

Corpus of American Civil War Letters
KY1-03, Hillory Shifflet

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Hillory Shifflet was born in Madison County, Kentucky in 1822 or 1823. He married Jemima Cox (also a native of Madison County) in 1843. Sometime between 1855 and 1858 the family relocated to Harrison Township, Montgomery County, Ohio (according to the 1860 Census, their five-year-old daughter, Patsy, was born in Kentucky; two-year-old Mariah was born in Ohio). Hillory Shifflet served as a private in Co. C, 1st Ohio Infantry and was killed at the Battle of Missionary Ridges on November 23, 1863.

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Hillory Shifflet to Jemima Shifflet (GLC 2174.01)

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1861

December the 13

Camp McCook

Heart county Ky

[Hart County]

Dear wife I take

my pen in hand

to let you no that I

am well at presant

hopen that when these

few lines Comes to your hand tha will

find you all well I receaved your letter

the 11th hit give me greate satis faction

to her from you onse more that you was

all well but Johney and was sorry to

[his son, John, who was less than a year old]

her that he was not well but when I

her again I hope he will be well I got pade

today twenty three dollars and I will Send

you all I can Spar I will hav to Keep

Some for I hav needed some along time

We will be pade again the first day of next

month I will get twenty six dollars

and if I live iwill bring hit home

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I want you to do the best you can till I come

home if I ever doo we expect a fight
ever day but we wont be the first in
hit tha is six thousand to fight before we
do we ar in a vary good place now I git a
plenty to Eat now but we didn have mu
ch a while back I want to see you and the
Children mity bad but doo the best you can
and I will I cant right much I hant got
time hit is a bissy day to day so I will to quit
righ as quick as you git this letter Direct
your letter first Regiment of ohio Vo
in care of Capt Thruston Camp [Capt. Gates P. Thruston of Co. C]
McCook Heart Co Ky

I remain your Dear husband un tell death
Hillory Shifflet

Hillory Shifflet to Jemima Shifflet (GLC 2174.02)

January [top of page torn]62
Camp Wood Heart County
Ky

Dear Wife I take my pen in hand
today to let you no that I am well at present
and hope these few lines will find you and the children
all well I recev your letter last night which
gave me greate Satis faction to her from you and that
you was all well but when the mail came I was
vary much out of heart for I thot tha was no
letter for me but when george open his letter I
found yourn and I soon red it and the was a few tears
fell from my eys I cod not help it for I was so glad to her
that you was doing well as you was and I hope that
you will Still do well tell I come home and I hope
that wonte be long our union men have gain a nother
greate victory on cumber land river Tha kild a great meny
of the Sesesh than that is the place that Cit is and dan
Hardin all the baker boys the regiment tha was in had
to dis mount from thare horses and fight on foot but I dont
no whether enny of them was kild or not I look
for a letter from them tomorrow Sum of them I have
no dout but is kild or wounded and if we git green
river and bowlinggreen whip out we will git to come
home I hope we will do it before long for as I told
you before I want to come home and see you all
the worste kind I am mity tired of it I no

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tha is <??>[page torn] <????> out a bout eight miles <??>
<??>ay to see if tha can find enny of the rebbles enny
whar near tha hav bin comen near our pickets for the
last three or four days tha come with in amile of our
pickets last Tuesday nigh and burnt down a big depo
on the rail rode our regiment was on picket that
night I saw the fire but the curnal wount let us go
to the fire the boys wanted to go and see them but
the Captain wodn let them we had in spection this
morning our company look better than enny of the
rest we had on our dress coats I hav got a vary nise
dress coat and look as well as you ever seede me I sha
ve ever week and put on a clean shirt I wash a shirt
ever week I have jest bin to the doctors and got vaxinat
ed in my left arm george and Amos and Tom wester [Thomas Westerman, Thompson

[possibly Cristopher Shifflet of
Co. E, 1st Ky Cav. (Union).
Six soldiers named Baker
also served in Co. E]

man and tompson Ennis and tom Smith you sed
you wanted me to send you my likeness I will
Send it to you when I git pade off and tha captain
told me that we wood git pade nex tuesday or
wednesday and when I git hit I will send you
twenty dollars I will git twenty six dollars
but will have to keepe some for I will neade sum
I neade a good deal but you neade it worse than I
do so if I git it you may look for it nex Saterdag
So you must do the best you can if I live to git
home I will have rite Smart of money anuf to give
us a start to do well I want you to right
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Ennis, and Thomas Smith were
privates in Co. C, 1st Ohio Inf.]

