

Civil War Letters of the Athey and Thrower Families

Family Information

George, Emily, and Champion Athey were from Ramah, Montgomery County, Alabama. Their father, William Athey, was born in South Carolina about 1806. The younger Atheys were all born in Alabama. The 1860 census lists George's age as 26, Emily's as 21, and Champion's as 16. George served in Co. K, 22nd Alabama Infantry and was mortally wounded at the Battle of Nashville and buried at Mout [sic] Olivet Cemetery in Davidson County on December 23, 1864. Champion served in Co. D, 3rd Battalion, Hillard's Legion.

Josiah B. and Wilson Athey were from Mt. Ida, Pike County, Alabama. Their father, Henry Athey, was a younger brother of William Athey, and was born in South Carolina about 1809. Like their cousins, J. B. and Wilson were born in Alabama. In 1860, J. B. was 19 and Wilson was 17. J. B. served in the 15th Batt'n, [sic] Alabama Partisan Rangers. Wilson served with his cousin Champion Athey as a private in Co. D, 3rd Batt'n, [sic] Hilliard's Legion (later reorganized as the 60th Alabama Inf.)

Starling, James, and Ben F. Thrower were natives of Lowndes County, Alabama. Their father, T. W. Thrower, was born in Georgia, and their mother, Elender Thrower, was born in South Carolina. The younger Throwers were all born in Alabama. In 1860 Starling was 25, James was 21, and B. F. was 19. Starling served in Co. I, 59th Alabama Infantry, James served in Co. B, 14th Alabama Infantry, and B. F. in Co. B, 1st Alabama Cavalry.

P. O. Buckelew to William Athey

february [sic] the 20 [1861?]

deir [sic] Brother an [sic] sister I take my pen in hand to ancer [sic] youer [sic] kind leterse [sic] wish [sic] came safe to hand and found us all well I hope that this letter may find you all the same we was glad to hear from you an [sic] to her [sic] that you got home safe an [sic] found all right [illegible] has got a fine boy an [sic] she is doing well she has name him rich and O.del wife had a boy but it only live fore [sic] days and she is verry [sic] lo [sic] I have got that lent an setle [sic] the fus [sic] about it I am fixed up for land to make a full crop without costing me more than five dollars I have clard [sic] 8 achors [sic] of ground redy [sic] for rolling the logs pleas [sic] right [sic] soon as you get this an [sic] let me know what time to look for your kane was verry [sic] that she did not see you when you was her [sic] abner an [sic] famley [sic] is well the children all sens [sic] ther [sic] love an [sic] regard to you all right [sic] soon an [sic] give us all the nuse [sic] excus [sic] this short letter an bad righting [sic] so nothing more onely [sic] I remain yours truly brther [sic] an [sic] sister untell [sic] deth [sic]

P O Buckelew to william [sic] Athey

From you lover

J.B. Athey to Emily Athey

April the 26 1861

Halls Mill Ala.

Dear Cosen [sic] I take up my pen in hand the plesent [sic] eaving [sic] to rite [sic] you a few lines whitch [sic] leaves me well at this time and I do hope this ma [sic] find you well I received [sic] your letter last nite [sic] and was glad to hear from you and to her [sic] that the others boy was well we ind [sic] be thankful that thar [sic] yet a live for I am them ar [sic] expose to sickness and balls and all that man can indure [sic] but I no [sic] that god is able to take us thru all tha [sic] safe if hit [sic] is his will you must tell uncle that I think he might of rote [sic] to me as hit [sic] only cost ten sense [sic] to send a letter to me I wont [sic] you to rite [sic] to George and tel [sic] him to rit [sic] to me as I dont [sic] no whare [sic] he is tel [sic] and Jan c that I shod [sic] like to se [sic] her and tell Cosen [sic] Coon to rite [sic] to me I must Coss [sic] rite [sic] soon to me tel [sic] uncle to rite [sic] to me and all tha [sic] will to rite [sic]

J B Athey

Emly Athey to Em Emly Athey

Though every joy Around the smile And many A faithfull [sic] friend you meet Though love may cheer life dreary way, And turn the biter [sic] cup to Sweet Let memory some times bear the luck To other things almost forgot And when you think of other firends [sic] Who loves the [sic] well for get me not

J.B. Athey

J H B Athey

B J Athey

tomas [sic] G Athey

G M Athey

Cosen Emly Athey J B Athey to Emly Athey

I have nothing else to rite [sic] at this time. uncle you must rite [sic] to me and ant [sic] Jane I have nothing to rite [sic] abot [sic] the next time I will try to rite [sic] more to Halls Mill April 22

Wilson C. Athey to Emily Athey

October the 26 1861

Dear I seat my self to drop you a line to let you no [sic] that I am well. sister I received your letter to day I started to wright [sic] to Mrs [sic] williams [sic] to day but I did not get the chance to send it of [sic] by male [sic] so I will send it by hand to morrow by Mr [sic] Reed sister I would have been very glad to have ben [sic] at home to night to went to preaching with you sister I have not heard a sermond [sic] in three monts [sic] we cant [sic] have prachen [sic] in the ditches and I can not get the chance to go to toun [sic] to preachen [sic] sister I want you to send me a box of provishens [sic] and you can send me them close [sic] in it I want you to send me some potatoes and meat and butter and some honey if you have got it if you have not got the honey send me some surrup [sic] send me some pepper too you need not to fear to express them for the express agence [sic] has takend [sic] moe [sic] responsibility on seld [sic] frt [sic].they have inshored [sic] all frate [sic] that belongs to soldiers in the army on boxes to go through saft [sic] they will ship them first if they dont [sic] ship any thing els [sic] you can things jim [sic] athey [sic] too and mr [sic] lacy too let mister S.S. maley [sic] to send something to sisterli will close for it is getting lat [sic] wright [sic] soon yours as ever until death

W.C. Athey to emily [sic] Athey

sister I fergot [sic] to wright [sic] to that I ame [sic] to wright [sic] this morning I will send pappy some poeder [sic] and caps sh 11 that I will send him some shot the first chance I get I can get led [sic] and soop [sic] it for shot sister you make me a coat if you have got the cloth dont [sic] send me nothing but what I wright [sic] for if you send any pervishons [sic] dont [sic] send nothing cooked if you do it will spoyl [sic] I believe that is all I have to wright [sic] this time if you send a box do mine and mr. [sic] lacyses [sic] things up together and bran [sic] them so we will no [sic] our things eavns [sic] and jim [sic] speaks of sending for something to be sent in in the same box.

James N. Thrower to Stephen S. Thrower

[no date, prob. 1861]

Mr S S Thrower

Dear Brother I this Knight [sic] take the opportunity of addressing you with; you with a few lines Which leaves me in fine health hoping this my [sic] find you the Same Stephen I recon you think that I dont [sic] ceare [sic] nothing for you as I never Write to you I havent [sic] had any paper for Some time and I have bin unwell for Some time I have not felt like Writing to you Steve your health [sic] is not very good You ought to Study Steve you must rite [sic] soon give my love to all the family and except apotion [sic] for your self Tom is highly pleased with his dogs' Steve the people ar [sic] not Sow [sic] Patriotic hear [sic] as they was at Cam Johnson it is the opinun [sic] of a grat [sic] meny [sic] that they ar [sic] abolitonist [sic] hear [sic] But they ar [sic] afraid of our Regiment [sic] in Huntsvill [sic] one of our men has bin [sic] don [sic] there and got in a fracus once or twice and wiped a half dozen or more of them and they over powered him and put him in the Calaboose and the agetent [sic] payed [sic] \$50 and taken him out our colonel has gone to town to get the money back and says he will have it I recon if he failes [sic] to get the money theres [sic] some talk of taking the too [sic]

regiments down there and whipping the town and if it be so I hope I will get a chance
me and my mess any how I heard of the little russ [sic] they had at Johnsons grocry [sic]
I had no trumps then but I hope if we play this little tune up now at Huntsville I will hold
some trumps the ace Jack and duce [sic] anny [sic] how commense [sic] on the little
sheet now as paper is scarce THE reason we want to whip these Huntsvill [sic] fellows
they charge us three prices for any thing we want and moore [sic] than half of them are
abolitionist any how they are afraid of Tom Judge regiment any how they call us the
Tom Judge devil Ned brogans Shoos [sic] they Charge uns [sic] three Dollars per Par
[sic] Steve You must Write Soon Direct your Letters to Hunntsville [sic] Mattison
County

