all officers & Employees of all Incorporated Companies & all persons who are required by law to take out a license to do any kind of business in the State & all persons who offer them Self as Candidates for any office in the govt. of the people of the State shall take & Subscribe the Same oath as Administrated to office holders

Be it further Enacted that any person taking this oath falsy or violating it shall bee deemed guilty of perjury & upon conditions shall be confined in the penitentiary for a Period of not less than one year or more than ten years.

Now there are inalianiable rights what no man can give us or take from us Realy we cannot give them to our Selves the God of heaven & earth gives them, then it follows of course that there are Arbitrary rights that Legislative power or laws gave us _____ the Constitution & laws that our fathers first framed granted us the whole male population at the age of 21 years the full & free right of voting & also the male free negro after wards, the negro rights of voting was later taken from them by the Same power that gave it to him & we also See that the right of voting has almost always been denyed & always in Tennessee, I Believe & will See that in Some States other voters has not only to be 21 years of age but he has to be a freehold of certain amounts of land before he can come to the Box & vote. So the Reversed Constitution Prior to yhis Rebellion made men (whole men) citizens of the United States of the age of 21 years & Residents of the County Six months next preceding the Election. Now to make all men in the future take & Subscribe the oath that is Embodied in Senate Bill 78 to my mind is _____ the loyal mass of Tennessee pp 208 Equal with the rebels & the Soldiers forced into the Rebel army. Equal with those that conceived & Brought for the Rebellion.

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pp 208 And I see another Bill offering $3.00 dollars to the nearest friend, friend of the _____federal Soldier. this Bill to my opinion ought to pass into a law not not only for the friend of the dead Soldier but it is no more than justice to the Brave Loyal Boys of Tennessee. It is what other of the States North of the Ohio River & not Leave the responsibility Entire on the general govt. Notwithstanding the derangement of our finicial affairs in Tennessee the Loyal Man did not derange them Neither did the federal Soldier of Tennessee. This is my opinion. Now that the Soldier of the federal army did Serve his Country, there is no doubt his name Stands on the records of the nation and he suffered the trial & hardship that was to be Endeared, he withstood & braved all the danger in battle. He lost all his property & in many very Cases his life & all to save the federal govt. which in fact was a duty that men owe to the mother goverment. But if a good Son to the Estate of his father or mother risk his life whether he Saves or loses it is he has showed to the whole that he is worthe of survival & the State or city in her time of which he is heir or subject is due him a reward and by giving him that the reward due his merit others will be Encouraged to give the like attention to the Safety of the State or plantation to which he belongs. So you can See that your devoted friend believes that those brave Soldiers that gathered their knapsacks & their war weapons, left their homes & families & friends and all that was near & dear to them & marched to a Strange and distant pp 209 land where he has no Relatives, no where Sickness overtakes him, no hands to Extend kindness to him, where death removes his soul,there is no eye to drop water of sorrow for him, he dies as one unlamented & is placed huridly under the cold sod far from his home & the home of his father all this & more he's the man that has Sustained his Country cause & your country Mr Legislature there he has merrited 300 dollars because he has defended the flag of his father, the old Stars & Stripes hearing the motto Epluribus unum he has placed him self a public mark against treason, offered his life a ransom for the Solution of this glorious Country & by the help of God he has now won that which he desired and now the wise & good men of each State in the Confedracy will make laws for his protection & not as he is broke up his whole living is taken from him (which he was defending the rights of man) oppress him still a word to the wise is sufficient.
Yours Respectifully, Brice McFall

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pp 209 I have waited & waited patiently, Looked & Looked anxiously for the Legislature of my State to pass Some law for the Relief of the federal Soldier of that glorious old State But now O none it Seems to me that all care for those Brave defenders of the Union the Noble Loyal & Patriotic Soldier have all been forgotten or in other words been Swollen up in the vortext of Enterprise in more Speculation up on the disenfranchising or Enfranchising the Negro & the rebel now there is no use in that at this time . Look first to your men that redeemed your State from the bonds of the traitor by offering their lives & fortunes pp 210 For the Perpetuity of the Federal government & won it by their heroism under the blessing of a divine providence this matter of disparaging maybe Settled in one hour in your Legislative body (& It ought to be) by Saying that you Mr. Reb can't vote till you are Naturalized which is five years in Tennessee I believe & you Mr. Negro can't vote till you have a Country to vote in as you are not nor Ever was a Citizen of these United States you must be taught the Science of a govt. and the govt. of the United States must Settle the question of where your homes shall be this done & there is no more room for any Cavil on that part of the disenfranchesment question. The question of labour & living to my mind is the Subject matter of this Era after them is fixed this matter of lessImportance first the first thing that should be done for the white & black people of the South Country should be to feed, clothe & Educate them this can be done in no other way than by labour then It is your duty first to see that Every man white & Black follow some Avocation for Support for him self & family & if he will not make him (if no other way) by force in some way or other when the Negro have gained some Education he will be better qualified to vote than now & I am decidely in favor of a man knowing what he is voting or at least what the measure is said to be.

Very ReSpectfully yours B. McFall

pp 211 Negro Suffrage

Now to my mind It is Strange that any American that has attained to the age of 21 years that is a Sane man. Can argue that the Black race here in this great Country of ours Should be allowed to vote immediately after being Set free as they have never been any thing But field hands has never been taught to read, has never Studied the Science of govt.

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pp 211 in the Country therefore they know Nothing of the power of govt. & Should not vote till they had at least had a time to Study the Nation & power of a government & the inestimably Blessing of liberty from this we See that the granting of voting to the Negro in his Natural Rude State of mind will do him no good but much harm for we know that there are men in ou Country that will take advantage of them And use them as instruments to drag them (the Negro) back in Bondage again the why I say So is that I don't believe men is any honeSter now than they were five years back & there were men then that deluded the white man & Brought a horable war on the people of this Country Even men that had been Educated under all Advantages that arising out of the Sweets of liberty in a Country that never cost them any thing but on the had given them Every thing that was Calculated to make them wise, great, good & hapy, Such men I Say will weild their power on all the unthinking voting population hence I am of opinion yea I know they will work their malice on the people of this or any other Country in that way pp 212 I am not so Surprised at a foreigner for wanting the Negro to become an imediate voter or I am for his impudence in dictating to how a free people in a free Country Should govern their United States, State & County affairs before he has learned Even the Alphabet of the govt. of that Country, I am also Surprised at Seeing & hearing men talk that the President and Congress could & ought to confer the right of voting to the Negro of all Southern States(take care how you talk) the Belief of your humble Servant that no State has the right to Separate from the Rest of the States with out the Consent of them So the Constitution of our beloved Country teaches them this being the case There has never been a State out of the Union & hence the President nor Congress has the power to confer the priviledge of voting in any State that power belongs Exclusively to the voting population of the State through their Legislators which is the Representatives of the people (servants, not masters) in this case it may be that Congress may take the power in their hands & say who has committed treason against the govt. & in Saying who has she implies who has not. then It becomes the Imperative duty of the people through their Legislature to See & Say who shall be the qualified voter in Each State North & South hence the Legislature being the agent or Representatives of the people Should use all the skill and ability to