me as soon as you <git?> this [page torn]<??> in your
oan envelop for ennis donte git half of his letters so
if you hante got no money to git postedge stamps I will
Sende you one that will do you till you git some hit is
a harde matter to git Stamps her but I will send
you one that will do you to send me a letter as soon as you
git this <??> I want to her from you ever weeke hit
dos me a heepe a good to her from you I will git my
like ness taken and send it when I send the money
to you and I want you to send me you<??> but I hope it
wonte be long before I can come home I think tha hante
no danger but I will git home I feel like I will
git home to you and the children a gain I want
to see you all mity bad I recon little Johnney is a poty
little feler I want to see him and all the rest of you
I rote daddy a letter last weeke I look for a letter in a
day or two and I rote one to Irvin and expect to git
one poty Soon and then I will her all about the battle
that Cit was in and I will right to you about
it give my best respects to Lige Johnson and liz
So I must bring my letter to a close When you
Right Direct your letter to the first
Regiment of ohio volunteers Company C
Captain Thruston Camp Wood Heart County Ky
Hillory Shifflet to Mima Shifflet

Hillory Shifflet to Jemima Shifflet (GLC 2174.03)

March the 11th 1862
Camp Andy Johnson
Davidson County Tennessee
Dear wife I take my pen in
Hand this Beautiful evening to
let you no that I am well at
presant and hope when you
git these few lines tha will
find you all well. I can tell
you that I got my box you
sent me this evening and
was glad to git it for I hante
had nothing fit to eat for three
weeks I found everthing all
right nothing spoilt but the
chicken it was spoilt and
the pies was a little moldy
on top but tha ar mity good
I hante tasted the cakes yit but
I no tha ar good by the way tha look
I will try them to night the
boys all sworm around me like
bees. I give them a pese a pie a pese
[page 2]

the box was on the rode one month
but I will eat the cakes if tha was
on the rode two months it puts me in
mind of home I hante heard from you
in a month and I want to her from
you mity bad but I want to see you
a heepe worst and I think I will see
you in a Short time if ever thing goes
on as we expects it will but the
prospect is now that we will have
afight last night the rebles attacted
our pickets and our men kild six of them
our Regiment was cald out a Sunday mor
ning we expected a fight but we didn
we went three miles out but the
rebbles didn come and we went out
on picket a Sunday night and stood
all night in the Rain and it did Rain
as hard as I ever Seen it and thrund
dred and lightened a heap that night

but we all come in to camp Safe last
night tha is a heepe more danger to
Stand picket thand going in a battle field
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but we hav come of Safe ever time
yet our Regiment is cald the best one
out but has not bin in no fight yet
but I cant tell how quick it will
be in one but I hante keen for one
I want to see you and the children mity
bad if the war donte end vary Soon
I will come home on a fur low so I will
See you all as soon as I can but I am
in good helth at this time and I hope
you and the children all is I hante
Seen James toalen but onse sence I
left home he hante in our regiment
but he is in a bout three miles of
us I hante got no money yet but I
expect to git some in a few days but
I donte no how to git you some home
it is so fur but I will try to Send you
some as quick as I git it I am mity glad
that I got your box tom Smith got his
the same day I want you to do the best
you can and right as soon as
you git this letter So no more this time
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Derect your letters to the
First Regiment of Ohio Volenteers
Company C in care of Captain
Throuston via Louisville and
Nashville

Hillory Shifflet
to Jemima Shifflet

Hillory Shifflet to Fanny Shifflet (GLC 2174.04)

[Fanny was their oldest daughter, born ca. 1852]

August the 19th 1862
Camp Boiling fork
Franklin County
Tennessee

I thort I wood right
you a few lines the morning to let you
no that I am well at this time and hope
when these few lines comes to your hand
tha will find you and your mother and
your Sisters and your little brother all
well I want you to be a good girl and
mind your mother what ever She tells
you and I want you to go to school ever
Chance you git and Patsy tow and I will
Send you money anuf to git you a nice
Dress and bonet and shoos and take good
Care of mariah and tell her that I want
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[Patsy was born ca. 1855]