James N Thrower To Mr S.S. Thrower

James N Thrower Stephen S Thrower

James Thrower to Starling J. Thrower

Camp Bradford Near Huntsville October 27th 1861

Dear Brother

I this Evening take the plasusr [sic] of Writing you a few lines
Which leaves me in good healthe [sic] at present Tom has got the mumps and is a
getting allong [sic] Very well John Warner is Some better we heard from him last
Knight [sic] I think he will get well Soon he is treated ust as Well as if he
was at Home he Was unwilliam [sic] to gow [sic] to the Hospittle [sic] and We Carried
him to a Hotell [sic] Tobe [sic] I and Tom has got our Close [sic] I was glad to get them I
drawd [sic] two Pars [sic] of Draws [sic] I have got aplenty of Close [sic] now More than I
have got any use fur [sic] now ir [sic] I mean if I Should gow [sic] on a march We will
leave hear [sic] before many Days We ar [sic] going to [crossed out] gap [crossed out] in
the Coumming [sic] Mountains in Tenissee [sic] it is about five hundred miles from hear
[sic] in the upper end of Tenisee [sic] [crossed out] next [crossed out] to up
near the line of Cantucker [sic] and Missouriie [sic] and you may know that it is as Coald
[sic] as fewery [sic] there We will receive our Armes [sic] this next Week Rifles and
Muskets and we have Chois [sic] Wee [sic] will haf [sic] to march one Hundred and ten
Miles with our guns and knapSacks [sic] they Say that we Will Receive our Pay before
we leave hear [sic] but I I dutit [sic] Tobe [sic] you Wrote that it was hard times there I
have [crossed out] had hard times at Home I expect that times is trying times there, and
their [sic] was now [sic] money there You Could not gt [sic] any Money Know [sic] I did
Want Some at that time but I Can do mty [sic] Well at this time their [sic] is now money
in this Copmpary [sic] I am not alone fore [sic] the rest of the Boys is in the Same fix
Sow [sic] donot [sic] troubbly [sic] bother you self for me Tobe [sic] I have got the best
Violent in the Regiment [sic] Jo Jackson ses [sic] it is worth one Hundred dollars; it is
the generality among the Boys Ar [sic] Home Sick they dnt [sic] like the idier [sic] of
going to the Coumbling [sic] of Tenisee [sic] for their [sic] ar [sic] not accustom
to such Coald [sic] wether [sic] but as for me I donot [sic] cear [sic] Which way they
cary [sic] me I dont[sic] Know that I would Shed many tears if they Was to Start
metords [sic] with Homel have Just receive your Letter you never Stated wther [sic]
Ben and George Was gon [sic] in camps yet if they aint [sic] tell them to Stay at Home I

have bin sorrow [sic] that George did not Join this Company as long as he was Sow
[sic] eager to go [sic] Bens health [sic] is not Sow [sic] good as George Tobe [sic] I
was very sorrow [sic] to hear of Mis Eveline Bunnsen death She was a young Lady that
I hilly [sic] Esteemed [sic] Tobe [sic] I wish I could be at Home awhile with you I Could
interest [sic] you very much this Letter for me I think Bill Tucker has BackKit [sic] for me
and put the Confederet [sic] rusters [sic] tale on it and Write to him Soon for he is a
going to give you hel [sic] Jim Warner Wants me to give you his best respects and ses
[sic] you must Write to me [crossed out] sim Some rainy day or the first idle chance you
get H S Guy sends his Best Respect to you and Write to him Jo Jackson Sends his best
respects to you all and tell for George to Write to me Soon Tobe [sic] you mus [sic] kep
[sic] that Land untell [sic] I return if I ever do [crossed out] to tel [sic] Pap to
Maik [sic] Courn [sic] and rais [sic] meat and not to bother With Cotton much Maik [sic]
Cotton anoug [sic] to maik [sic] Clothrs [sic] athen [sic] tell Eli Whitaker to rickolect [sic]
What I told him abut [sic] planting sow [sic] m [sic] Cotton in place of Courn [sic] this
Spring and now he Cant [sic] get any thin [sic] for it now give my love to all inquirn [sic]
friends and tell George Haizarel to Write to me Berry is well I believe and Well Satisfied
tell Charley Boon to excuse me for not Writing to him that I Will do beter [sic] for the
future tell Charley to Stay at home for he dnt [sic] know nothing as I have not Wrote
much and have penty [sic] of paper I will Close for this time I Wissh [sic] to hear from
you soon I remais [sic] yours affecttionate [sic] Brot [sic] now and death
J N Thrower To Mr [sic] S.J Thrower

James N. Thrower to Starling J. Thrower

November 25th 1861 Camps near Juensport [sic]

Dear Brother I this Coald [sic] Evening tayk [sic] my pen in hand to drop you a few
lines to let you know Whear [sic] we ar [sic] We ar [sic] in one mile of the Potomack [sic]
river whear [sic] the Yankes ar [sic] on the other Side the River they throw their
bumshells [sic] at our batries [sic] and they try to pass with their Ships and Skooner [sic]
S I and Tom have bin [sic] don'on [sic] the Laik [sic] a Roolend [sic] Cannon Across it
and Wagons I should have roat [sic] before now but I did not have the chance times is
hard times hear.[sic] I am not in veary [sic] good health Tom is harty [sic] now Ben
Warner has Come he come last Knight [sic] and he told me all about you all I was glad
to hear from you indeed to hear from you all I am A Studing [sic] about Ben and Charley
to Stay at home I expect it is hard times at though but it is bad times hear [sic] though I
Could Stand it finly [sic] if it was not sow [sic] Coald [sic] hear [sic] I dread this winter if
We Stay hear [sic] We can bild [sic] us houses in the ground though We may Stay and
we may not Stay well Tobe [sic] as I have got to go [sic] on Picket gard [sic] I must
close untell [sic] to marrow

November 26 1861

tobe [sic] their [sic] is fore [sic] Thousand Yankey [sic] nigh opisite [sic] on the
other Side of the River and it is the expecttation [sic] of us to have a battle Just
above us on this River or at Manassa [sic] in two days it is about twenty miles

from hear [sic] and if it Should be the Case that it taiks [sic] place at Manassus [sic] we Will have to double quick their [sic] I dont [sic] think much about it if We have to fight our Regiment [sic] Can do their Shir [sic] I fell [sic] Ver [sic] Sad about home When I think about how you ar [sic] I can give an idier [sic] how ever [sic] thing is at home now I Was Sarrow [sic] to hear that Ben Join that Company I do not think his healthe [sic] is Sowficient [sic] to Stand the Camp liesf [sic] hear [sic] if he do not come north Whear [sic] it is Sow [sic] Coald [sic] he may Stand it finly [sic] hear [sic] and Auburn is quite diferant [sic] aman [sic] has Sow [sic] much to do hear [sic] and Now Baken [sic] hadly [sic] all Beef and hit [sic] freash [sic] everday [sic] it Will kill Some I believe if they donot [sic] qit [sic] eating Sow [sic] much of it and I thought I Wrote to you to tell George and Ben and Charley Boon to Stay at home Ben Warner Ses [sic] Mathew and the old lady Was boath [sic] Sick one not able to Wait on the other I Wish George had Come with us though I thought he had better Stay at Home and I thin Sow [sic] yet Though his lief [sic] may be as Safe hear [sic] as at home me and Tom is anoug [sic] though to Gow [sic] Tobe [sic] if I thought you Could get the Money I would Send you Some for but it is along Ways to risk money in a letter Tobe [sic] I believe that I Will Risk five dollars to you I havent [sic] got nothing more to Write to you Know [sic] Write Soon and give my live [sic] to all the famuly [sic] Direct your leters [sic] to Ivensport [sic] I remain Your affecttionate [sic] Brother Know [sic] and untell [sic] death give my love and best respect to all inquirers friends tell derham [sic] that I Saw one of his Brothers Stepen [sic] Bradley Sun and talk with him he Sed [sic] his folk was all Well When he left home but his father Was Subject to the rumtism [sic] and told him to write to derham [sic] Son he sad [sic] he Would Sow [sic] good by James N Thrower To Starling J. Thrower.