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guard the rights of the people in voting and let none vote only Such as are Entitled by the Constitution of your State till the people alter or reform their Constitution themselves pp 213 Now I believe that under the Constitution of the United States that Slavery was wrong that the Introduction of It in the very begining was wrong it was asked for by a wicked bad man & granted by a wicked bad Queen therefore it was criminal in it's begining & never can be right for the Constitution of the U.S. never granted it although Slavery was fostered in the land of America a long time it was only kept there by the rich aristocrats for the purpose of giving his sons & daughters the chance of gaining learning & there by always Ruling over the masses of the people this fellow soldier you may See very plain for some one or other of the rich was always in office or trying to get there that has been the cause that there is as many Negroes on this Continent at this time as is that is the cause that we have just come through one of the heaviest of Revolution that thing of Slavery being wicked & Sinful in its ongoing is the cause that our beloved country has been drenched with as much blood that is the cause now of Such heavy & Strange Legislation those very Same aristocratic people does not want to let Slavery go for when they do that gives one mans Son the Same chance of another & those bad men that has owned the free one that could cultivate his land without fee or Reward that Same man Can't See for his life what is to be come of the nigger O yea his benovelent Soul yearns over him but still you may See that it is all because that the bad traitors to their country has let loose the Bonds of the Slave who he could hold them no longer when in all his conversation it is plain to see that he thinks his case a bad one [illegible] out for the Negro pp 214 Yes my friends & so do I for he's too lazy to work & his Son or daughter to fine I Even know some of them that has to have a Negro to wash their hands & face yes & feet (my God deliver me from such people) their children are Even So fine that they can's Strip them selves. But must have a Nigger to to strip them & put them to bed, all this has made me wish that I never had Saw a Negro & now that Slavery is dead in Tennessee I want it to Remain So for there never was a Country that had Slavery in it that it did not prove a curse to that Country & the very Reason that God made all families of the Earth in one man therefore they Should all be free that

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God did make one man to be a master over another & get all his labour for Bearly what he would Eat & Wear I do not believe if So the God would never Said pay the Labourer his wages nor he would never Said weep & howel ye Rich man for the missiry that shall come upon you he never would have Said the wayes of those that Reep you fields is by fraud of you kept back. No Sir you & me & all the rest of mankind is Commanded to Eat our breath by the Sweat of our face not only that But ordered to labour for such he the Lord the labourer is worthy of his hire. Now those Slaves in this South Country was Bought & Sold to the men of the Country & a gteat many of them by Northern men which had an Eye to the Rebellion. No doubt they drafted the Slave in the South till he was likely to over run the Southern States & of (fools & blend) but was be caused they had sinned in oppressing the Slave pp 215

pp 215 Wednesday June 14 My sore knee is no better.
They raised the hu and cry of oppress & in Stead of Seeking a redress under the constitution they came with out from under it, made one of their own thereby forefiting all their rights & claims under the Constitution of the U.S. & Show force they could not look for any favors without they could gain as they called the thing their Independence which they could not.
Thursday June 15 There was a heavy to. Nothing more of Importance.
Friday June 16 My sore knee feels some better this morning.
Saturday June 17 This is a beautiful clear morning & will be an Exceeding hot day
Sunday June 18 I am some better though my knee is very sore.
Monday June 19 My knee & back is hurting me right sharply this morning on last Evening there was a tremendous Ruin & wash at this place.
pp 216 Tuesday June 20 Nothing worth writing
Wednesday June 21 Went to Decature, got a pass to go to my Regiment.
Thursday June 22
Friday June 23 I came to Nashville
Saturday June 24 I staid with the Regt.
Sunday June 25 I went with some of the Boy 3 of the Regt. to Edgefield Palace garden there. I Saw a Bear that the weight was 1800 there I Saw also men & boys playing cards this I thought very un becoming at any

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time But more Especially on that day.
Monday June 26 We are still in camp, Edgefield & doing well.
Tuesday June 27 Nothing Strange
Wednesday June 28 I was at a sale of Horses by the govt.
Thursday June 29 I was at home, the first time since Sept 16th.
Friday June 30 this day _____with the Regt.
pp 217 Saturday July 1,1865 Still in camp in Edgefield.
Sunday July 2 the Regt. Still in camp not discharged.
Monday July 3 In camp at Edgefield.
Tuesday July the 4 Still in the same camp.
Wednesday July 5 in the same Camp yet.
Thursday July 6 Still in the same camp.
Friday July 7 Mustered out of the Service of the U.S. the whole of the 2 Tenn Cav Mustered out at the Same time.
Saturday July 8 Still at the same camp. On yesterday we Buried a Soldier that belonged to Co. G that is the first since I came to Edgefield, Tenn.

Rheumatism-----Johnson Vegetable rheumatic Compound & blood Purefier

Sunday July 9 not paid yet.
Monday July 10 not paid yet & Still in Camp in Edgefield.
pp 218 Co. T 2 Tenn Cav.

3 fell in battle	24 died of sickness	14 deserted
Co. F	14 died	15 deserted

Total 252
Co. D 30 Privates killed, one Captain, McRenals, Deserters one
Co. H 12 died Deserted 8
Co. K died 23 Deserted 19
Co. L died 15 Deserted 6
Co. M died, 37, Deserted
Co. B died 28 Deserted 3
Co. G died 25 2 killed 9 deserted
Co. E died 28 Deserted 3

John P. Cole of Co. B died on the 9 of July. It was Sunday, after I had got the no. of the Losses of the Regt.

Co. A 25 died 2 fell in battle 2 lost in action

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September Brice McFall
September Brice Alex Mcfall
One day after date I will pay A. Bowder the sum of one doller Paid
pp 219 Suggestion
Fellow Citizens of the State of Tennessee
My position Since I have been able to form an opinion has been that no State has the right to Secede from the Confederacy of States without Mutual consent of all the balances & in the Winter of 1861 I believe it was A. Johnson thot So & the Republicans thot So & Say So this being So (& I Verily believe it is) all the acts of Secession are null & void and what Ever is done under them is Realy nothing or not done at all hence We see that about the year of 1860 our goverment was Stoped in the South County by forced acts of the Monster Secession & a great Revolution began now there Stood the govt. as a carriage with out a team nothing to draw or roll on the carriage will we the union party was blessed in their pursut for god was their director & Enabled them to Capture the Wicked Monsters & disarm him of all poison Weapons (only one his tongue) now we Should go to where the wagon was stoped ketch in the team & Roll her on ongoing to where she was Stoped will just be to the first Thursday in August Next & Elect members to the Congress of the U.S. The governor of State Senate & house of Rep. you may Say how can this be done we have no Staff to hold Election why my dear Sirs we have a Constitution & laws that say the Sheriff Shall hold his office 2 years & until his Successor is qualified hence then the men that was Sheriff at the time Seccession Ordinance is Sheriff now & Equaly bound for I Said before that Secession was a muttinty & Every man in the beloved State ought to Say the Same pp 220 Tennessee has never been out of the Union or Confedracy of States But if Tennessee is or has been out then Mr. Johnson can't be President for he is a Citizen of Tennessee & if she is or has been out he is not Elligable man to that office & is an Imposter on us therefore we do not believe that She Ever was out of the Union & if so on the first Thursday of August you Should Assemble at your old place of voting you free men of Tennessee & Elect your State Officers & United State officers & not Convene the Same members unless they be Reelected for if you do you will acknowledge that all that the true patriot has been fighting for was rong You will acknowledge that all the

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pp 220 precious Blood that the Loyal men of this Country shes was Shed to Sustain tyrany & not freedom you will acknowledge that you do not understand your Selves neither as politicians nor Citizens and thereby Rinder a very Strange verdict this is the opinion of your Most humble & devoted friend.

