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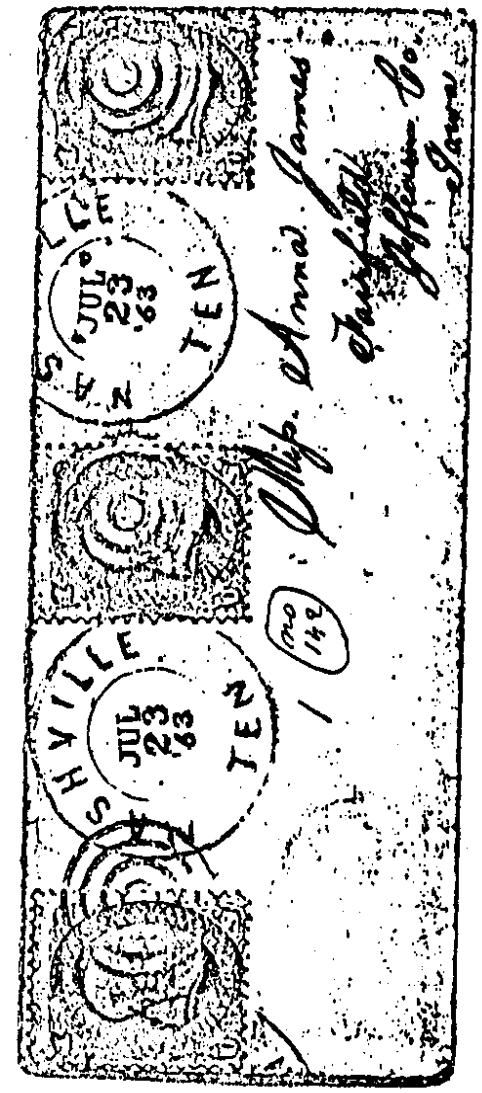
LETTER BY RUFUS P. DAVIS 15 FEB 1863
(BROTHER OF WILLIAM H. DAVIS)

Nashville Tenn. Feb. the 15th 1863

Dear Cousin:

It has been so long since I have heard from you that I have began to think that you did not get my last letter, and as I have nothing to do this afternoon I will write another. I am not very well today, have been in the Hospital 2 weeks today. I suppose that you have heard of the great fight at Stone's River near Murfreesboro, Tenn: which lasted 7 days. I was in the fight from beginning to the end. I would try to give some kind of a description of the scenery in such a fight but it ~~is~~ would take so long that I will not try it.



FRONT OF ENVELOPE
RUFUS DAVIS
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I. shall have to let you imagine for yourself what kind of a time we had, I was not hurt, I had my hat shot of off my head and a 3 or 4 holes shot through my Clothes. that was as close as I cared about, don't you think that so too. I don't know that I can think of much to write this time

I have not heard from Uncle Ebbin. death for a long time the last that I heard from home the folks was all well as usual.

my brother William has been very sick for a week but is getting better now he had the lung fever, I am taking care of him and think he will be up in a few days again he was not in the big fight,

I have not heard from Uncle Joseph's boys for a long time. I think that they may write to me once in three months don't you thinks so I should like to hear from them and hear how they are getting along

I do not know as you can read this for my pen is so bad that I can hardley write at all. we have not had much cold weather here in Tenn. this winter have not had a good sleighing snow yet it snows one day and melts of the next. the. Ice has not been more than ½ of an inch here this winter. no more at present please look over this bad letter and I will try and do better next time

please write soon and tell me all the news that you can think of. no more at present but remain as ever yours.

Yours

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