James N. Thrower to Starling J. Thrower

Federburgs [sic] Virginiar; [sic] January 6th January

Dear Brother I this Morning take the time of Writing you a few lines Starling my health is very bad I have bin [sic] Sick for three Weeks but am getting Tom has bin [sic] Sick for about five Weeks but is gting [sic] well Kosin [sic] Bill is ded [sic] he died knight [sic] belast [sic] hear [sic] at the Same horspital [sic] that I am he had the Numoner [sic] he Was not Sick only about Six days and Knight [sic] Tobe [sic] you Know that I hated to sea [sic] him gow [sic] but I was mity [sic] Sick at that time I Waited on Tom two Weeks be fore I got Sick Tom has had a hard time of it I have bin mity [sic] sick though I have praid [sic] to old Mosty [sic] sav [sic] me and I think I mus [sic] live abeter [sic] lief [sic] I am agoing [sic] to quit Swarrin [sic] and Playin [sic] Cards I am afraid Bill Was not pepared [sic] for death James Wannar and Axum Fenell and Ingram Scofield is ded [sic] and Ellick Crockson H H Armstrong D.H. Trater and Virdy Cranchaw and W H Sharp Butlar Williams and Aron Parker except [sic] Bill and they died in twenty days and if we had of ur [sic] Ridge would have died our Ridgme [sic] is gon [sic] to Richm [sic] and is agoing [sic] to Stay al [sic] this Winter and I think our health will be beter [sic] Tobe [sic] I got your Letter before I Come to Hospital and I Cried about two days I Was Very Sick and Sow [sic] far from Cry and pray tell Pin if I neve [sic] Sea [sic] hear [sic] in this I hope I will meat [sic] hear [sic] in heaven tell that I

have thought What she told me a thousand times Tobe [sic] I Cant [sic] Write much for I
am to [sic] Wek [sic] I Want to Sea [sic] Home Very bad James N Thrower to Mr [sic]
S.J. Thrower direct your Letters to Richmon [sic] Virginia Dear Sister As I Know you
will be very prou [sic] to hear from me I Will write you a few lines which leaves me in
bity [sic] bad health Louisa you ar [sic] Sow [sic] proud to hear from us you Say you
want letter everday [sic] Louisa I am Just as proud to hear from you as you are to he
[sic] from me I am Sow [sic] proud to get a letter that I dnt [sic] Know wht [sic] to do
Louis I Couldent [sic] Come over to tak [sic] Super with you that though I and pray I May
talk super before August. Louisa Sa [sic] Kosin [sic] bill is ded [sic] you Know I hate to
Se [sic] him gow [sic] he never has bin [sic] sick ay [sic] in Camps at James N Thrower
Direct your Letters to Richmon [sic] Virginiar. [sic]

George W. Athey to William Athey

Camp near Shelbyville tenissee [sic] January the 18 /62

Dear father I take my pen in hand to in form you that I am well at the
presant [sic] hoping these few lines will find you in Joy the same blessing we have
very cold weather the fifteent [sic] of this munth [sic] was a day longed to bere [sic]
menberde [sic] by the souldiers [sic] it rained and sleeted and snowed all day that.day
the next day was not much better this is afaire [sic] day but very cold I drawn some
money friday [sic] of last I am going to send won [sic] hundred and thirty dollars home to
you by Mr [sic] nora [sic] urqurite [sic] I want you to take hit [sic] and do the best you
can with it I want you to write to me wheather [sic] you get it or not I dont [sic]
think thaire [sic] is any dificulty [sic] about it I would send some more but the times
is so haird [sic] here that I think I had better ceep [sic] aright smart wit [sic] me tha [sic]
did not pay me up all tha [sic] was dew [sic] me he said that he would drop it with
Sweat or Rhoda brooks mother I a few words to you I am as well as can be expected
my health very good except some little cold and I have a braking [sic] out on me and I
have had a very sore hand but it is about well now we have had very haird [sic] times
ever snce [sic] cristmust [sic] we was out on picket about tow [sic] weeks before
cristmust [sic] and was in the weater [sic] more than we would have bin [sic] the weather
was so cold that had to by [sic] me another blanket and I have so much marching to do
that my shoes is awring [sic] out very fast and my pants is warin [sic] out as fast as my
shoes is I also boucht [sic] two paire [sic] of socks I subcribed [sic] fur [sic] apaire [sic] of
shoes this morning fur [sic] fear I would get ketch [sic] with out and cood [sic] not
gethem [sic] when I wanted them as fur [sic] pants when these gives out I dont [sic]
nowhat [sic] I willd [sic] fur [sic] pants if I cant [sic] get from home I resceived [sic] a
letter from beckey [sic] the other day which I was very glad to here [sic] from
here [sic] and you all mother I have bin [sic] trouble [sic] very bad lateely [sic] I am
heaire [sic] and my mind is wit [sic] you at home I wish the waire [sic] would stop fur [sic]
I cant [sic] live in any pease [sic] attall [sic] heair [sic] I want you to write to me as soon
as this comes to hand I want you to write how champion is if you no [sic] and I want you
to write to me whaire [sic] mr [sic] lacy is feyou [sic] no cant [sic] find out whaire [sic] he
is I woush [sic] that champion cood [sic] get a frloe [sic] and go home I want you to
send me some thing good to eat if you can get the chance fur [sic] our rashenes [sic] is

very scanty I must come to close [sic] for [sic] it night and my hand is so numbed [sic]
that I can't [sic] write any more I must get my supper papa Jone Wilson [sic] said that he
gives you his best respects he said that he wants to see [sic] you very bad he hopes
that he will get to see [sic] you some time or another [sic] I will close I could [sic] as much
more but it is so cold

Remain your [sic] Affectionate [sic] son [sic] until [sic] date [sic]
G, W, Athey

George W. Athey to his parents

Camp Meminger [sic] Mobile Ala feb. [sic] 26th 1862

Dear father and mother I am at liberty and don't [sic] no [sic] any [sic] better way [sic] of
employ [sic] my time than writing [sic] to you to inform you that I am well at present [sic]
hoping these few lines will find you all in Joy the same blessing I will tell you about the
sad circumstance [sic] that has happened [sic] to us this morning about day break [sic]
this morning there [sic] was a very heavy [sic] storm which blew down all the houses and
tents that was in camp and rained [sic] very heavy [sic] every thing got wet [sic] we
was in framed [sic] houses and there [sic] all blew down and altho' we wonder [sic] that
that there [sic] we all had of bin killed [sic] but no body was hurt wone [sic] man killed [sic] at
the horsepittle [sic] and or two more wounded [sic] in other regiments [sic] we all run out
in the street as quick as we could [sic] the hole [sic] face of the earth was covered [sic] in
water Mr [sic] Yarbro was in his house I thought of him and ran as soon as I could [sic]
see [sic] to see [sic] what had become [sic] of him I got there [sic] and could [sic] not
find him I was relieved [sic] he cleared [sic] the house as hit [sic] fell [sic] over we set to
work [sic] this morning about wone [sic] o'clock [sic] we got orders [sic] to leave this
place to some point on the Mississippi [sic] river [sic] about wone [sic] hundred and fifty
or two hundred miles from where this morning I was detailed to stand guard [sic] there [sic]
was nearly [sic] five hundred men detailed for [sic] guard [sic] duty this morning I want
you to send those things that I sent for [sic] and send me [sic] a little lard if you can for
[sic] if I get any I have [sic] to pay for [sic] it [sic] you may think that I may be to you but
if I ever get back I will see [sic] all straight [sic] again I hope that we all will get back some
time or other [sic] our boys is in a fine spirit [sic] considering [sic] the storm [sic] if I escape
[sic] the yankees [sic] as well as I escape the storm [sic] I will be thankful though I was
thankful for [sic] escaping [sic] the storm [sic] I must come to a close for [sic] I have to
prepare [sic] for [sic] moving you need [sic] not to write [sic] to me [sic] as soon as I get
station I will write [sic] again I give you all my best respects and remain your
affectionate son [sic],