Brice McFall

Tuesday July 11 Still not paid & Waiting in the same Camp
Wednesday July 12
Thursday 13 July We are yet in Camp, not paid
Friday 14 day the 2nd Tenn. Cav. Vol. was paid off & discharged on Saturday the 15th of July. I Settled my Business & returned home on the 16. Cont. on page 222

pp 221 Stripes & Stars
By Col. J.L. Geddes

Bonnie Blue Flag

We're fighting for our union
We're fighting for our trust
We're fighting for our hapy land
Where sleeps our fathers dust
It cannot be deSevered
Though it cost us bloody wars
We never can give up the land
Where floats the Stripes And Stars
Chorus: Hurrah hurrah
For Equal rights Hurrah
Hurrah for the brave old flag
That bears the Stripes and Stars

We treated you as brothers
Until you drew the Sword
With impious hands at Sumpter
You cut the Silver cord
So now you hear our bugles

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We come the Sons of Mars
We rally round the brave old flag
Which bears the Stripes and Stars
Chorus: Hurrah & C

We do not want your cotton
We care not for your Slaves
But rather than divide the land
We'll _____your Southern graves
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pp 222 Our bride is fair Columbia
No Stain her beauty Mars
O're her We'll raise the brave old flag
Which bears the Stripes & Stars
Chorus: Hurrah & C.

And when this war is over
We'll each resume his home
And treat you Still as brothers
Where ever you may roam
We'll pledge the hand of friendship
And think no more of wars
But dwell in peace beneath the flag
That bears the Stripes & Stars
Chorus: Hurrah & Etc

Cont. from pp 220
After Serving my Country 2 years and 10 Months

Thursday July 20 at home
August began on Tuesday August first 1865
Wednesday August 2, Thursday August 3, Friday August 4, Saturday August 5, Sunday August 6
Sunday August 13 1865
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pp 223 On the 8 of Jan I said before I left the Regt at Moorsville Lime Stone County, Ala & the Regt. marched that day to Athens in the afore Said County & from there they marched to Eastport by way of _____ from there to gravely Springs then to Vicks Burg then back to gravly Springs then back to East port there we took Steam & went to Vicksburg there we Staid a few days then we Set Sail for New Orleans where we Landed Sometime in March Staid there a few days & sailed back to Vicks burg landed there the 26 of March then we Staid there until June the 4th When we left there We had a heap of duty to do & the Boys took sick from hard marching & Exposure in all kind of weather, wet & dry, Cold & hot & they died like sheep with the rot at that place there was 4 of Co. B died, 8 of Co. M & the rest of the Companies of the Regt. I do not know how many they lost after they left Decature til they came to Edgefield. We reached this place on the 12th or (page torn)

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The Marriage of the Author 1835

This is the Practice of writers in these days to give a history of their courtship and marriage & most of them had a very diverting time & some rather distressing one no wonder for the object that the gentleman is after can make man hapy or unhappy just as she is a mind after the fact is those beautiful Angel that is made the glory of man has a great deal to do with mans passion & can make them comfortable uncomfortable as they please well no wonder at that. But to the Story of my marriage I had grown to what I thought was manhood & I found one that I thought was a dear Angel & So She was then at the end of 2 years I found another dearer than the first, she was possessed with fine Intilect & great beauty & a Lovely & loving disposition then I began to look round & lo & behold they were most all the Same lovely & having loving principles til at Longht I found the one that Capt the Climax Inpoint of beauty & loveliness well now for the great trial of life I left all the rest of those lovely angels as good as they could be & went for the last & Loveliest of all & Consequently had no very great trouble in getting her as I did not have to work but 2 years & 3 months 2 weeks & 3 days & a few hours in getting her then of course I could not be troubled in that short time.

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THE AUTHOR TAKING a BEAR HUNT pp 225

pp 225 I have thout that I would gave a short history of my early life when about 14 years old I was sent to the first school that I ever was at in my life there I was for 3 months and there I got all the schooling I ever did get & in the 3 months at that then I set to hunting in fall & winter I cleared land & hunted in spring & summer I plowed & _____ _____ that was the way that I lived & about the time I was 15 years old about that time I killed the first of wild game of the forest I ever did that spoiled me I had killed more squirrels than any body of my age in all the country that I lived in but after I killed the first deer (the squrrils)got rest from me I turned my attention to them & I made a sharp start for by that time that I was 20 years of age I had killed over one hundred I did not kill so many bears in number but there was more diversions in that time at other times there was not so very much fun when on one spree of hunting that was after honey I and my father was walking along on the side of a mountain that was called Bout Mountain when we found a very large bear up on a service tree eating the berries as I said we was hunting honey & of course had but one gun & father had that carrying & he shot the bear & it fell out of the tree close to where I was standing with a good sharp ax & a few steps I turned to the animal & just as he was getting to his feet & struck him with the ax the blow _____ pp 226 the bear to the ground & by repeating the blows I kept him down till I killedhim this was the first bear fight that I ever had in my life and being victory in this gave me courage in the next time that was not long after I was then at the time that I finished the first fighting on a tour of hunting for wild honey collected by bees that live in the forest they are in small families hives or kingdoms living _____ _____in the mountains of E. Tennessee & North Carolina Sometimes they can be found _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ kill the trees on the clearing land that is cleared that way the great number of dead trees standing on the land & often the honey bees found living in the dead trees that is hollow but the greatest number is found on the mountains where they collect honey in large quantities there or as many places great numbers & affords as good past time sports _____it was on one of these tours _____ _____ _____ when I killed the bear on the mountain so soon after killing him I went with my father _____& found some ten or twelve that was very _____spending some several days of pleasant _____ _____ _____take our _____ _____which when we got that one we prepared _____ _____ _____ had more that the reader may know _____ older hunters fight fair hunt he _____ _____ corn meal as he wants to take with _____ & the bear suet out of