[Mariah was born ca. 1858]

to see her mity bad and take good care of
little Jonny for I want to see him mity
bad and I want to see your mother the
worst kind I rote her a letter this
morning tell mariah that I will bring
her lots of candy when I come home I
drempt last night a seeing all of you mity
plain and tell Patsy that I drempt a see
ing her the plainest of enny of you and
when I git paid off I will send your
mother thirty or forty dollars and She
Can git all of you a fine dress apese
and herself tow and keep plenty
to eat and that is good for I want you
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I want your mother to right me
aletter ever weeke I want your
mother to tell Jo Kennedy to git
his home gards and Come a long and
help us to keepe the Sesesh back
for tha ar a comeing on us now I herde
not five minets ago that tha was
one hundred and Eighty thousand
a coming rite on us s we will hav

to fall back to nashville in Short
order I expect some hot times soon
but I Shant fight much moore
my Self So Fanny Far well my
dear Child Hillory Shifflet to
Fanny Shifflet

Hillory Shifflet to Jemima Shifflet (GLC 2174.05)

1862
October the 26
Taylor County Ky

Dear Wife I take the opportunity
to right you a few lines this morning
to let you no that I am well at this
time and hope when you git these
few lines tha will find you and
the Children all well I received
your letter a few days ago but we w
as on a march and didn't hav time to
right to you tell this morning
I Sent you a letter ten days before
I got yourn with Eighteen dollars
in hit all the money I had So right
as quick as you can for I am aferd
[page 2]

that the letter and the money
is all gon tha is one ten dollar bill
one five dollar bill and three dollar
bill in the letter So if you hante
got hit go to John <??> and tell <him?> [crease in the paper]
to lend you fifteen dollars and I
will pay him the money when I get
pade a gain which will be in les
than one monthe if you hante got
that money right as quic as you [faded ink]
can and I will <?????> hit I sepose
you herd about George Ennis being [Battle of Perryville, Kentucky]
kiled <he?> was shot through the heart
and dide instantly I was right clos
him and my cap box was shot off of
my belt and fore bullet holes in
my blouse and my gun barrel Shot
off at the britch and hit stunted me
So that I had to leave the field
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for a little while but I got
another gun and went back but
the Rebbles run we whip them
badly that morning but tha
like to kild me but tha didnt

but tha will never come enny
nerer with out kilen me
my leg was sore for two weeks
but hit is nearly well now so I
must close hit is a dred ful mor
ning coald and the Snow is fore
inches deepe and the buches is
bent down to the ground with
Snow and I am nearly bearfootid
my feete is on the ground So I am
in a bad fix you made a pend but I
cant helpit So you do the best
you can I donte no when I will
git home I am intirely out of
hearte So good by my dear wife
untell death Hillory Shifflet

Hillory Shifflet to Jemima Shifflet (GLC 2174.06)

December the 22th 1862
Camp near nashville
Tennessee

Dear wife I take my pen in hand to
let you no that I am well as Com mon
and hope when these few lines Comes to
your hand tha will find you and the chil
dren all well I received your letter last
night and was mity glad to her from you
and the children that you was all well but I
did ent like to her that you was a Striping
tobacco for I donte want you to hav to work
for no boddy but your Self but I cant help
hit if you had a went to Parrott you Cood
a got twenty dollars without a word but
if you can make <????><??????> [crease in paper]
you the moore when I git pade off tha
owe me fore months wages that is fifty
two dollars but I cant git hit tell tha
git reddy to pay me tha Say hit wonte
be long but that has been the chat for two
monhts but hit will be good when <??> [corner of page folded]
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Comes I tride this morning to git
Some money but tha is no money in the regi
ment I neede some my Self the worst
kind for I hante got but one oald Shirt
and hit is full of holes and no Socks a
tall I dwo wosh you Cood Send me a Shirt
but I recond the Children needs things
as bad as I dwo when you right a gain