George. W. Athey

when you write [sic] to me [sic] direct your letters in care [sic] of captain [sic] Hart 22 Ala
regiment [sic] Company [sic] K

B. F. Thrower to Starling J. Thrower

Charokey [sic] Ala. March the 16 1862

Der [sic] brother I Seat my Self this morning to inform you that I am in good health at this time and hoping that that few lins [sic] Will reach you in the same health well Starling I heard that D.M was dedd [sic] I was sorrow to herar [sic] it it has grive [sic] me vary [sic] much I heard that Steve and George had gon [sic] back with Cap willimsom som [sic] of our boys met parry hasard on the way home with him or bill burgus and I Can not tell witch. [sic] well tobe [sic] I have bin [sic] a traveling for the last 30 days we have road [sic] on our horsis [sic] I have swap horses 3 times Since I left home I have got a good yong [sic] mar [sic] 4 years old wee [sic] take on the boat at Mont and went to Selmer and then wee [sic] take on the cars Montivallars [sic] witch [sic] was 65 mils and then wee [sic] takin [sic] it on hors [sic] back witch [sic] was 8 days travil [sic] to flarence [sic] and then wee [sic] Stad [sic] one day and then wee [sic] went away in tensee [sic] they is lots of uniiion [sic] men in Tensee [sic] and wee [sic] give them hell wee [sic] Came back to flarnce [sic] in a boat 10 days and then wee [sic] Come ovr [sic] the rivvr [sic] and then wee [sic] went in to missipia [sic] to East port and wee [sic] went to Lukd [sic] and then we went back to Eastport and then wee [sic] Came back to Charokee [sic] witch [sic] is our head quarters and wee [sic] did not Stay but one night And then wee [sic] went to the pork hous [sic] and won Prest [sic] wagon to hall [sic] it a way and then wee [sic] Came up a Ck [sic] to Charokee [sic] tell Mrs. boon that Charley is well at this time the yankes [sic] is a Charginge [sic] up and the river with the gun boats but is doing no ham [sic] but they burnt a brige [sic] a Cross the river Som [sic] of our boys got a Crack at them and kill, ll [sic] of them take good Car [sic] of mary [sic] well tobe [sic] I will Close by saying right [sic] as soon as you git [sic] this letter Direct you leters [sic] to Charokee [sic] P.O. Ala. franling Co, ala to B.F. thrower Privat [sic] in the l, ala Calvlary [sic] J.F. Gains C.P. Clanton

Wilson C. Athey to Emily Athey

Tupelo Missisipi [sic] June the 16 1862

Dear Cosin [sic] I Seat my Self to right [sic] you a fiew [sic] lines to inform you that I am well at this time and hope when these lines reach and find you all well I hav [sic] nothing of importance to right [sic] to you we have hard times hear [sic] but it is not as bad as it was at Corinth we have Several little fight sens [sic] the Shilo [sic] fight in the Shilo fight we lost a great many of our men I have not seen george [sic] Sens [sic] the fight at Shilo [sic] we supposed he was taken a prisnor [sic] tell all of uncle wily people and yours that they must right [sic] to me tell champ that he must right [sic] too I Seen woren [sic] Athey yestoday [sic] he was well he ses [sic] that he did not like camp life but he can not git [sic] out of camp after he once gito [sic] in to them but I Wold [sic] like camp life very well if it was not So much fight to do you must all right [sic] to me as Soon as you Can for I wold [sic] like to hear from you I have bin [sic] hear [sic] in camps three months and have never received but one letter from papy yet I will now take to righting [sic] to the girls and so if they will right [sic] to me I must Come to a Close You must right [sic] soon I remain your Cousen [sic] tel [sic] Death To Emily Athey Right [sic] Soon

Wilson C. Athey to his mother and sister

August 2, 1862

Dear Mother I wish to be there with you we have A good Deal of Sickness in our company at this time and they git [sic] sick everry [sic] day we have Sum [sic] that is verry [sic] Sick at this time but rest of the connections is all well at this time but the fear that we have I cant [sic] tell you how lonng [sic] they will Stay So our bread often have nothing but water in it So mother I must come to A Clouse [sic] at this time I wount [sic] you to rite [sic] as soon as you git [sic] this letter and tel [sic] all the rest, to a rite [sic] as oftin [sic] as you can So nothing more at present but remmer [sic] yours as ever A letter to sister and mother and all the rest
W C Athey

Elijah James Athey August 2 1862

Chatanooga [sic] tenn [sic]

Dear sister I know [sic] take my pen in hand to let you know that I am not well at this time I have got the yellow Janders [sic] and is verry [sic] pourley [sic] at this time I hope these few lines may come to hand and find you all well this is a poore [sic] place fore [sic] A Sick man we have meat and bread Anuf [sic] to Doo [sic] At this time but I cant [sic] eat but little of it we expect to leave hear [sic] in A Day or too [sic] we expect to go to loudan [sic] tenn [sic] A bout one hundred miles up the tinn [sic] r. A bout 15 or 20 miles below knoxville [sic] tinn [sic] one the r. tell Lacy not to come untill [sic] he gits [sic] well for this is A poure [sic] place fore [sic] A Sick man and if you git [sic] this letter before Lacy leave home Send me Sumthing [sic] to eat and if the potatoes is not gon [sic] Send me Sum [sic] when Lacy Comes.
W.C Athey

George W. Athey to William Athey

conver lesant [sic] camps noxville [sic] tenes [sic]

October 23rd 62

Dear father I have taken my pen in hand to drop you a few lines to in form you that I am well at the presant [sic] hoping these few lines will find you all well I am proud to sa [sic] that I made the trip Safe when I got to chattanooga [sic] I found but wone [sic] man that I new [sic] any thig [sic] about I staide [sic] thaire [sic] three daies [sic] and nigts [sic] I left thaire [sic] on the 22 and landed here at noxville [sic] the same day when I got here I found mr [sic] pilley [sic] and several others of my companey [sic] here also found uncle george [sic] buckem [sic] and danel [sic] crainshaw [sic] and several others acquaintences [sic] is her [sic] I have found that gen bragg [sic] army [sic] is falling

back to this place we will get with our commans [sic] here at his place thaire [sic] is some of the men agoing [sic] to thaire [sic] commands now uncle george [sic] left here this morning to go to his regiment [sic] some of the regments [sic] has all ready got here I am looking fur [sic] the 22 Ala regiment [sic] in about three or daye [sic] I will be very glad to sa [sic] the in here without going any further if I had of new [sic] that I would half [sic] found the regiment [sic] here I cood [sic] half [sic] brought any thing the nabors [sic] wanted [sic] me to bring I hope that we will stay here or go down on the cost [sic] to stay fur [sic] the winter tell Jackson brooks his regiment [sic] will be here to night or to morrow I hope that the legen [sic] will com [sic] here so that I can git [sic] to see a champon and mr [sic] lacy thaire [sic] was a white frost here this morning I am a feaird [sic] that if we stay up here in this cuntrey [sic] this winter we will suffer fur [sic] the want of banketes [sic] I hapond [sic] to bad luck in montgomery [sic] I lost two dollars I think that I lost it by too[sic] bills sticking to gether [sic] I will be more cear fel [sic] from this Mr[sic] Pilley maid [sic] out to get tranportation [sic] on the road nothing more at presant [sic] I remain your affectionate sun [sic] g W athey to william Athey
G. W. Athey