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the meat --- ---puts his meat in a sack then he takes his rifle on his shoulder withhis shot pouch & winds his--- belt round his waist &---chunk locked to the
pp 227 belt then armed in that way he moved off Sometimes he takes a boy with him when he goes this he does to teach his boy the art of hunting Well he goes to where he wants to hunt then him & his little son by--- of his hatchet builds a---hut of some soft timber & covers it with the bark of trees(now this is done in the summer when the trees are well found)the little dwellings generally built in some dark secret place Well after a while the tree affair is arranged & every thing --- --- for the run(Should it come)after this is donethe hunter man takes his gun choses his course & marches off after the game which may be deer, bears,squrrils or some other he moves along slow and steady until he finds the game & then with good aim & steady arm he fires in a deadly shot that kills what ever sort of game he has found having given the way in which the hunter man does in fixing for a hunt I will tell some of my hunts

The first hunt that I ever had was when I was about 13 years old my father & my self went out for a hunt when we started I Recon there was never a happier boy on earth Well we went on we had some 15 or 18 miles to go &by the time we got to fathers hunting ground It was night and if ever there was a tired boy I was one though the hopes of the honey that I should get to eat becoyed me up so that I forgot the toils of the day just past so after taking a hearty supper of cold boiled Bacon, beans & byscut I lay down & went to sleep to rise in the morning to pursue my hunting which I did

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pp 228-229

pp 228 Arthur McFall was born in North Carolina Burke County in the year 1780 of poor but respectable parents. Born as he was & in the place and at the time he was he had a very limited Education. he was of course not prepared for a proffessional man of any of the fine proffession of law or medicine or any other of the like he was boy of fine intellect But no chance of gaining literary knowledge in the place where he was raised he said when a boy he wished to be all the chance of a herdsman that the family had & consequently were often in the forest So that he obtained the same love for it that the lawyer, doctor or polition does for his Books &study Raised as he was on the frontier when the Savages was troublesom & the wild beast was plenty he was taught the use of firearms when young I have heard him often say that his father would take a gun & place her in his hands & tell him to take aim & pull the trigger in this way marksman was made being born at the time he was he had to be taught the use of a Rifle gun as there was none other & that will make a man love them all his life well he said that he had killed Deer & Bears too when he could not load his gun his father doing it for him he said that at the age of 18 his mother died & that gave him the first thought of what was to become of him after a departure out of this world then he began to settle his mind and as there was only Methodists in the country where he lived he had no chance of hearing any other denomination preached He said this caused him to take to reading the Scriptures of the Old & New Testament as best he could
pp 229 and by dilligence he learned to read well at the age of 23 years was the Baptist Preacher he ever heard preach in year 1803 & he embraced the religion of Jesus Christ & joined the Baptist Church Having said this of his early life I will turn to his hunting again After the death of his mother he said that he could not stay at home content for a great while & that his gun was his favorite companion with him in the Yellow Mountains of North Carolina He amused himself hunting and during that time that he killed quite a number of Deer & Bears & panthers& wolves he related a _____ of killing one Bear of great size that he found where he fed on the nuts of the Chestnut tree he had tried to find the bear by daylight by watching the feeding ground late and early could not get his whereupon I said he came to my camp in the after part of the day got my dinner took a bit of provisions for supper & started on pursuit of the big bear again not by day but by night well I went on to the feeding ground of the Bear I got there just as the sun was sinking behind the western hill and climbed upon a tree that had fell and lodged in the crotch of another tree and lay on the ground some 20-30 feet from the ground and set down on the log the Evening was clear and cold & the moon SHONE in all the Splendor of their Silver beams that I set a while the lovely forest covered the _____ on the ground I was almost frozen about midnight I heard the animal coming well he came and there I set till at last I saw him coming on he came and on he came till at last he came near enough to shoot when I leveled my rifle as well as I could and fired at him luckily I missed a good shot he ran off & I set still and listened till I heard the noise stop then I climbed

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pp 230 down almost Joyce and went to my camp where my father had come and had a good fire which was a most pleasant thing to me I got warm lay down & slept til morning in the morning father and myself went to where I shot the bear & followed the direction in which he run as we could to where I heard the ----bush the other night & there he lay killed dead the ball that penetrated his heart After that I hunted on the range of mountains til I killed 90 bears & 130 Deer that fall & winter the next summer I raised a good crop of corn After I laid by my corn I went to my favorite part time hunting there was a bee hunt well I got to my hunting ground fixed up my old camp So that I could sleep dry when it rained put out some bee bait & directly had plenty of bees at work to my bait I got the course moved the bait set in a good place Soon had bees got the course & again moved the bait & set as before then I got the course and went to examining the trees for where some was living presently I see them going to & from a large chestnut tree well I then went to my camp & cut down a strait lynn tree of the right size cut mme off a block about five feet long split open & dug a trough out of one half of the block I dug it nice and thin which made it very light then after drying it by the fire to get sap all out of it I got ----keg & ax & went back to where I had found the bees living & cut the tree well I got some four or five gallons of nice honey this I carried to camp

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I then the next day Renewed my bee bait & pursuit my hunt & as I was looking further I about I lost no time Well sure enough brother came & then him and me went on with our hunt until we had found about 40 gallons of fine honey I remember one that we got after in the time that we followed a long the side of a mountain til we run by them & they turned back we turned also & in the head of a ravine we put in the most of the day til near sun set well I got so out of humor that I tried my best to look the bark off the knots & the knots off the trees in this way we both hunted til near sun set when I with my hatchet hacked down a little bush & there they were going in & out at a small hole about 2 feet from the ground well then I was mad the bad way to think that that we had toiled hard all day & at last found the booty in such a place as this was why could have carried 10 feet of the bigest part of it well you my kind reader you just ought to have been there to have heard brother talk of the wealth of the hive that lived in it he made a remark & I was so mad but we hacked out the honey & we got nearly 3 gallon of good honey after allSo at the close of that hunt we went home gathered our fodder Sowed our wheat for our fall hunt Well you will Suppose we was in a wonderful hurry Scurry & so we was well after a while we got ready all ready & now for the bear hunt we started on the first that fall & when we got to our old camp it was night So we kindled a good fire & being tired we lay & talked til we both went to sleep.

