

## Joseph Freeman Civil War Letters

Febary [sic] the 26 D 1862

Henderson Station Madison CO

my Dears

i [sic] take the present optuney [sic] of riten [sic] you A few lines to let you no [sic] that i [sic] land haer [sic] saft [sic] and well at this time and i [sic] hope whe [sic] thes [sic] few lins [sic] com [sic] to hand that ma [sic] find you in gud [sic] helt [sic] i [sic] want you to cap [sic] in gud [sic] sparret [sic] and duue [sic] the best you can i [sic] Dont [sic] no [sic] how long we weill [sic] sta [sic] hear [sic] we land hear the nex [sic] Day after we lef [sic] home i [sic] hav [sic] noth [sic] new to rite [sic] [rest of line is crossed out] har [sic] frend [sic] tom [sic] Dennis was taken presner [sic] and he was a gud [sic] frend [sic] we all node [sic] inday [sic] i [sic] noth [sic] to rit [sic] giv [sic] my love to Mrs [sic] Dennis to [sic] and to Mis salle [sic] Dennis and to Mr [sic] Dennis giv [sic] my lov [sic] Mrs [sic] marten [sic] and famley [sic] giv [sic] my lov [sic] liser [sic] giv [sic] my to Jon Stokes and famly [sic] and to al [sic] my fendes [sic] all the rest is all excuse my bade [sic] riten [sic] so noth [sic] mo [sic] at present but remane [sic] you fecent [sic] husben [sic] Don [sic] let no body se [sic] this fo [sic] is so badley [sic] rote [sic]

March the 9 D 1862

Corinth Missippey [sic] Tishomingo Conty [sic]

My Dears Belovet [sic] Wife i [sic] take the pres [sic] optuney [sic] of innforme [sic] you that i [sic] am well at this time and i [sic] hope when thes [sic] few lines com [sic] to hand that thay [sic] may find you in Joy [sic] the sam [sic] bleson [sic] and all the rest is well we hav [sic] move to corinth [sic] missippey [sic] we got hear [sic] last Frid [sic] nite [sic] hit [sic] is A pretey [sic] plase [sic] hit [sic] serpose [sic] to Be six teen thusent [sic] and sum [sic] artilra [sic] i [sic] dont [sic] no [sic] werthe [sic] thay [sic] wil [sic] Be eney [sic] Fitin [sic] hear [sic] or note [sic] we have no guns yet thar [sic] was teentyfore [sic] of connel [sic] lesemen [sic] Deserte [sic] thay [sic] hav [sic] cot [sic] thrt [sic] teen of them or general is his name is Bugbe i [sic] supose [sic] that all sogel [sic] hav [sic] left Clumbs [sic] i [sic] haerd [sic] A bout an hou [sic] A go that the yankes [sic] was commen [sic] on us A bout teenty [sic] thousent [sic] hit [sic] is A bout Fifteen miles her [sic] to Tensee [sic] river tel [sic] all the men A Bout Randolph and A Rand thar [sic] if thay [sic] ever inter [sic] to Fite [sic] fo [sic] thar [sic] cuntre [sic] homes and libtr [sic] if thay [sic] ar [sic] now is the tim [sic] to Dow [sic] hit [sic] For now is time to Fite [sic] elce [sic] serrender [sic] hit [sic] will not dow [sic] to serrender [sic] i [sic] will Fite [sic] in blode [sic] upe [sic] to my neke [sic] tel [sic] all the bos [sic] to come on now is the tim [sic] to ruch [sic] to the battle feld [sic] Inda i [sic] dont [sic] no [sic] when I can com [sic]

Home for thay [sic] have [illegible] on Furlo [sic] i [sic] wount [sic] you to dow [sic] the  
beste [sic] you can cape [sic] in gud [sic] sparret [sic] i [sic] will cend [sic] you sum [sic]  
monney [sic] as suen [sic] as i [sic] draw hit [sic] tel [sic] Mr [sic] Dennis Mrs [sic]  
Dennis for to not let you suffer for they ner [sic] shall lus [sic] everything by hit [sic] and  
if i [sic] done git [sic] kild [sic] i [sic] want them to tak [sic] you and tak [sic] gud [sic] car  
[sic] of you but i [sic] am in hope that i [sic] will git [sic] home saft [sic] a gin [sic] inday  
[sic] i [sic] wust [sic] that i [sic] cud [sic] git [sic] to see you and the pictur [sic] of my  
Dears litl [sic] Boy agane [sic] i [sic] am gon [sic] to live hopes if i [sic] Di [sic] in  
[illegible] shul [sic] bring my letter to A close giv [sic] to Mr [sic] Dennis giv [sic] my lov  
[sic] to Mrs [sic] Dennis and to Mrs [sic] Sal Dennis and to Mrs [sic] martin [sic] inda giv  
[sic] my lov [sic] to all them canot [sic] Rite [sic] enmo [sic] for we hav [sic] got ordes  
[sic] to cok [sic] Five Days rasen [sic] thay [sic] ar [sic] fixen [sic] for a Fite [sic] hear  
[sic] so noth [sic] mo [sic] But Remane [sic] your Dears Husban [sic] untl [sic] Deth  
[sic] so Far [sic] you well Dear inda