J. B. Athey to Emily Athey and James Athey

Miss okolona [sic] May the 18, 63

Dear Cosen [sic] I seat my self to rite [sic] you a feu [sic] lines whitch [sic] leaves me well and I hope these few lines ma [sic] find you well and all the famely [sic] I receve [sic] you letter last nite [sic] and was glad to hear from you I have nothing of importance to rite [sic] a bout we have hard times hear [sic] at this time we Cant [sic] get water for our horses to drink and hardley [sic] eny [sic] Corn to feed om [sic] tell uncle William that he is excuse for no riting [sic] to me but I ask him to git [sic] Catheren [sic] a par [sic] of shuse[sic] and send to her if he Can and she will pa [sicc] him for them and his truble [sic] the yanks have got Jackson but re port [sic] ses [sic] tha [sic] Cant [sic] hold hit [sic] tell ant [sic] Jane and Cosen [sic] loo howdy for me tell Cosen [sic] loo to rite [sic] to me I will close by saying give my bst [sic] respect to all inquiring [sic] frends [sic] good by for this time J.B. Athey to Emily Athey

J.B.Athey

Chickeesauge [sic] Miss okolona [sic]

Dear Brother I this morning take the opetunity [sic] to rite [sic] you a feu [sic] lines whitch [sic] in formes [sic] you that I am well and I hope this ma [sic] find you and the Childre [sic] well Jim I herd [sic] that you was agoing [sic] to the war Jim I ask you to take a Brother advice I think you had better stay at home if you had seen what I hav [sic] I think you wod [sic] be willing to say [sic] at home tell Gorge to be a good boy nothing more at this time rite [sic] soon to me yours un tell [sic] death
J.B. Athey to J.W.B. Athey

Wilson C. Athey to Matilda Athey

Cumblin [sic] Gap Tennessee

May, the 25 1863

Dear cister [sic] I this eavening [sic] seat my self to drop you a few lines which if comes to hand will inform you that I am well at the present time hoping that they may come to hand in due time and find you injoying [sic] the best of helth [sic] Dear cister [sic] I have but little to write to you at the present time I received a letter from you the other day and was glad to hear from you all and to hear that you all was all well and you wrote that you was goin [sic] to church and you said that you would be glad if I was there to go with you to chuch [sic] I would be glad if I was there to be there with you cister [sic] the next letter that you write tell me whear [sic] wash Gardner and tommas [sic] Kinion is foe [sic] I never heard whether they have gon [sic] off or not and aursbon [sic] Dun I heard that they was conscrip [sic] and was discharge again. So write whear [sic] they ar [sic] and what they ar [sic] doin [sic] and you also wrote that you had got a letter from barnet [sic] Athey and the next letter you write to him write whear [sic] I am and tell him to write and tell him to write to me and the next letter you write to me whear [sic] he is and what Co he belong too [sic] and ridge and also cister [sic] you have bin [sic] wounting [sic] me to Send you my pitue [sic] but we have [sic] bin whear [sic] I cant [sic] have it taken but I will Send it the first chance that I have cister [sic] we have got back to the gap and I expect that we will stay hear [sic] sum [sic] time the yakeys [sic] as [sic] bin [sic] in sight sents [sic] we have bin [sic] hear [sic] and the other day we went out to hunt for them but we did not find them So cister [sic] I will close So nothing moore [sic] W C Athey to Dear cister [sic] Mis [sic] Matilda

J. H. Lacy to his brother and Emily Athey [?]

East tennessee [sic] Morristown

July the 8,1863

Dear brother sister I this morning conclude to Drop you afew [sic] lines being that it is araining [sic] and I want some thing to pass the time off this Dont [sic] Leave Me me verry [sic] Well at this time and I have Not bin [sic] in some time past but I Keep up and astiring [sic] and hope I will soon be as well as ever and Emily I hope this will find you all Well and harty [sic] and Emily I Dont [sic] have any thing Strange to Communicate to you at this time We have rain Daily and I am fearful that it will inJure the Wheat crop up in this potion [sic] of Tennessee the Wheat is in the Shock in the field Emily I received yoursans [sic] and Louieser [sic] letter on the the 4 of this month and I rote [sic] to Louieser [sic] on the fifth of the Month Which Was next day and if this Letter had Good Luck it Will Get to you on the 13 of this month and I hope it Will be shore to [sic] get their [sic] in Due time Emily I have Not Seen Champion in Nearly too [sic] monts [sic] the third battalion is Still at Cumber Gap and I hope Doing Verry [sic] Well but they complain Som [sic] at their fair [sic] they Dont [sic] Get anuff [sic] to Eat at times

but As for my self I Get A plenty and more than I eat but I Dont [sic] eat much these tims [sic] my appetite is not verry [sic] Sharp these Days Emily if your father and Louiser [sic] has not Started When you Get this Letter tell Louiser [sic] She must bring or send me Some Cotton Socks if She can Get them With out bying [sic] them if She has not Got them if She had not Got them on hand fur [sic] hur [sic] not to by [sic] them and I probialy [sic] I can by [sic] them up hear [sic] but I Dont [sic] expect She has any [crossed out] oct cotton socks on hand but I rote [sic] the perticulars [sic] in Louisers [sic] letter last sunday [sic] and tell your farther [sic] he must Get A passport at montgomery [sic] at the ticket office so as he Wont [sic] be bartherd [sic] on the Way they are verry [sic] particular on the railroad Emily I Saw one corn Silk this year and I expect you have rosonears [sic] before this Time Emily tell Louieser [sic] I think I will be shore [sic] to Stay hear [sic] Long anuff [sic] for hur [sic] to come and if hur [sic] farther [sic] has not Started she must be shore [sic] and come with him but she must not Start by hur [sic] self if She never Comes. Emily I reckon this is ten cents Worth and I had better quit for this time Nothing More from Jasper H Lacy Emily Kiss Little Sally for me and tell mortha [sic] she must Liurn [sic] fast at School
Yours brother J.H. Lacy

George W. Athey to his parents

September 23, 1863.

On the left flant [sic] of the water we moved over the hilles [sic] and holows [sic] and come in on them but we found it a very ruff comeing [sic] in so much that we had to give way we give back and rested awhile and tride [sic] them again but our ranks was too open fur [sic] the affect aney [sic] thing much we had to give back the second time an it was very haird [sic] fight but concideren [sic] the ingegement [sic] I think that the loss was very lite I never saw nothing like the number of dead men thaire [sic] that I did at shiloe [sic] the yankes [sic] was as shore [sic] that tha [sic] would whip us thaire [sic] til [sic] tha [sic] had writen [sic] in letters to and back home how tha [sic] was agoing [sic] to do to said that tha [sic] was agoing [sic] to whip us thaire [sic] and then go and take atlanta [sic] and go though [sic] gorgia [sic] out into sout [sic] cairline [sic] but it seemes [sic] lik [sic] as if tha [sic] have turned thaire [sic] corse [sic] the newese [sic] is now that tha [sic] have gone back across the tennessee [sic] river tha [sic] that general cheetom [sic] went back into chattanooga [sic] yesterday at won [sic] oclock [sic] thaire [sic] was some wone [sic] devision [sic] of troops left hear [sic] yesterday evening fur [sic] mobile [sic] it is said that general pegram [sic] cavlery [sic] in acooking [sic] five dayes [sic] rashones [sic] to go back in to West tennessee [sic] again the yankes [sic] may undertake to fool us by making out like tha [sic] aire [sic] agoing [sic] to leave and clip around upon us at some other point I think that if tha [sic] hate to fight as bad as I do tha [sic] would go cleane [sic] off we have lost men anuff [sic] now we have got aleven [sic] men wounded in our company be sides the too [sic] that was kiled [sic] and some of them that was wound will be very apt to die fur [sic] tha [sic] was wounded very bad aleven [sic] wounded bad anuff [sic] to go to the horsepitle [sic] be sides several otheres [sic] that was struck with peases [sic] of shel [sic] that spent and stunted them

be sides some lines fel [sic] or some and hurt them our regiment was cut up worse than it ever was before we have wone [sic] or too [sic] boyes [sic] that is missing that we dont [sic] no [sic] anay [sic] thing about we taken a grate [sic] miney [sic] prisneres [sic] I dont [sic] now [sic] how maney [sic] be cides [sic] abundance of guns and artillera [sic] and other airmey [sic] equipments [sic] horses and wagoes [sic] and when we charged thaire [sic] brest [sic] works we killed a briddear [sic] general I am mity [sic] glad the fight is over I have bin [sic] dreading [sic] it long anuff [sic] I have bin [sic] in hot places in my life but when we cirgld [sic] the third line of battle I thought that I war [sic] than [sic] in the hottest plase [sic] that I ever was but when we trid [sic] the forth [sic] lines in the evening I found hotter wone [sic] than ever thaire [sic] was more grape shot and canerater [sic] far thaire [sic] was a fine powers of niney [sic] balles [sic] it like it was imposable [sic] a cingle [sic] man even to get out alive I thank God fur [sic] my ascape [sic] I would like to be at home to tell you all about the fight but as I cant [sic] be thaire [sic] I will try to tell you something about it with my pein [sic] I dont [sic] write this to wone [sic] or too [sic] I am writing to all that wants to reed [sic] it nothing more at the write soon and give all the newse [sic] fur [sic] I want to heairs [sic] from home very bad excuse my shorte [sic] letter if you please I will try to do betern [sic] this next time