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pp 232 About the Break of day the next morning we Bound up Eat our homly breakfast & started for our first day of bear hunt that fall & we dident kill anything that day but the ground was covered with acorn & chestnuts & no sign of game on all the mountain where we went that day So we returned to camp at night weared very much and nothing killed this ended our first days hunt The next day we moved to the other side of a larger mountain(I should have remarked that our father had come to us) & by the time we had made our trip the was nearly sunk out of sight behind the western hills so we had but little time to look at the prospect for game Altho father killed one fine fat bear then on the next morning we set out again hunted all day but found nothing worth Staying there for & on the next day we started to Recross the mountain again with the fat part of the bear that was killed the previous day We were all three of us pretty well loaded We each had heavy Rifle gun & shot pouches with a good supply of amunitio & rations for some 8 or 10 days & our Bear meat & while we was assending the mountain We saw a large buck standing looking at us where upon I raised my Rifle & she belched forth the buck gave 4 or 4 heavy bounds & fell dead this of course increased our load well being trimendesly loaded we trudged on at a very slow rate so that before we had Reached the top of the mountain it was night & very cold we had about 9 miles to carry our meat & I told father & brother that we would Stop Spread our meat on the hides & salt a little & by morning it would be cold

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and no danger of spoiling So we stopped for the night well we obtained fire by means of a flint & steel & a rotten piece of wood that we call Spunk The next morning we started as soon as we could see to walk we had not got over a mile before I hear the Brush & sticks breaking & we all stopped when in a few seconds he made his appearence he was I thought the biggest Bear I had ever seen in my life & by the time he got to where I wanted him I was ready & I drew a good Sight on him as if I had been going to shoot for a thousand dollars I touched the trigger of my trusty Rifle & she belched forth fire & smoke & at the Report father Exclaimed Well boys we will have to come back for you have killed the bear to which I Replied I hope so(no doubt said he) Well so it was for the animal did not go more than one hundred yards before he fell dead he was large and very fat We just took out all his Intreals drug him to a branch where the water poured over a steep rock laid him on his back so that the water would pour in his insides Shouldered our loads & left &in that days travel we got to where we could get help well we then sent father home for horses & me and brother went back for the big bear that I had killed we got to it & skinned out one half which made us a good load a piece & then carried that to where we had left our first load and when we came it was some time til night & knowing that father would not be Back that day we thought we would hunt back to our other load of meat well so we did & in doing so we killed a good fat deer that caused us to have to come back

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The Act to Limit the Election

Franchise

pp 233 Section 1st: Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Tennessee that the following persons to wit.
1st: Every white man twenty-one years of age & a Citizen of the United States and a Citizen of the County where in he may offer his vote, Six months the next preceeding the day of Election and publically known to have intertained uncondition—ally Union _____from the out break of the Rebellion until the present time and
2nd: Every white man a citizen of the United States and a Citizen of the County wherein he may offer his vote, Six months next preceeding the day of Election having reached the age of twenty-one years since the 4 of March 1865 provided he not have been engaged in Armed Rebellion against the Authority of the United States Voluntiary and
3rd: Every white man coming from another state of lawful age and being a citizen of the United States on proof of loyalty to the United States and being a citizen of the County Six months next preceeding the day of Election.
4th: Every white man Viz Citizen of the United States and a citizen of their State who has been a soldier in the army of the United States & has been or may be hereafter honorably discharged this spring and
5th: Every white man of lawful age, a citizen of the United States and a citizen of the County wherein he may offer his vote, six months next preceeding the day of Election who may conscript by force into the so called Confederate Army & was known to be a Union man or proof of loyalty to the United States established by the the testimony of two Voters under the present Clause of this Section and
6th: Every white man who in this State Voted at the Presidental Election in November 1864 which on the Thursday of Feby 1865 _____

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The Gypsy Mourning

Trust him not oh gentle lady
Though his voice be low and sweet
Heed not from who knocks before thee
Safely pleading at thy feet

Voice thy like is in its morning
Stand not this thy lucky lot
Lison to the gypsy morning
Gentle lady trust him not

Lady once there lived & _____
Young and free and like thee fair
Yet he wood, he wood another, another
Thriled her gentle heart with care

Then he headed not her weeping
He would not her life to save
Soon she perished, now she's sleeping
In the cold and silent grave

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pp 234 Lady turn not from me coldly
For I have only told the truth
From return and withering silence
Lady I would shield thy youth

I would shield thee from all dangers
& shield thee from the tempters snare
Lady shun the dark eyed stranger
I have warned thee now beware

Take your gold, I do not want it
Lady I have prayed for this
For the _____ that mite _____him
Rob him of expected bliss

Oh, I see thou art filled with wonder
At my looks _____and wild
Lady in the Church yard join
Sleeps the gypsy's only child

pp 235 Answer to the Gypsy Mourning

Lady heed thee not her mourning
Trust me those shall find me
_____ _____ as the light to fall
Morning & _____ _____to you

Lady I will not understand the
Fill thy _____ heart with woo
Trust me lady and believe me
Sorrow thou shall never no

Lady hury for thee would perish pleasure
All wood wither fast if no heart
Could love and wish in this
_____ the stars that gleam above
_____ the shines the brightest _____

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pp 236 shall be required to make Oath _____ _____ _____ the said Clerk shall re_ ceive such compensation as the County Court in such County may deem proper and also said Clerk shall issue all such persons a Certificate of Registration & no one shall be permitted by the Judge of Elections to Vote unless so registered

Sec 7 Be it further enacted that any voter may be challenged by an admitted _____ of Section 1st of this Act on offering his vote & then upon the Judges of Election shall promptly administer to the person chalanged before permitting him to vote the following Oath. Said Oath shall be taken by all Judges of Elections and Candidates for office

OATH

I solumly swear that I will henceforth support the Constitution of the United States & defend it against the assult of all it's enemies, that I am an active friend of the government of the United States, that I will heartily and assist the loyal people in what ever measure may be adopted under the Constitution of the United States & under all laws and proclimation made in purrcance thereof to _____ the_____ as over all the people of every State & Territory imbraced _____ National Union & that I will faithfully & most heartily support & defend the Constitution of the State of Tennessee & the _____& schedule _____app_ ointed & adopted by the _____this 22nd day of February _____ _____ all Acts of the _____ assembled in _____ _____ _____ that I take this Oath _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

pp 237 Section 8th Be it further enacted that any person taking this Oath falsy shall be guilty of perjury and shall suffer all penalities as matched to the crime.

Sec 9th Be it further enacted that this powers is designed to alter ____ or change the provision of this Act at any time when, in the opinion of the General Assemly of the State is right & proper to do so

Sec. 10 Be it further enacted that the Act shall take effect from & after its passing.

Passed June the 5, 1865

William Hiskell, Speaker of the House of Represenative
Hon. _____ of the Senate

Friday September the first 1865: Rained this morning
Friday Sept 8, 1865 working in fodder
Friday Sept 15, 1865
Friday Sept 22, 1865
Friday Sept 29, 1865
Sat. Sept 30, 1865
October Sunday the first 1865
J.T.Bondurant C2 14 lbs Salt Pork
Samuel Midden 14 lbs Pork
E.F.Bondurant 90 lbs of salt pork & got four pounds sagas

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Suffrage of East Tennessee
by James B. Williams 2nd Tennessee Cav.

pp 238 Among my friends oh who will come
And spend one day with me
And help me write a little song

-2-

East Tennessee you have been bound
I hope we've set you free
We've drove the Rebels from your lands
Sweet land of Tennessee

-3-

We was drove away from our land
And gained the mountains hight
And escaped the Rebel hands
By traveling day and night

-4-

Although we reached Ky's shore
As from these lines you'll see
And our homes we've seen no more
In the land of Tennessee

-5-

We have been gon almost three years
From our dear loving wives
And for their sakes we have shed tears
And last some dear friends lives