tell me how you and the Children is off
for Close how menny you hav got and tell
me what all you hav got in the hous is
your Clock is aruning and if your stove
is good yit or not but I recon tit is
give out by this time and hav you got
enny cat or dog or enny chickens and
what you hav to eat I tride ever way
to git home to take Chrismus dinner with
you I now that I wood a had a good dinner
but I will hav to take Sow belly and har

d Crackers for my chris mas dinner

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I hav eat so menny hard crackers and fat
Sow belly that my teeth is all wore out
I was mity uneasy a bout you all tell I
got your letter I had drempt Such dreams
I drempt the other night that I lost five
of my teeth and hit is a bad dream I thi
nk that Some of my folks is dead I Cant
hear from enny of them I want you to right
to them and if you her from them let me
now tell James longly that Jacop
Hendrixson was drum out of the Service
last Friday for Steeling his watch and
other meen tricks if you see James Smith
tell him that Sam is well and wants
him to right to him amos is well
and Sends his best respects to you and
the Children Doo the best you can
and I will come home Jest as quick
as I can for I want to be at home
the worst in the world

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I Cant tell you much about
the war our men had a mity
hard fight in virginia but our
men dident make enny thing of of
them the war wood bin over if
oald lincoln had let the negro
question alone if he was in hell
and a negro tide to him I wood

be glad thar is whar he ort to be
for he is a oald Abolishingist I want
you to tell me how the children
all looks and if tha grow much
and what tha all way and
what you way I wood like to hav
all of your likenesses So I must
bring my letter to a close So
far well to you all Direct
your letters as you did

Hillory Shifflet
Jemima Shifflet

Hillory Shifflet to Jemima Shifflet (GLC 2174.07)

C Febuary the 8th 1863

Camp Sill Tennessee [Camp Sill was in the vicinity of Murfreesboro]

Dear wife I take my pen in
hand to let you no that I am well
at this time and hope when you get this
letter hit will find you and the children
all well I receved your letter a few min
ets ago and was mity glad to her from
you all that you was doing well for hit
is moore than I can say I got fannys ring I
will keep hit tell I come home if I live
to git home and I will come home when
I git Pade off if I can git off enny way
a tall for I want to come home the worst
in the world but we ar alooking for a nother
big fight in a few days our Divishion has bin
a Skirmishing for four days and our Regiment
has to go on picket ever other day we hav
to go on to morrow you must excuse this letter
for hit is dark and I hante got nohing to
right but I right ever weeke and I want
you to right to me ever weeke

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for hit dos me a heepe a good to her from you
and the Children but hit wood dow me a
heepe moore good to see you all for I no that
I want to see you the worst in the
world and I dwo hope hit wonte be long
tell I See you all I was to See j <e?> Sworts
today and he is well and harty but he is
like me wants <to be?> at home I think the
hold army is tired of hit So as soon as I
git pade I will Send you Some money if
I cant git to Come and bring hit to you I will
hav to Close my letter So god bless you
and the children

Hillory Shifflet

I hante got no Stamps to put on this
letter

Hillory Shifflet to Jemima Shifflet (GLC 2174.08)

February the 13th 1863
Camp Sill Tennessee

Dear wife I take my Pen in hand
to night to let you no that i am well at
this time and hope when you received this
letter hit will find you and the Children
all well I received your letter this evening
and was mity glad to her from you all one time
moore for hit dus me a heepe a good to her from
you but I had a heepe drother see you all and
I hope hit wonte be long before I will See you
I hav bin out with the forage teemes today
me and Jahue McKelvy went and <?>an
McDanll he is driven a teem and he is as tired
as I am of the war our Regiment has to dwo all
of the hard Ships I had drother bee at home a work
ing for 25 Sense a day and borde my Self than
to bee in the war but this onholy war wood
a bin over if oald Lincoln wood a let the negros
alone I wosh he had forty the blackest negroes
in the South tide do him hit is a Shocking Sight
to see how the soldiers starvs the farmers tha
take ever thing before them I saw them to
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[Pvt. Jahue W. McKelvey of Co. C]
[there were two McDaniels in the 1st
Ohio Inf., but none in Co. C]