Joseph O. Freeman

Rite [sic] to me as sone [sic] as you git [sic] this let me no [sic] how you giten [sic] along

March 25 D 1862

Corinth Tishmingo CO

state of mississippi [sic]

my Dears wife i [sic] take the ope tuney [sic] of Riten [sic] you a few lines to lete [sic]  
you no [sic] that i am yeat [sic] a live hope when thes [sic] few lines comes to hands  
that thay [sic] may finds you in gud [sic] helth [sic] my Dear hav [sic] noth [sic] new to  
Rit [sic] oly [sic] all is well i [sic] have Rote [sic] and Rote [sic] and hav [sic] never hav  
[sic] receve [sic] no letters from you yeat [sic] i [sic] hav [sic] lost all hopes of ever heren  
[sic] from you en [sic] mor [sic] thay [sic] is A bote [sic] ninty [sic] thousent [sic] cholgs  
[sic] her [sic] wee [sic] ar [sic] fixten [sic] to Draw money and as son [sic] as i [sic] can  
draw hit [sic] i [sic] will send hit [sic] home the forst [sic] chanch [sic] i [sic] git [sic]  
pucky [Note: Pvt. Joseph Pucket, Co. A, 51st TN Inf.] A member of hor [sic] comney  
[sic] Dide [sic] to Day we ar [sic] in genrel [sic] chalmes [sic] brigad [sic] i [sic] noth  
[sic] mo [sic] to rite [sic] indy Rite [sic] to me as son [sic] as you git [sic] this let me no  
[sic] how you ar [sic] a gitten [sic] along and how times is thar [sic] so noth [sic] mo [sic]  
at present giv [sic] my lov and repecekes [sic] to all my frends [sic] so no but remane  
[sic] you Dears Boy so far you well my Dear Inday Direck [sic] you letter to the fiftey  
[sic] first Rigman [sic] tennssee [sic] voltears [sic] Comney [sic] A inday i [sic] am mity  
[sic] onessey [sic] abote [sic] you my harte [sic] all most brak [sic] sumtimes [sic] when i  
[sic] thik [sic] abote [sic] us A ben paret [sic] but we must taket hit [sic] the best way we  
can we hafter [sic] work evr [sic] Day Dige [sic] in the Diches [sic] and chopen [sic] don  
[sic] trese [sic] thay [sic] ar [sic] forfine [sic] this plase [sic] i [sic] sene [sic] luis [sic]  
Daves and gorge [sic] smith [sic] her noles [sic] Rigman is her [sic] i [sic] spek [sic] you

Brother Frank is her but cant [sic] get achance [sic] to look for him for i [sic] cant [sic] git [sic] A Chanch [sic] to goe [sic] of From the Rigman [sic] i [sic] did git a Chanch [sic] to go and see luis [sic] the erthr [sic] Day tel [sic] Brother Chrle [sic] that i receve [sic] his letter that he sent by fil bales and i [sic] was sarre [sic] to her [sic] that he was sick tel [sic] Mrs [sic] scales [sic] that ed [sic] it [sic] well all the rest is well tel [sic] chrle [sic] that wee [sic] hav [sic] mov [sic] abot [sic] A mile From wher [sic] we wer [sic] tel [sic] all my Frenedes [sic] to Rit [sic] to me i [sic] wod [sic] like to git [sic] A leter [sic] every Day so noth [sic] mo [sic] but remane [sic] you afection [sic] Husban [sic] so Far [sic] you well my Dears inday Direck [sic] you letters to the Fiftey [sic] First Rigman [sic] Tennessee [sic] volters [sic] to Compeney [sic] A so far [sic] you well my Dears

Joseph O. Freeman

Inday i [sic] am A com [sic] home as son [sic] as i [sic] can thay [sic] hav [sic] shot don [sic] on Furlow [sic] thay [sic] ont [sic] let no one lev [sic] no long than tow [sic] ower [sic] at time give my Repeckes [sic] to Mrs [sic] Dennis and Famley [sic] and John Stokes and Famley [sic] and to all the conneck [sic] so Far [sic] you well my Dears and Fection [sic] wife