-6-

Thirty thousand men so plain
To Ky they did flee
About ten thousand yet remained
From Old East Tennessee

-7-

East Tennessee is desolate
Of twenty thousand men
Who lost their lives to share your fate
By the cruel Rebel's hand

-8-

The Rebels then did grace their cities
With muskets in their hands
In singing little dittys
About fair Dixie Lands

-9-

I think they'll sing another song
Before another fall
And if they don't, it wont take long
For us to kill them all

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pp 238 -10-

Our wives does yet remain at home
Though cruely has been treated
But I hope we'll soon return
And with sweet smiles be greeted

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Come all dear wives dry up the moan
Your sweet children then embrace
Think your husbands will soon return
With sweet smiles upon your face

-12-

Our little children I've not forgot
For mine seems dear to me
Though they may be in obscure cots
In the land of Tennessee

-13-

And now my friends that I'm among
I'll quit writing pretty soon
I'll end the song and rest today
Tomorrow I'll make the tune

For Brice McFall
By James B. Williams

I suppose you've all heard of Prosser's Brigade
And how they whipped Wheeler while making a raid
They've traveled the mountains, the vales and plains
To rid our dear Country from treasons dark stain

They are after the Rebels wherever they go
They are always sure to play high to the low
We've made them skedadle from a field
Brave Prosser would die before he would yield

We went up in Tennessee not long ago
We camped near the town of Pulaski you know
There we was welcomed by matron and maid
For they knew the history of Prosser's Brigade

One day came the order, be ready my men
Will start back to Huntsville this morning at ten
We marched on to Mooresville the very same week
And camped on a stream that was called Piny Creek

The men was kind hearted, the ladies fair
They was kind to our soldiers, I truly declare
They welcomed us warmly warmly wherever we went
Their kindness to us, I shall never forget

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pp 239 The Rebels may threaten the river to cross
But as long as a Hoosier can climb on his horse
The black hearted traitors shall get up and wade
For we are the Yankees from Prosser's Brigade

pp240 One day at Decature we gave them a pull
We did not retreat, but we had our hands full
We opened our battery just half past two
Says the Commanders, run boys, this will never do

For there is the men that whipped Boddy so bad
We must keep at a distance while they are so mad
They have the big cheese-knife that's dangerously made
They are commonly used by Prosser's Brigade

They all hail to Moorsville, will keep it in mind
That to our brave Soldiers you've ever been kind
We hope when at last we go home from the wars
We may all live in peace by the Stripes and the Stars

End
For Brice McFall

December the 10 day 1865 Cold and foggy

D. Hon Jefferson Davis of Miss
" " L. M. Kieth of S. C.
" J. L. Orr of S. C.
" R. B. Rhett of S. C.
" Wm L. Yancy of Ala.
Gov J. J. Petters of Miss
Ex Gov. McRhea of Miss.
Gov. Perry of Florida
Ex Gov. McWillie of Miss.
D. Hon. McCurry of Ala.
" J. T. Morgan of Ala.
" D. Hubbard of Ala.
" Mr. Garbrill of Ga.
" Mr. Crawford of Ga.
" Mr. Boham of S. C.
" Mr. Singleton of Miss.
" R. Davis of Miss
" R. A. Pryor of Va.
Mr. De Jarnette of Va.
D. Hon. L. P. Walker of Ala
" Sydenharm Moore of Ala.

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D. Hon. Mr. Fregh of Ala.
" H. T. Bennet of Ala.
Gov. Gist of S. C.
D. Hon. Mr. Boier of S. C.
A. Burt of S. C.
_____ their Divisions

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The trators that was responsible for the disruption of the American Union was Yancy, Rhett, Tooms, Pryor, Davis, Keitt, Iverson, Wise, Mason, Wigfall, Buce_ weidge & Lane

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pp 242 Roger Pryor of Virginia
Telegraphed from Washington
We can get the _____ Compromise, But we don't want it
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pp 243 Judge Douglas overheard Mason say, no matter what Compromise the North offers, the South must find a way to defeat it

Number of corn rows, First 90 second 224
Monday 16 to cotton 29, 37
59, 27
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pp 244 W. A. McFall
Pigeon Forge
Sevier, Tenn
N. B. Brown
Joe E. Burly Issued to them
W. G. Hardin

Military Bord for the Southern Confederacy
June 1, 1861 then due 434,000
June 12, 1861 then due 566,000
June 16, 1861 then due 500,000
July 20, 1861 then due 500,000
July 17, 1861 then due 500,000
Sept 11, 1861 then due 500,000
Sept 30, 1861 then due 500, 000
1,300,000

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pp 244 The total amount of the _____war for 1862 5, 791,000

The amount that the State of Tenn. had against them in 1862 5, 300,000

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pp 246 ----having killed the deer we was detained so that when we got to our bear meat it was a good while in the night and very cold So we caught fire gathered wood & Builded up a huge pile so that when it got well to burning we had one of the best fired & having walked 30-35 miles when we got warn & eat our supper we lay down & slept well til morning in the morning we gathered our load & started & when we reached the place where father was to come he had not yet got there though he came directly with one of the neighbor Boys & four horses & we packed our meat & put out for home where we arrived Safely before we stopped and the next morning Brother took a horse & went back after the deer we had left & Brought it home

Then after staying at home & fishing a few days another Brother & myself started for another hunt we left home in the afternoon & went bout 10 or 12 miles got to where we intended to do our sleep for the night Stoned struck fire & kindled a fire gathered our wood laid it on the fire & having eaten none Since dinner that day Starting late and walking fast for 10-12 miles we was very hungry So we roasted part of a wild turkey that I had killed by the way Eat supper & lay down to sleep which I soon did & some time between midnight & day I dreamed that I had got mad at one of the bigest Negros that I had ever Seen & I thought that he was in a great rage also I was so mad that that I didn't know how to behave myself I thought that I Swore that I would have Satisfaction If I had to kill him the damed Nigger to get it & in that condition I awake & not being in the habit of such horrid swearing
pp 247 ----meditating about it Wondering if a man was accountable to the Lord for such when he was a Sleep or not of which I have not decided til yet thoufg I hope no trouble while I lying Studying about the dream the moon was shining moderatly and beautifuly on the earth I heard the Break of a Stick Seemed to be not far from where we was lying the fire in the mean time had burned ----much to coul & was making Scarcely any light Brother was sound a sleep I raised myself Slowly & Easily picked up my rifle that was good as any man carried made one or two soft steps & lent against a tree & by this time I could hear him plainly coming strait to me as I thought which he was for in a breath or two I could See the bulk of him I through the Brush now thinks if you will just come out of that Bush So that the ball will not hit anything til it hit you I will ----kill the nigger So there I stood with my gun Ready & on he came til he was about 15 or 20 feet from me then Suppose he saw Something he did not like & stopped he had not had time to make out what it was til I Sent for smoke & laid all again him & through him he snorted & bounded the blaze from the gun Blinded me for a minit or two So I could (see) nothing Brother roused up & called out "What the Hell is the matter" "no matter at all" said I it is a first cut by this time Brother had got fairly awake said to me "in name of God, Brice, what have you shot" "nothing but a bear" well said he "damn me if I Ever heard five bears make as much noise in my life" the fact every thing was mighty dry & then the Brush was thick as it could well be & mostly dead the animal was large & he did make a terrible
pp 248 rikit down the mountain Side for some 20 or 30 yards & all was still " ell"