day goin to a hous and taken ever thing
tha Cood lay thaer hands on and then even
for the chickens out a doors and the worst
of all hit was a poor widow woman with
fore little children I was mity sorry for
her She beg them to not take her things for her
little Children wood Starve if tha took her
provishion but tha went a head and took
I hav saw a heepe such cases as that tell I am
tired out of Such doings I hante got noth
ing to right but if I was at home I cood tell
you a heepe Such things as I hav seen
you sed you wanted to no about Ansel Ma
rtin Irvin ses he is at home Sick and
Cit is at home mima I hav no Candle to
night S I will hav to quit I will git pade
amunday and I will send you a letter
Mima I hante got no postedg stamps to put

on my letters nor cant git none and I am
sorry for hit but I cant help hit
right as soon as you can
Hillory Shifflet

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tell <Colby?>s wife that he
hante vary well and I think he will
git his discharge before long tell
<J?>arra Dun that Sim is well and harty [Pvt. Simeon Dunn, Co. C]
tell Maryann that I wood like to see her
and all the rest of them
A kiss to you and all the Children

Hillory Shifflet to Jemima Shifflet (GLC 2174.09)

March the 15th 1863

Camp Sills Tennessee

Dear wife I again take my pen in
hand to let you no that that I am well
at this time hopen when you git these
few lines tha will find you all well
I Come in camp this morning off of picket
and to my surprise found all the childrens
likenesses J P Throuston had brout them
and left them with one of the boys in
my tent I lookat the likeness and look
at them and giv them all a kiss apece
and Shed a few tears over them tha all
look vary natral but little Jonny
and I hav forgot how he looks I showd
them to all the boys and tha all Sed that
tha was mity poty picturs but the most
of them sed Fannas was the best looking
I was mity glad to see them but I had
drother a seen yourn but I think I will
See all of you in a few weeks if nothing
happens for when the commence giving
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Fur lows I will git the first one the
Lieutenant told me this morning that I
Shood hav the first one I Shode him the likenes
and he bragged on them mitely So I think
I will be at home a gainst the first of next
month but if enny thing happens so I
wonte git to come I will let you no
and Send you Some money I giv our ma
Jor Stafford twenty Six dollars to keep [Major Joab A. Stafford]
tell I Start home So if I donte git to
come I want you to Send your likeness
for I want to see you so bad tell larry
tha me and sim has bin to the creeke and
took a good wash he is well and doing
well and tell Clary that lafe is better
tell marann that I wood like to see
her and I think I will before long the
weather is vary nice at this time but
we hav had mity bad weather tell now
the Regiment that Irvin is in has gon

to kenrucky and tha hav giv furlows
So I gess he is at home now

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Mima you node little William Ser<voy?> [poss. Pvt. Franklin Savoy of Co. C]

he is dead he dide to day he has bin Sick
fore weeks I donte no what was the
matter with him So if you see enny
of his kin tell them I hante got no nuse
to right I hav to Stand Picket ever
day I was on Picket the other day and
hit was a raining and blowing and coald
and I had like to froze and I was mad
I wood Sing a while and then curse
oald lincoln for if he had a let the negr
es a lone the war wood hav bin over
if I git a fulow I will git one for thirty days
but I think I will Stay a little longer
So I will quit for this time So right
to me as soon as you git this letter
So far well my Dear Wife
Hillory Shifflet to
mima Shifflet

Hillory Shifflet to Jemima Shifflet (GLC 2174.10)