Joseph O. Freeman So Far y

April [sic] the 3 D 1862

Corinth Mississippi

my Dears Wife I tak [sic] the ope tuney [sic] of Riten [sic] you A few lines to let you no [sic] that I am well at this time and I hope when thes [sic] few lines comes to hands that thay [sic] mal [sic] find you in joy [sic] the same blesen [sic] I Recev [sic] you letter from Mr [sic] [illegible] he rote [sic] hit [sic] to me hit [sic] did releve [sic] my mind verre [sic] much to reseve [sic] a letter from you I was begint [sic] to think that I was nevr [sic] gon [sic] to git [sic] a letter from you enmore [sic] I was sorre [sic] to her [sic] that you was out of pervission [sic] Inday hit [sic] pud [sic] ni [sic] chil [sic] me to hear of hit [sic] but tri [sic] and git [sic] long the best you can tel [sic] I can send you som [sic] monney [sic] I will send hit [sic] to you as son [sic] as I can git [sic] hit [sic] tel [sic] Mr [sic] Dennis to not let you suffer Inday I wust [sic] that I cud [sic] com [sic] home but but [sic] thay [sic] ant [sic] low [sic] no ferlow [sic] I drem [sic] a bote [sic] you ever nite [sic] I dremp [sic] on [sic] night that we was camp [sic] clost [sic] to Randolph and I thout [sic] you and Mrs. Whitson had com [sic] to see us I thout [sic] that I was fixen [sic] to go hom [sic] wuth [sic] you you better beleve [sic] that I was a fixen [sic] in A herre [sic] when I wok [sic] I was fold [sic] badly John is well he send his lov [sic] to you Inday I wount [sic] you to leve [sic] thar [sic] ef [sic] the yanke [sic] comes thar [sic] ef [sic] can I wount [sic] you to go weth [sic] sum [sic] body that is gon [sic] to leve [sic] thar [sic] tel [sic] Mr [sic] Dennis ef [sic] he leves [sic] thar [sic] to take you with him ef [sic] he lese [sic] but I am in hopes thay [sic] wont [sic] com [sic] thar [sic] bille [sic] [illegible] com [sic] to see us he tol [sic] me that thar [sic] was A man told him that you Frank hear [sic] i [sic] cant [sic] git [sic] A chant [sic] to go and see him Inday I want com [sic] home but i [sic] cant [sic]

com [sic] now and I dont [sic] nowe [sic] when I can for thay [sic] wont [sic] giv [sic] ne  
[sic] furlowe [sic] I want you to pick up A big resluson [sic] and say you will be content  
tel [sic] my times is out i [sic] wount [sic] you to rite [sic] to wether [sic] I must Jone [sic]  
for the war or not sum [sic] time I think I will git [sic] A tranfur [sic] and go to fort piller  
thay [sic] will give me A tranfer [sic] if I goin [sic] fer [sic] the war but i [sic] dont [sic]  
wount [sic] to gone for th [sic] war now I had droth [sic] wate [sic] A while longer thay  
[sic] are looken [sic] fo [sic] A fite [sic] A abote [sic] ten miles from this plase [sic] what  
is cold [sic] [illegible] we was orde [sic] out thar [sic] but we coud [sic] not git [sic] guns  
serfisen [sic] to fite [sic] with and we did not go i [sic] expect thay [sic] ar [sic] A fitn [sic]  
thar [sic] to Day I can har [sic] the cannon wonce [sic] and while I dont [sic] no [sic]  
wether [sic] thay [sic] will be eney [sic] fiten [sic] hear [sic] or not I am A frad [sic] that  
thay [sic] will pase [sic] fort piller I am a fred [sic] ef [sic] thay [sic] do pase [sic] thar [sic]  
thay [sic] will do A hepe [sic] A dammages [sic] to the pepele [sic] thar [sic] thar [sic] is  
A hap of sixson [sic] in our camps James Farras A member of our comney [sic] was  
taken sick A Tusday [sic] morne [sic] and he Dide [sic] the next morne [sic] at one o  
clock hit [sic] is something [sic] like the brane [sic] fever ever one [the rest of the letter is  
transcribed from a typescript] that takes it dies Indiana tel [sic] Mr [sic] Dennis that  
Dock [illegible] is a gone back where Tom Dennis is and he can git [sic] a chance to  
send Tom eney [sic] thing he wonce [sic] to I dont [sic] lik [sic] this place a tol [sic] I  
want to git [sic] back into Tennsee [sic] agin [sic] hit [sic] is low flat counre [sic] here  
you cant [sic] dig a grave without the grave a been haffail [sic] of water after you git [sic]  
[illegible] [illegible] when you pute [sic] the coffin in the grave ht [sic] flotes [sic] in the  
water Inday I wist [sic] you cud [sic] send me a guge [sic] of milk in your next letter if  
you cud [sic] I wisht [sic] I cud [sic] git [sic] to com [sic] hom [sic] chis [sic] little Alje for  
me I whisht [sic] I cud [sic] git [sic] to see his little face wunce [sic] more if the Yankes  
[sic] pas [sic] forte [sic] pillar I am gone [sic] to try mitey [sic] harde [sic] to git [sic] home  
if I fale [sic] to git [sic] thar [sic] I am in hopes that som [sic] of my frends [sic] will take  
you [illegible] a weay [sic] if thay [sic] dont [sic] [illegible] thar [sic] has bin [sic] fore [sic]  
dethe [sic] in our comney [sic] sens [sic] we has bin [sic] hear [sic] the helth [sic] of our  
comney [sic] is mitey [sic] bad at this time thar [sic] is a gud [sic] meny [sic] sick that  
aint [sic] mo [sic] than telve [sic] men abl [sic] for duty tel [sic] Chrle [sic] to stay at  
home til [sic] he git [sic] sond [sic] and well no mo [sic] ar [sic] preset [sic] but premane  
[sic] you efecton [sic] husban [sic] so far you well my Dear Wife