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pp 248 Cont. said Brother "What do you think" "do you think that you have give him a dead shot or not" I told him I thout I had "well" said he "better go & see" No Lord It will be day directly & then we can go "No No Lord" said he "I will go you may do as you please" I saw he was determined on going So I told him to make a light to(show) how to load my gun & we would go so he made a light I charged her & away we went guessing at the where the noise quit & after crawling & cutting the green briers with our butcher knives for half hour or more we found the old fellow rolled up against a log dead Sure enough we built a fire took out his guts put him under a Strout of water that pounded over a high rock & by the time we done that we could see that the Break of day then we picked up our guns & Started & by the time we had crawled out of the thicket we parted to meet at the place where I had killed the bear in the previous night & I had not gone more than 1/4 of a mile before I saw a she Bear & 3 cubs picking up chestnuts then I Stept with the tread of thecat until I came within hailing distance then with the greatest caution I set the trigger of my Rifle & drew back the hammer & taking aim I made my Rifle Resound through & the next minit the Bear was lying dead then with all Speed possible I loaded my gun tokill one of the little Bears which I did in quick time I recharged & killed a Second & also a third and last of the Bear family this was five bears that I had had killed these last I gutted & after placing them in the water I went to camp where Brother had come he had a large Buck that he had killed

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pp 257 _____ to the gratification of the world of Satan and of their own sinful passions and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin without defense or excuse.

Article 4 of the Way of Salvation
That the Salvation of sinners is wholly of grace through the mediational offers of the Son of God, who took upon him our nature yet without sins honored the law by his personal obedience and made atonement of our sins by his death being risen from the dead, he is now enthroned in heaven and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections, in every way qualified to be a suitable & compassionate and sufficient savior.

Article 5 of Justification
That the great Gospel blessing which Christ in his fullness bestows on such as believe in him is justification, that justification consists in the pardon of sins and the promise of Eternal Life on principles of rightenousness, that it is bestowed , not in consideration of any work of rightenousness which we have done, but solely through his own Redemption and rightenousness that brings us into a state of most blessed piece and favor with God and secures every other blessing needful for time & Eternity

Article 6 of the Freeness of Salvation
That the Blessing of Salvation are made by the Gospel that is the immediate duty of all to accept them _____ cordial and obedient faith pp 258 and that nothing prevents the Salvation of the greatest sinner on earth except his own voluntary refusal to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ which refusal will subject him to an aggravated condemnation.

Article 7 of Grace in Regineration
That in order to be saved we must be regenerated or born again, that regeneration converts in giving a holy disposition to the mind and is effected in a manner above our comphension or calculation by the power of the Holy Spirit, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel and that it's proper evidence is found in the holy fruits which we bring forth to the Glory of God.

Article 8 of the Perseverance of the Saints
That such only are real beliviers as endure unto the end that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mart which distinguishes them from superficial professions that a special providence watches God through faith unto Salvation.

Article 9 of a Gospel Church
That a visible church of Christ is a congregation of Baptised Believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel, observing the ordinance of Christ, goverened by his laws & exercising the gifts, rights & privleges is vested in him by his word & that its only proper officers are bishops or pastors & deacons

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Article 10 of Baptism and the Lords Supper

pp 259 That Christian Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the Name of the Father, Son And Holy Spirit to show forth in a solemn & beautiful emblem our faith in a crucified, burial and risen Savior with its purifying power that it is requesit to the privalege of a church relation and of the Lords Supper in which the members of the Church by the use of bread & wine are to commemerate to gather the dying love of Christ preceeded always by solumn self examination.

Article 11 of the World to Come

That the end of this world is approaching that at the last days Christ will decend from heaven & raise the dead from the grave to final retribution, that a solemn separation will take place, that the wicked will be adjudjed to endless punishment & the righteous to eternal joys and yhat this judgement will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell on principles of righteousness.

Paid for fodder $4.00
Rec. of Goldberger $50.00
Rec. of Goldberger $50.00
Put one colt on pasture the 23 of May yr ? Cunningham

pp 260 DAY BOOK with B. McFall
Thomas Earhedrd in ?
To fodder 67 binds 1.75 per hand 1.471/2
3 Baskets corn $3.00 .75 per bbl
8 cords wood 331/3 per cord 266 2/3
2 cords wood 33 1/3 66 1/3
December Friday December 3, 1869
3 baskets of corn 1 basket
84 binds fodder binds fodder 187
December 18 7 1/2 ?

pp 261 DAY BOOK
Sarah McKinrey was born June 1812 (20)
Marryd to B. McFall April 12, 1835
Died June 23, ?

pp 273 In two hours from now, give the Drops and repeat them every 8 hours
In four hours from now, give one of the powders and repeat them every 4 hours (give them in the same water, they will dissolve)
Rub her spine and lower extremities every 4 hours with Linament
Repeat the pills every 8 or 10 hours until her bowels are moved freely
April 15, 1868 Buchanan

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pp 273 Brice McFall this 5th July
Paid to Evans five dollars & 25 cts
to houlett one dollar
William Melvin paid 1.25 cts
Paid to Evans 50cts John
one and one half days work one dollar 37 1/2 cts
James one & one half day 17 1/2 2 1/2 days 187 1/2 total 1337 1/2

pp 274 1868
Black Smith

One plow sharpened
One plow laid
One chain memded
One plough laid
One hoe maid
3 plough laid
2 horses shoed round

One plough mended
One plough sharpened
One plough sharpened
One plough sharpened

Feby & March
Something in 1869
to putting one shoe on a mule .15
to sharpening 2 ploughs .20
for shoeing one horse all around 1.25
this done 3 day of March
_____ by 5 gallons molassas 3.75
do 1 gal & 3 qts 1.37
by corn 100 cts per bushel 2.50
8 gallon 1 qt 65 _____ 5.66 2/3
Sam Childers 2 1/2 bushels 2. 50
Paid Charles 1.50
do do 5 dollars
Sam Childers 2 cords wood 2.50

Cure for the _____
2 tablespoonsfull of ground mustard, 2 of ground ginger, _____ _____ of Black pepper _____ water half gallon _____ in 1/2 pint glass tumbler _____ _____ glass with feel the _____ _____ go to bed _____ _____& drink all at once