May th 3tt 1863
Camp Drake Mur freesboro
Tennessee

Dear wife I again take the opportunity
to wright you a few lines to let you no that
I am Still well at this time and do hope
when you git these few lines tha will
find you and the children all well I receve
your letter a few minets ago and was glad
to her that you was all well I had Jest
Started a letter to you a bout two hours be
fore I got yourn with two dollars in hit
I wood a sent more but I was aferd that
hit wood be like the rest not git thar if hit
gits to you Safe I will Send a little in ever
letter I right you give me the devil for not
wrighten to you I will let you no that I
wright you two letters ever week of my
life but I donte git one ever three weeks
and a bout the money I thort I had told you
about hit but you Seemes to not be Satis fide
about hit I will from this out send or
Start hit a little at a time as long as I hav got
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or can git enny and if hit gits to you I will
be glad of hit and if the rebbles gits hit
like tha got the other hit will hav to go I
Cant help hit you Sed that I wodent send
no letter by Jack Hatfield I can tell you
the reson that I dident I wanted him to take
the Childrens likenesses back to you and he wo
dent take them and took Some for the other boys
and hit made me mad and I Cust him a little
a bout hit and I wanted him to take my over
Coat and he wodent do that So I thort he mi
te go to hell he shodent take nothing and
I was mad enny how for I for I thort I had as
much rite to a fur low as he did the reson I
wanted him to take the liknesses was because I
had no plase to keepe them you Sed that lafe
Cobley and dun Sent So much money to thare
wives maby tha did I no whar hit come
from but Say nothing about hit maby I will
git home Some times and I can tell a good deal

about one thing and a nother you Sed you
was going to put fanny out I donte want
to her that no more if you do put her out
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keepe hit to your Self and donte let me
no hit for I donte want to her Such
nuse as that I think that I Can Send
a nuf money to keep her at home
tell I git thar if I ever do and I hope
I will but I think thais Some donte
Care if I never do or not but if I can
git through one more battle I will be
poty ner safe but I will hav to go through
a battle and a big one two and that maby be
fore to morrow night for we ar looking
ever minet for hit we hav bin pact
up reddy to march ever Sence yisterday
noon expect to march ever minet
you Sed you was going to Kentucky I thin
k if you go you had better take the children
with you for this way going and leeve them
I donte like if you wasent to git back tha
wood be in a awful fix me gon and you
gon for the rebbles takes the trane from Cov
ington to Lexington ever onse and while
So if you go take the hole thing if I ever
live to git to ohio I wonte stay two weeks
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for I wonte Stay in no Such a abalish
iness Cuntry as hit is for all or half of the
State is negro werpishers mis the war
and git others to do the fighting for
them I hante got no Stamps
to put on this letter So I will
Close my letter

Hillory Shifflet
to Jemima Shifflet
I want you to keepe all of my letters
tell I come home
All the letters I Send Save them

Hillory Shifflet to Jemima Shifflet (GLC 2174.11)

June the 4th 1863

Camp Drake

murferes boro

Dear wife

Tennessee

I again <take?> my pen in hand
to let you no that I am well at this time
and I hope when you git these few lines tha
will find you all well I receve your letter
to day and was glad to her fro you and that you
was aul well I thort you had quit wrighting
for I hadent got a letter for a<?>long time from you
till to day I rote you a letter day before yester
day and I rote in hit if you had quit righting
to me to let me no and I wood git Some boddy to right that
wood right but when I got this letter to day hit
is all rite and glad a nuf I was to git hit for I
wanted to her from you and the Children So
bad I am mity glad that you got that money made
up you got ten dollars more but that hante nothing
you orter hav twenty more So git all you can from
them I was vary glad to git the needles and thread
you sent in this letter tha come in a vary good
time for I nedded them mity bad I cant half
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wright this morning for we hav got orders to
march and tha ar so much fuss and exsight ment
that I cant half right and I was on garde last night
and I am so sleepy this morning that I cant hardley hold
my eyes open but I am bound to right a few lines
I cant tell you whar we will march two but
we will go down fother South but donte Stop righting
Direct your letters the same way only put on them
to follow the Reg ment I am in a mity hurry So I
Cant right much this time you Sed you got alikeness
with two dollars in hit but that hante the one that
I started with the money that got lost the one that
got lost had Six dollars in hit and I had on my gun
and belts and was Standing up the one that you got
I had taken about three weeks ago and I forgot
to right in the last litter a <Bout?> hit I am mity
glad that you got hit I hav had three picturs
taken and you got two mima do the best you
Can tell I can git home to you and the children
right offenner So far well to you all

Hillory Shifflet to mima Shifflet

[the other two pages contain practice letters and signatures in a different hand, as well as variant examples of verses commonly found in letters of the period]

Remember me when this you see
tho many miles and distant we be

Remember me when far away
and dont forget me when you pray

My pen is poor my ink is pale
my love for you will never fail

if you take this in good part
lay it up in your heart
but if you take it in disdain
send it home to me again