Joseph O. Freeman

Rite me as son [sic] as you git [sic] this Inday I nevr [sic] has reseve [sic] but one letter  
from you yeat [sic]

Corinth Mississippi

May the 24/62

dear sister i [sic] take this opertunity [sic] of ritin [sic] to you to let you no [sic] how i [sic]  
am i [sic] am not well but i [sic] am so as to be a bout i [sic] am in hopes that this may  
find you well times is vary [sic] glumy [sic] hear [sic] tha [sic] air [sic] fiting [sic] some

eryday [sic] tha [sic] have bin fiting [sic] to day tha [sic] have bin canonadin [sic] all day ou [sic] regiment is gone out on picket to day we air [sic] lookin [sic] for a fight evry [sic] day the yaney [sic] is advancian [sic] an [sic] forty fy ing [sic] as tha [sic] cum [sic] i [sic] want to com [sic] home mity [sic] bad but thair [sic] is no chance nou [sic] i [sic] am in hopes that i [sic] can com [sic] home a bout the fourth of july [sic] i [sic] want you to right [sic] to me i [sic] have ritin [sic] to you too [sic] or three times an [sic] i [sic] have not got no anser [sic] yet bruther [sic] henary sayd [sic] that he wants you to right [sic] to him he is her [sic] at corint [sic] he is well at this time he sed [sic] he was comin [sic] home as son [sic] as this fite [sic] was over ef [sic] he lives you must pre par [sic] a good diner [sic] for us when we get home on the fourth of july [sic] an [sic] ask all the gals to com [sic] over an [sic] eat with us you must gave my best respect to all the folks about randolph [sic] you must not think hard of john [sic] for not comin [sic] home for he cant [sic] get a furlow [sic] an [sic] tell this fite [sic] is over sister ef [sic] you can sea [sic] eny [sic] of fathers [sic] folks you must tel [sic] them to right [sic] to me an tel [sic] uncal [sic] [illegible] to right [sic] to me an [sic] tel [sic] them that i [sic] want to sea [sic] them all an [sic] you mus [sic] right [sic] to me brother jo is not well but he is so as to be a bout i [sic] bleave [sic] i [sic] have ritin [sic] you all the news that i [sic] have so i [sic] must bring my leter [sic] to a close by saying that you must right [sic] to me so remaine [sic] your afeciate [sic] bruther [sic] untell [sic] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to indeanor [sic] freman [sic]