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pp 279 The Baptist first appeared in this mighty west in 1775. Lewis Craig put in Fredericksburg jail after that followed by the Baptist through Cumberland Gap into the dark & woody ground Lewis & Joseph Craig & Aaron Bledso I dicted for preaching the Gospel of the Son of God, they was plead for & cleared by Patrick Henry. Proven by the Episcopaliun
Hawks Protestant Episcopal Church in Va., page 126, 100 years anterior to this was a Statute enacted in the Colonial Legislature in Va. fining any parent 200 pounds of tobacco for not Baptising their infant when they could have it lawfully done 1/2 to the informer & the other to the Parish. the person against whom the Legislature thunder was hurled was Baptist Mr. Painter refused to have his child Baptised complained to the court & enjoyed by them to have his child Baptised, he told them that infant Baptism was an antichristian ordinance for which he was tied up & whiped. Gov. Winthrop tells us that Painter was whiped Bakus Vol 1, page 147. Any person that opposed Baptism of infants was subject to banishment Winthrop T. 1638 Hanserd Knolly gathered to gether a Baptist Church & John Smith, John Speer & 4 others was arrested in 1639 for attempting to organize a Church at Waymouth, 14 miles _____ of Boston before Roger Williams _____Baptised or his Church organized _____In 1631
pp 280 Roger Williams the _____of a colony at Sou Liberty _____pp 280 _____ facts show beyond doubt that Roger Williams was not the _____of New Providence Church nor that the Church he established was not the first Baptist Church in _____ when the first Church in_____was one hundred old John Collind_____ delivered & published a sermon on that occasion that was in 1738. John Clark the founder of Baptist in America, but in Virginia were Baptist beforeRhode Islandhad its charter, Massachusetts were Baptist before Williams was Baptised divers of this kind (Baptist) pleading for Soul Liberty & Christian immersion trod these shores of the New World stained or hallowed by their blood. Some of the planters of New England were Baptist. But to our inquiry where did they come from in the 1700. Monuments along the stream of time. N. B. Baptist have always been the object of Episcopal _____ Hansord Kinally born in _____ England 1598 was a Baptist & had come to this country when he learned of the war that brought _____ the 1st to the Black in 1648 _____to Eng. says Crosby a _____ great man was taken from his own dwelling house & commuted to Neugate where he stayed 18 _____ that time 400 persons confined to the same prision

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-----was ordered Back to Lebanon Middle----from there to Nashville Where we removed---few days & were ordered out again & marched---through West Tennessee & into Mississippi---Point there we turned We tore up a great deal of Provisions Mostly---trouble---much till we got on our march back---Powned on us they faught us for the ---they killed wounded & captured 14 in ---among the wounded was Col. Wm R. Cav---captured 2 pieces of artillery while we capt---f/bought off about 2000 horses & mules &the---negroes & brought them to Memphis--- 18 March 1864 the number of the---we killed & wounded & I have not learned ---captured about 100, we went in to-----& after staying there til some time in April then we moved to camp Cattlo--after staying till the last of April we moved---Camp Thomas/Turner there we staid til the 18 June then we Broke up Camp & took up the line of---to Decature Ala. there as soon as we came was ordered out on a Scout & about ---we ran on a squad of Alabama Rebels ---fired at us But without Effect. We charged-----well & we could for the Dense under---that covered the face of the country around the mountain--- wounded & we killed horses Captured ---& in a few days we went out again that ------captured 15, 1 doctor & his intern-----2 Ambulances got 1---- --jutain of the Regt.------Scout to Cortlanet/Cortland------Prisoners 200 horses & mules------to Decature without------was ordered out ordered out

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-----25 December we------Nashville the 25 Of --------on the 26 we were the city 1 mile & camped------or we marched toward ---furborough where we was ----Braggs forces we still pressed----till night put an End----hting that day on the 2?----& fought all day & ----& on the

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And on the 11th of De---Nashville where we Jurnset/jurned the----- Cumberland that we did on the 2?-----MonthDec & on the 26 we was ordered ----Murfreesborough I am to part at Lou----had no Cavaly arms & we had to take the Musket with the prisoners that as soon as we---Nashville we might turn our muskets----our Cavalry arms & if we----arms we might do as we plea---& when we come to----ready for a----

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---- the next morning we moved down the ----to Roan Co to the Town that we had ----of Sept this was the 1st day of October---- the----foot & when we crossed ----River at a place called Pinhook & --------wagon trains on Willow Ridge we ----after them the way that we went was up ---quache Valey to Dunlap in in Sequache ---- --- we turned across the Cumberland Mountains ---the head of Bill/Hills Creek we overtook ---- & skirmished with them to McMinnville ---Warren Co. Middle Tennessee Killing & wou--- ---umber of them & at McMinnville--- --- Tenn Inft ---that Surrounded in--- ---- ---the Rebels about 400 hundred we was --- ---the Brigade to defent the place there --- --- uarded & Scouted all the vicinity ---- --- about the 10th of Nov. when we --- ---- the 23 MO. Inft & ordered to the ---- ---Back at Jasper where we joined in--- --- & marched to Washington in Rhea Co.---- ----about that time the officers of the Regt---- ---got the Regt transferred from the Army of theCumberland to that of the Ohio & move---- ---to Knoxville & Maj. W.F. Proser was ---- to transfer the ---- ---- ----with him the writer was one of the Escorts left the Regt at Washington & the first day we Reached Kingston & staid that night and the next ----we went into Knoxville & while the Bussiness ----Settling the Rebels under Longstreet ----- ----- ----Below Louden by means of a ---- ----- us off from our Regt & moved ---- --- ----& his Squad has to stay th--- ----- ----middle of Dec. & at Kingston ---- ---- ---- the 2nd Cav & part of 25---- ---- ---- with the ----- of 6000 troops ---- ----- ------- -----The River again

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-------the hunter swift hath form-----
------the toils of death hath bound thee
------didst those leave thy place
------of a Kingly race

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------those weary of thy throne
------Skies-----cone
------care it well may be
------mighly wing was free

-8-

-----cha---is over it cast
-----the blood flows fast
-----gifted souls and high
-----such their destiny

-----Brave hearts at Knoxvilly
-----that did pass forward still
-----the Union Swords were croping
-----the glitter like Lightniny tossing
-----such their destiny
-----& list those here
-----Spot------
Aught that so could beat and burn
Heart hat loved the Eagle blast
Silent is thy place at last
Silent save when early bird
Sings where over the moss was heard
Silent save when --- moan
-----shining flowers or----
-----the wild rose-------

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-----other and in the other----in cities, towns & viliges-----was there with-----& when a Union gentleman or ---to their little place of--- imposition those Creatures in---will be there to fun with his------ fan of loyalty

Thursday, May 18,
on yesterday I win to Dec---& on my Return there-----Barn & I got very wet-----is Beautiful & lovely with------

WOUNDED EAGLE

Eagle, this is not thy Sphere
Warrior bred what Seekest thou here
Where fore by the fountains brink
Doth thy royal pinion Sink

-2-

Wherefore on the violets------
Layest thou there thy drooping heads
Those that holdest the----- in tears
Those that weareth the wings of morn

-3-

Eagle those will not arise
----------own bright skies
----------the firey Sun