G.W.Athey to his parents

George W. Athey to Emily Athey

Co. K. 22 Alabama Volen [sic] Teeares [sic] Oct 27/63

I Resceived [sic] your welcom [sic] letter yesterday which gave me grate [sic] Satisfaction to heaire [sic] from you all to heaire [sic] that you all was getting alongus [sic] as well as you Aire [sic] your letter was the first news that I have had since [sic] I got Jackson croos [sic] letter about to [sic] weeks a go I am in tolerable good helth [sic] at this time more than I have a god [sic] maney [sic] risings on me that bothers me agoodeeal [sic] I hops [sic] these few lines may come to hand in dew [sic] time and find you blesed [sic] with good helth [sic] Emily I saw Champion yesterday and day before he was sick yesterday I have not heard from him to day our regt [sic] is out on pickett [sic] to day and I was left in camp to take ceaire [sic] of the boyes [sic] knaps sacks and other tricks until tha [sic] come back and I have not got the chance to go to sea [sic] him the boyes [sic] is Generale [sic] all well in the legen [sic] and in the 33 and in the 22 you wrote that thaire [sic] was a good maney [sic] souldars [sic] coming home I would be the gladist [sic] in the world to git [sic] to come home and if I eve [sic] seea [sic] an opning [sic] fur [sic] it I will jump at it thaire [sic] is some men geting [sic] furloes [sic] heaire [sic] but thairs [sic] is several boys in our Co that has never bin [sic] home since [sic] tha [sic] have bin [sic] in survise [sic] and our capton [sic] will not give aney [sic] other won [sic] an ey [sic] shoing [sic] in tel [sic] tha [sic] get ashoeing [sic] first I want you to send me my vest and a paire [sic] of socks the first chance you get tell uncle Joe that I want to be thaire [sic] to help him dig the potatoe [sic] you wrote that the corn turn out fine I was glad to hear of it tel [sic] uncle Joe that he must geater [sic] me apeack [sic] or half bushel of pindears [sic] and send them to me if he can get the

chance I hope that I will get to go home before all the potatoes is gon [sic] sothat [sic] I can get some of them I do hope that this war will come to a close before longue [sic] so that we all can go home and sta [sic] I am afeaird [sic] tha [sic] we will have another hard battle before longue [sic] if we do it will be above Chattanooga in the direction of londen [sic] thaire [sic] was wone [sic] devision [sic] left heare [sic] too [sic] or three days ago to go to londen [sic] tha [sic] have some cannon wading near the lookout mountain across the rive [sic] the yankes [sic] wants to get the railroad I think that tha [sic] aire [sic] askirmishing [sic] down thaire [sic] to day eather [sic] skirmishing or shooting off gunes [sic] the last time I heaird [sic] from Mr [sic] Spivy he was ageting [sic] alongue [sic] very well nothing More
Youres [sic] trule [sic] G.W. Athey Em Athey

George W. Athey to his mother

CO. K. 22 . Ala Regt. Nov. 11th/ 63

Dear Mother I take my pen in hand to write you a few line to let you no [sic] that I am well as common hoping that these few lines May come safe to hand and find you in Joying the best of helth [sic] Mother I have nothing or importants [sic] to write to you at the presant [sic] but I thought as I had the opper tunity [sic] of sending this letter by hand to montgomry [sic] by hand I woud [sic] write a few lines to you to let you no [sic] how I was agetting [sic] along I saw champion and Mr [sic] Lacy this morning tha [sic] are both well at this time we aire [sic] looking fur [sic] Mageor [sic] Hart to day I hope that he will bring me some little tricks that I am needing very bad if you have not sent aney [sic] thing by Magor [sic] Hard I want you to send them by ben mitchel [sic] my vest socks and hankerchiefs [sic] by ben Mitchel if he can bring them and you can see him he sais [sic] that he will try to go and sta [sic] all night with you if he can get the chance I want you to send me alofe [sic] of lite bread and ~~sp~~ a big potatoe [sic] rashenes [sic] is prety [sic] short we have haird [sic] times heaire [sic] was you no but will try to in dure it I hope that the war will come to a close some time soon so that we all can come home wonse [sic] more thaire [sic] is a good maney [sic] getting furloes [sic] I intend to make an application fur [sic] furloe [sic] some time this winter aney [sic] how as soon as the oppertunity [sic] will admit of so doing general bragg [sic] sais [sic] he is going to furloe [sic] all his men this winter if he does I sure will get vacation. I want to seea [sic] you very bad I hope by the help of God I will get home again Me and Mr. Lacy was talking this morning of appling [sic] fur [sic] a furloe [sic] about the same time Mother if you have sent me any thing by the Magor [sic] you can me some thing to eat by Mitchel anyhow I want you to send ~~me me~~ some thin [sic] to eat evry [sic] chance to help out short rashenes [sic] we have ~~t~~ not had but little dewty [sic] to do cince [sic] the battle except pickett [sic] dewty [sic] we have had abudance [sic] of pickett [sic] dewty [sic] to do tho [sic] I dont [sic] mind that much we exspect [sic] to go to drilling to morrow Nothing more at this presant [sic] Your true and affection [illegible] until death so Goodby Dear Mother fur [sic] the presant [sic]
G. W. Athey To his Mother

Wilson C. Athey to Emily Athey

september [sic] the 29 1863

camp near [sic] chat ta nooga [sic] tenessee [sic]

dear sister I this morning take the oppertunity [sic] to drop yo [sic] a few lines to inform yo [sic] that I am well at the presant [sic] time and all the rest of the boys that is hear [sic] with me sister we are fareing [sic] purty [sic] bad at this time but I hope that we will gt [sic] to seeing better soon sister we have had a very hard fite [sic] about ten miles from chat ta nooga [sic] on chickamogga [sic] creak [sic] in gorga [sic] sister I have not hear from mister lacy sence [sic] he left marastonn [sic] about fore [sic] weeks ago I saw george [sic] severel [sic] times before the fite [sic] but I have not sean [sic] him sence [sic] the fite [sic] I heard that he was wondid [sic] in the lague [sic] but I sopose [sic] not very bad there was five of our compney [sic] kild [sic] and wondid [sic] dave [sic] gefcote was kild [sic] frank hudgens was wondid [sic] and died after he was tuck [sic] of [sic] on the field frank s smaet was slitely [sic] wondid [sic] bil [sic] jones was wondid [sic] rollen [sic] sweat got a flesh wnd [sic] in the thy [sic] I came out safe but it is all I can say I have all ways crave to fite [sic] a lit gust to no [sic] what it is to go in to a battle but I got the chance to tri [sic] my hand at last a nough [sic] to sadisfi [sic] me I never wan [sic] to go in to an nothersic] fite [sic] any more sister I wan [sic] to come home worse than I eaver [sic] did be fore but when times gits [sic] better I will tri [sic] to come home thare [sic] has ben [sic] a grate [sic] meney [sic] soeldiers [sic] runing [sic] away lately but I dont [sic] want to go that way if I can get home any other way I saw warren athey, and andew hix the other day I am going to sea [sic] them in the morning they are camt [sic] in about a mile of us I wil [sic] come to a close
W C Athey to emily [sic] Athey