May the 5 1863

Camp near shelby vill [sic] Tennsse [sic]

my Dear Wife i [sic] take the opetuney [sic] of riten [sic] you a Few lines to let you no [sic] that i [sic] am well at this time and hopen [sic] [illegible] when thes [sic] Few lines comes to hand that thay [sic] may find you well i [sic] hav [sic] noth [sic] new to rite [sic] oly [sic] times is [illegible] [illegible] wee [sic] haft [sic] to Dril [sic] [illegible] ever Day then i [sic] go to the [illegible] [illegible] then i [sic] go to the brand [illegible] i [sic] dont [sic] no [sic] we thar [sic] tho [illegible] [illegible] may [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Dr [illegible] and i [sic] rote [sic] [illegible] and sent one back by him i [sic] want you to rite [sic] to me i [sic] have [three illegible words] and wher [sic] [2 illegible words] at i [sic] wont [sic] rite [sic] eny [sic] mor at this time i [sic] had brother come and bring this letter then to send hit [sic] Indiana [illegible] see the baby [illegible] you Dont [sic] no [sic] how bad i [sic] want to see you and the baby giv [sic] my repeckes [sic] to al [sic] the connexion [sic] and Frenedes [sic] tel [sic] laura [sic] Hunt i [sic] hav [sic] not Forgoten [sic] hear [sic] yeat [sic] giv [sic] hear [sic] my love and best Repeckes [sic] tel [sic] her that [illegible] Dennis is well tel [sic] hear [sic] that he is al [illegible] tel [sic] hear [sic] not to [illegible] illegible a [illegible] concript [sic] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] a rebel tel [sic] hear [sic] to rite [sic] to us ef [sic] noth [sic] more at prsen [sic] but remane [sic] yor [sic] Fection [sic] Husban [sic] Far [sic] you well Dear Indiani

Joseph Freeman

septembr [sic] the 16 D 1863

Camp near Lafayette Gorgy [sic]

my Dear Wife

i [sic] receve [sic] yor [sic] letter the 15 of this month and i [sic] was glad to hear from you and littel [sic] Joe and glad to hear younes [sic] was well yor [sic] letter found me well and i [sic] hope when thes [sic] few lines comes to hand that thay [sic] may find you and littel [sic] Joe i [sic] hav [sic] no nwes [sic] to rite [sic] at this time oly [sic] we expect a fite [sic] before long we left Chattanooga abote [sic] tow [sic] wekes [sic] a go the yankees [sic] sheld [sic] the town for tow [sic] weekes [sic] befor [sic] we left thar [sic] thay [sic] kild [sic] a woman and child by shelen [sic] the town ede [sic] skeles [sic] [Note: Pvt. Ed. Scales, Co A, 51st TN Inf.] got hear [sic] saft [sic] i [sic] was glad to see him he brot [sic] me tow [sic] pear [sic] of sox [sic] wich [sic] you sent to me i [sic] was glad to git [sic] them for i [sic] had none ede [sic] told me al [sic] the nuse [sic] yor [sic] brothr [sic] John has bin [sic] up har [sic] but he has gon [sic] back Henry is well Frank was well the last time i [sic] hear from him i [sic] was sorray [sic] to hear of Mr [sic] Davis Dethe [sic] i [sic] fel [sic] very sarray [sic] for siter [sic] magrat [sic] tel [sic] Luis to come back he wont [sic] be hurt Inda thar [sic] has bin [sic] the grates [sic] revivel [sic] in our brigade that evver [sic] i [sic] sean [sic] Inda i [sic] perfest [sic] religen [sic] i [sic] am redy [sic] to meet littel [sic] Alje in heaven Inda seas [sic] the yankee [sic] was a goin [sic] to make you al [sic] take the oth [sic] ef [sic] thay [sic] forse [sic] you to take hit [sic] [illegible] you had betr [sic] take i [sic] rekin [sic] for thay [sic] take ever thing you got Inda ef [sic] you want eney [sic] money git [sic] sum [sic] from Mrs [sic] skeles [sic] git [sic] abote [sic] thurty [sic] Dolars [sic] and i will pay ede [sic] hear [sic] for hit [sic] rite [sic] to me weth [sic] you git [sic] hit [sic] or not i [sic] am lookinn [sic] for ordes [sic] to leve [sic] hear [sic] evr [sic] minet [sic] so you must excuse my short letter we hav [sic] plenty to eat and heap of hard march to Dow Inda kiss littel [sic] Joe for me god bless hear [sic] littel [sic] sole [sic] i [sic] wist [sic] i [sic] cud [sic] git [sic] to see hear [sic] giv [sic] my best repeckes [sic] to John stokes and famley [sic] and al [sic] the connexion [sic] and frends [sic] giv [sic] my lov [sic] to Mrs [sic] skeles [sic] and geiney Inda giv [sic] my best love to Lara Hunt so noth [sic] mor [sic] at presen [sic] but remane [sic] you affection Husban [sic]

Joseph O Freeman

tel [sic] John stokes to take gud [sic] car [sic] of you and littel [sic] Joe

[sic]