Hillory Shifflet to Jemima Shifflet (GLC 2174.12)

July the 30th 1863
Camp Reade Tulahoma
Tennsse

Dear wife I with haste take my
pen in hand to drop you a few lines to let
you to no that that I am well at this time
and I hope when you git this few lines
tha will find you all well I am in a grate
hurry to Send you Sixteen dollars
I hav got a chance to Send hit to day and
the man is awaten for hit the car is
reddy to Start now So far well I will
right you a letter to morrow or next
day Hillory Shifflet

Hillory Shifflet to Jemima Shifflet (GLC 2174.13)

Chattanooga Tennessee 1863
November the 18th ,

2cond Brigade 3<tt?> Division forth
Army Corp

Dear wife I take my pen in hand this morning to drop you a few lines to let you no that I am well well at presant and I hope when you Receve these few lines tha will you all well and harty I receve your letter of the 10th of this month and I was glad to her from you and the Children to her that you was well well mima I hante much to wright at this time all is quiet at this time all the trouble is nothing to eat yit scarcely I hante had a moth ful of bread Sence yesterday at dinner and only one cracker then I havent had a thing to day but to day is our draw day So I am a wating with pleasure tell I git some thing I hav Starve so long that I hav got nearley useto it mima I donte want you to greave your Self a bout me for I will Stand it tell my time is out if I Can and I think I Can if it donte git no worse but if it
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gits enny worse we will hav to Starve but I hope to god it will git better times be fore I rite you a nother letter it Seams to me if I was at home this morning at your table that i Cood eat all day o how bad I want to be thar with you and the Children mima I Sent you ten dollars in a letter and if it gits home Safe I will Sen d you ten more in the next letter for I hav got it in my pocket if you git it right soon and let me no for I will be uneasy a bout it tell I her from it mima you rote that you heard that we had a nother fight we did hav a rite Smart fight but I got through Safe with out being hurt and I hope and pray to god that I will git through all of them Safe So I Can git home to you and the Children that is all I want but mima donte greave your Self a bout me for I liv in hops of a better day some time when you git that money use it to the best advantage for you and the Children and I will

Send you more in my next letter and tell little
Jonna that I will whip mariah if She hits him enny
moore and I will Send him a nuf money in the
next letter to git him a par a Boots and I want
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you to git them mima I want you to let
me no if you ar Satisfide whar you live
if you ar you had better Stay thar tell I Come
home and I want you to git your Self and the Children
good warm Close and I want the little girls to go
to School ever Chance tha git mima I went to
town yester day to try to by Something to eat
but I Codent get one thing So I went back as
hungry as ever I was mity glad to her that the Sit
izens was so good to the Soldiers wives but tha
ort to be I wosh tha wood Draft ever man in
ohio that is able to go well mima I must
Close my letter for this time So far well
for this time my Dear wife tell I
See you Hillory Shifflet

Hillory Shifflet to Jemima Shifflet (GLC 2174.14)

[This is Hillory Shifflet's last letter. He was killed the next day at the Battle of Missionary Ridge]

Chattanooga Tennessee
November 22nd [1863]

Dear wife I with Pleasure take my
Pencil in hand to let you no that I am
well at this time and I dwo hope when
you git these few lines tha will find
you all well and harty. I hante had
no answer from my last letter I Sent you
with ten dollars in it but I thout I wood
right you a few lines and Send you ten
moore in it and I want you to right me a
answer as Soon as you git this if you git
it a tall for I will be uneasy a bout it
tell I her and mima I want you to send [her = hear]
me a par of yourn gloves for I cant git
enny her and the best way to send it
is to do it up in a nuse paper and Put
it in a in velope and Direct it jest
like you do your letters and Send Some
thread for I cant git a bit to Sow my
Buttons on my Pants when tha Brak
of if you send them Send them soon
as you can for I nead them mity
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Bad mima I Cant right much this
time I am two or three letters a head of
you enny how I hante no nuse only
we ar looking for another fight ever
minit if you git this money I want
you to git little Jonny a par of Boots
and all of the rest what tha neade and
donte forgit your Self So Mima let
me no Soon about it So I will

close these few lines

So farwell my Dear
wife untell

Death

Hillory Shifflet