George W. Athey to his mother

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November 12th 1863

Mother BF Mitchel leaves heaire [sic] this morning at aleven [sic] oclock [sic] I will writ [sic] a few more words we had an election apon [sic] the bravery of the souldiares [sic] of each companey [sic] in this companey [sic] William Spivey got the onor [sic] of being the braves [sic] man in the companey [sic] Mother BF Mitchel sais [sic] that he will bring aney [sic] thing fur [sic] Me that he can if he ca [sic] git [sic] aney [sic] thing on the train and can git [sic] it to montgomery [sic] if you I think it very doub ful [sic] of his gitting [sic] aney [sic] thing on the train myself I learn that we are not agoing [sic] to git aney [sic] meat oneley [sic] every beeaf [sic] every seven dayes [sic] and bacon every ten dayes [sic] oneley [sic] apound [sic] of beeaf [sic] and a third of a pound of bacon when it does come we git [sic] a pound and aquarter [sic] of meail [sic] aday [sic] wone [sic] day the next three crackers furady [sic] that is prity [sic] haird [sic] liveing [sic] we have not had aney [sic] meat in todayes [sic] now where we dont [sic] get aney [sic] meat we get too [sic] ounces and haff [sic] of shugar [sic] a day to the man we make sactfract [sic] tea and meeal [sic] bran coffee and sweeten it with the shugar [sic] and eat bread and drink sacfrac [sic] tea and meal bran coffee we half [sic]

to go to drilling to day the men dont [sic] like it abit [sic] on as short rashene [sic] as tha
[sic] have I am well this mornin [sic]
G. W. Athey

George W. Athey to Emily Athey

Line of battle A'tan,At, [sic] Ga.

August 2nd 1864

Dear Sister I wonse [sic] more take the oportunity [sic] of writing you afew [sic] lines to
let you no [sic] that I am well as comon [sic] hoping these few lines may come to hand
and in due time and find you all well Sister I have just resceived [sic] a letter from you
which was dated the 15 of July it was along time on the way upon the account of the
raiders tairing [sic] up the railroad but I am in hops [sic] that is stoped [sic] now Emily we
have very disstresing [sic] times hear [sic] some time we have had too [sic] prety [sic]
hot fights in the past week the first was on the 22 of July the next was on the 28, 22 of
July the fight of the 28 was a great deal the hairdst [sic] fight commenseing [sic] about
twelve or 1 oclock [sic] and lasting until nearly knight [sic] we lost a good maney [sic]
kiled [sic] and wounded in both fights in the of the 22 we did not loose [sic] as maney
[sic] as we did in the last fight we captured a good many prisnears [sic] in the first fight
and drove the yankes [sic] from thaire [sic] frunt [sic] line of breast works but the last
right tha [sic] was so strong in forse [sic] that we cood [sic] not move them from thaire
[sic] position Emily, I would bevery [sic] glad to be thaire [sic] to talk with you and tell
you about it if I was I think that I cood [sic] tell you the reason we did not take thaire [sic]
works from them we lost agood [sic] many of our beast frieands [sic] in the too [sic]
fights [sic] in the fight of the 22 we lost one of our company too [sic] of the best soildars
[sic] that we had though tha [sic] was not both kiled [sic] in the fight Naporlion [sic]
Eilands was kild [sic] on the 24 on picket he was one of the beast [sic] boys in the world
we have all reasones [sic] to believe that he was acristian [sic] James Suggs that got
kiled [sic] in the fight he was shot through the right lungs and died the next day he told
his brother about fifteen minuts [sic] before he died that he was prepared [sic] to die
and he was willing to go his brother seeams [sic] to be satisfied at his lose [sic] and I
believe that he is trying to live so as to be prepared [sic] to meate [sic] him in abetter
[sic] world in the fight of the 28 Colonal [sic] Hart got kiled [sic] on this battle fieald [sic]
and the yankes [sic] got his body I have writen [sic] to you and Rhod [sic] cince [sic] the
fights but I will send this letter ferrfear [sic] tha [sic] dont [sic] go I will wright [sic] every
oportunity [sic] you must do the same I have not heard from Champion in too [sic]
monts [sic] or more I am vary ancious [sic] to hear from him I am agoing [sic] to wright
[sic] to him in a day or too [sic] [sic] if I dont [sic] get the chance to wright [sic] this
evening we haft [sic] to go on pickett [sic] this evening I must close fur the presant [sic]
You trule [sic] and affectionate wright [sic] soon and give me all the news
G. W. Athey

Wilson C. Athey to Emily Athey

August the 18 1864

Petersburg virginia [sic]

dear sister I seat my self to drop yo [sic] a few lines to let yo [sic] no [sic] that I am Well at the presant [sic] and all the rest of the boys mr [sic] lacy is Well sister I reciev [sic] your letter the other day that yo [sic] Wrot [sic] the 17 of July and Was very glad to hear from yo [sic] but I have heard from yo [sic] home sence [sic] then Bil [sic] mansil come to our company the other day but I think that he Will be discharge and if he is dis charge and if he is I will yo [sic] a leteter [sic] by him I will send this by hand by mr [sic] guy to mongomry [sic] sister I think that I Will get to come home next Winter they hatoe [sic] commenst [sic] to ferlow [sic] a gain I think that We Will all get to come home if We should live We are in avery [sic] bad place thair [sic] is some men get ting [sic] kild [sic] and Wondid [sic] eaver [sic] day but I prey [sic] to god that I Will live to get out of theas [sic] ditches once more sister theair [sic] is one thing that I can say to that Will be grate [sic] sadisfaction [sic] to [sic] and that is that We are getting plenty to eat We have ben [sic] drawing cofey [sic] regular I was very sorey [sic] to of unccle [sic] george [sic] luse [sic] his lague [sic] sister that invelope [sic] an [sic] paper that yo [sic] sent me got Wet We had one of the hardest rains that I ever saw everthing [sic] that We had got Wet our ditches Was soon half lagues [sic] deap [sic] in mud We are toteing [sic] sand in our ditches to ceape [sic] the mud form Working up sister I have got some paper and envelops [sic] I Will close for the pesant [sic] Wright [sic] soon Johney [sic] I Will drop yo [sic] a few [sic] lines brother yo [sic] must go to scool [sic] and learn to Wright [sic] good and Wright [sic] to me I Want to hear from yo [sic] but I Want to sea [sic] yo [sic] Wors [sic] than I Want hear from yo [sic]
W C Athey to emily [sic] Athey

Line of battle near Love Joy Ga. Sep. 5th, 1864

Dear Father I have again taken my pen in hand to wright [sic] you a few lines to let you no [sic] that I am yet in joy tolereble [sic] good helth [sic] hoping these few lines may come safe to hand and find you all well I will also state something about our last retreet [sic] first we had another prety [sic] hot fight with the yankees [sic] on the 31of August We charged them in thaire [sic] breast works but we was repulsed with some concidrabable [sic] loss but not as heavey [sic] as it looks like it would have bin. [sic] it is im poseble [sic] to take thaire [sic] breast works unless we make very heavey [sic] in a small plass [sic] and we have not got the men to hold our lines other whairse [sic] and do that too when the yankees [sic] drew off from atlanta [sic] I thought that if our general did not mind that tha [sic] would fool them and sure anuff [sic] in about three or four days tha [sic] found them at Johns Burro ninteen [sic] miles in the reair [sic] on the 30 of august we marched all knight [sic] nearle [sic] and fought them the next day we then marched the 1of sept back to atlanta [sic] to let out general Stureds [sic] corps and our

wagons and while general hardees [sic] men held them in check at Johns burro we aire [sic] now in line at love joy tenn [sic] miles above griffin it is supposed that we will fall back to griffin in a few days I think that we have lost grown [sic] anuff [sic] all reade [sic] not to loose [sic] aney [sic] more

George W. Athey to Matilda Athey

C.O. K. 22 Ala Regt. September 11th 1864

Sister I have just recieved [sic] yow [sic] kind an [sic] most welcom [sic] letter which bore the date of 29 of august which gave me grate [sic] satisfaction to heare [sic] that you all was well sister I have nothing of importants [sic] to wright [sic] at the presant [sic] more than we aire [sic] resting some at this time we will be very apt to rest about eight or ten days longer before we have aney [sic] more fiting [sic] to do we have of ten days heare [sic] in this airmey [sic] I would be the gladest [sic] in the world if we world [sic] never have aney [sic] more fiting [sic] to do. I was glad to hear that you had heard from champion and Lacy I saw a letter from that companey [sic] yesterday and it said the boys was all well You stated in your letter that papa was acoming [sic] up heare [sic] after the weather got alittle [sic] coole [sic] if I understand it wright [sic] the letter was I seea [sic] Green Wilson some times and warren Athey has one brother well I heard from George awhile ago if papa comes up heare [sic] I want him to bring me a paire [sic] of shoes and if he [illegible] very long he may bring me too [sic] pairs of socks some paper and envelops [sic] and a dollars worth of samp's [sic] I want them if he comes right away fur [sic] I am out he can bring aney [sic] thing to Green if beck wants to snd [sic] it he can be found any time rashens [sic] is not as plentiful as tha [sic] have bin [sic] I will close by saing [sic] these few lines leaves me well yours G.W. Athey trule [sic] and affctionate [sic] to Matilda Athey

papa can bring any thing fur [sic] me to eat that he got it intime that I cant [sic] caried much with me but if I had aney [sic] thing on hand and was to get orders to move I cood [sic] get the money fur [sic] it and by [sic] again if I cood [sic] find aney [sic] thing to by [sic] Some potatoes and late apples would be very actedable [sic] and a [illegible] of bacon fur [sic] we dont [sic] get any bacon and the beeaf [sic] is very dry and tuff [sic]

George W. Athey to Emily Athey

December 1864

Co. K. 22 Ala canpet [sic] in line of battle Near Nashville Tennessee [sic]

Sister I have onse [sic] more taken my pen in hand to wright [sic] you a few lines if comes to hand will shoe [sic] that I am yet well an [sic] hairy [sic] hoping tha [sic] will come to hand in due time and find you all well and in joy good health Emily I have

bin [sic] in one pretty [sic] haird [sic] fight since [sic] I have had the opportunity [sic] of
wringting [sic] to you before but I am happy [sic] to say [sic] that I never got hurt in the
fight but vary [sic] sorry [sic] to say [sic] that we have lost some of our best friends in
the fight but one killed [sic] in our company [sic] and three wounded [sic] Lt C.C. Moore
killed [sic] James Wilson wounded in the right [sic] side he has got a very dangerous [sic]
wound but the Doctor [sic] says [sic] he will get well Serjant [sic] J.N. Day wounded [sic] in
the shoulder [sic] F.N. Moore wounded [sic] in the hand Col Airmsted [sic] the lieutenant
[sic] col of the 22 redmen [sic] wounded captain [sic] Boldon killed [sic] and George
Seveston killed [sic] and several others to [sic] many [sic] to mention I do not know [sic] the
official [sic] number [sic] of killed [sic] and wounded [sic] but we lost about [sic] many in
killed [sic] and wounded the yankees [sic] loss was pretty [sic] heavy [sic] considering
that they [sic] was in their [sic] breast works we charged them out [sic] of two [sic] lines
of works [sic] the third line they [sic] held [sic] it by reinforcement and heavy loss they
[sic] held [sic] their position until about three o'clock [sic] at night before they [sic]
evacuated [sic] their [sic] position we fought [sic] them at Franklin [sic] Tennessee [sic] 18
miles from Nashville [sic] we fought them in the edge of the town where [sic] they [sic] lay
as thick as hills of corn in the field the fight began about the middle [sic] of the evening
and lasted till [sic] some time in the night we never [sic] got in to the fight until about dark
when they [sic] left knapsacks blankets overcoats and a good [sic] deal [sic] of other
stuff [sic] behind which was picked up by our men I got a good [sic] knapsack [sic] full [sic]
of tricks which [sic] I sold \$ 4.5 dollars [sic] worth out of it and as much [sic]
as I wanted I got a portfolio [sic] with about a half [sic] quire [sic] of paper and a pack
of envelopes [sic] I am now writing on some of the paper now I will put it in a U.S. [sic]
envelope [sic] General Cheatam [sic] had a fight with them at Spring Hill [sic] 27 or 8 miles
from Nashville [sic] the 33rd Ala Redmen [sic] was in both fights in the fight of 27 William [sic]
Hicks got killed [sic] and James Kinion got wounded but not serious on the 28, at Franklin
Parry [sic] Tucker got killed [sic] and some other person [sic] but I don't [sic] recollect [sic]
so I have not heard from Warren [sic] since [sic] the last fight he went through
[sic] the first safe I want [sic] to hear [sic] from him very bad the boys was very
mucky [sic] against [sic] coming in to Tennessee [sic] at this time year on the account of
not having blankets but I can't [sic] scarcely [sic] see a [sic] man [sic] but what has got a
good yankee [sic] blanket as far [sic] my part I have got very good blankets and a tent
flap [sic] to stretch in rainy [sic] weather to keep me dry we are [sic] lying round Nashville
[sic] a start shooting of the yankees [sic] just like they [sic] was doing [sic] of us at
Atlanta [sic] the yankees [sic] is shelling [sic] all the time we are [sic] not as close as
we was Atlanta [sic] Emily [sic] I will have [sic] to bring this letter to a close soon but I
could [sic] find something to write [sic] about all day I must reserve [sic] something to
write [sic] brother Alister [sic] I supposed that Miligan [sic] has gone [sic] home I am
[sic] glad of it Emily the last letter that I got from you you said that you was going [sic]
to school and would soon write [sic] as good as my [sic] I want you to answer [sic] this
letter as soon as you get it so that I can see [sic] how you [sic] have improved [sic]
direct to Co. K, 22, Ala. Vol. Deas Bridge [sic] Johnston's [sic] Division bears [sic] corps
[sic] and it will follow the army [sic] where [sic] ever it goes you true and affection
brother excuse bad writing G.W. Athey
the fight at Franklin was on the 30 of Nov [sic] tell Cousen [sic] that I saw Erastus [sic]
Lacy after the first fight he was well then but I haven't [sic] heard from him since [sic] the
last.

D. C. Buckelew to William Athey

Jeferson [sic] Co Ala Januar [sic] the 22 1876

Dear brother I sete [sic] my self to answer yo [sic] kind dear wellcom [sic] letter that I reseived [sic] yesterday and I was glad to her [sic] from you all yor [sic] letter found us all well at this time and doing well we hope that this letter will com [sic] safe to hand an [sic] fin [sic] you all well the children and thar [sic] famly [sic] is all well but Abner oldist [sic] child she is very low at this time a [sic] the children is geting [sic] along very well we hav [sic] never herd [sic] from Jo yet catharine [sic] is living at the same plas [sic] that she was living at wen [sic] yo [sic] was hear [sic] she right [sic] that she is doing well and is sadistfide [sic] me and the boys to gether [sic] has aldmost [sic] card of Jefferson county if we can keep well I think that we will in a year or so longer we will be able to live all right I hav [sic] sold 100 and fifty bushel of corn and hav [sic] got plenty to do me and I have sold fifty bushel of potatos [sic] and we hav [sic] got plenty to do us till spring I made 1 bale of cotton and we have sold ner [sic] fifty dolers [sic] worth of leather off of two cows this fall the longer we stay her [sic] the better we air [sic] pleased with this country we air [sic] all about to get as much land as we nede [sic] the public land will soon be enter up the peple [sic] is moveing [sic] in as fast as the care too of old James Henerson son has moved clost [sic] to us this country is improving as fast as time can role [sic] in a few years land will be out of a poor man rich in country yo [sic] must right [sic] to me how yo [sic] like the graysing [sic] [illegible] we want you to right [sic] how all the connections is getting along give our love and regard to them all tell them to com [sic] and see us and we want you all to right [sic] soon and tell us all the news your effectnet [sic] brother untill [sic] deth [sic]

D,C Buckelew and family

William Athey and famley [sic]