

But as i doo know i would give
dollars for a letter <??????????>
you money plenty to pay the postage
and if you hante you know
where it is an now i<?> father wright
git some of the nieh bors to rigt for
you wrigt wright wright <????>
An let mea know how you all are
giting along for i have looked
for letter it seames to mea
you have all for got mea try
to wright or make father wright
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i am camp near shelbyville yet
i had for got <????> whare <?>
Anna i want you an Susan to be
good girls an work an try to make
Corne an bee saveing of what
Corne you have got an <??ecr?>
<???> give <??> good <???>
know i ante there to talk with
you this is all my <????>
i want you to bea good to your
mother for if you was to loose
her you would loose all when
<when?> a child his mother it
has lost all <??????>
<half?> of the company has run
away but <??> they <can?> tel how
we are yoused tell the boys
<ther?> not to let the calery git
aholt of them
the news has just reached here
that the cavlery fighting at
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foresterville an the hole yankee
army is mooving up an you needent to
<??>way surprised <??????>
up for while an <??????> i hante
to think hit <??????????>
i must <??> for <??????>
rote one <??????>
father and mother <??????>
you yet <????> you a verry
<??> an hit <wont?> bea verry <??>
til i meete have the pleasuer of

seeing all your <faces?> in Sequatchey
one moore time in this wold
i must quit i hante <half?> r<??>
father remember <??????>
<?> nothing at presant
Nancy wright nothing moore
at presant onely remanes your
Dear husband until death
West Walker
To Nancy Walker

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fighting he ses in six months wee will
have peace he was a <deserter?> <ho?> joined the
federales an has bin fighting for them
he sed that the western states is all tore
up amonghst them selves an i suppose that
they have had a little fracus all reddy amon
ghst them selves well father i want you
to rite to mee an let mee <??> mee know
<??>ght<??> is giting along i am mooveing
every few days i have mooved twice since
<????????????????????> when you rite
Direct <you?> your leters <??> to the
dis mounted Cavilry under Care of
Capton Crenshaw an perhaps by the
time that it gits here it may bea <som?>
<??> but rite anyhow an when you
rite pay the postage of hit for i hante got
onely five dollars an i dont know when
i will draw any more it will oneley pay for one
quier of paper an one dollar <??> <paid?>
<fif?> cents what paper i rote the three <last?>
Leters on <????????????> that i have
<got?> i will send this evening <afor?>

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more i want you an nancy to rite every
week an let know how you ar a giting for
i want you to as often as i can if i Could here
every day it would be a great deal of satis
faction to mee for tomorrow makes five
months sense it <????????????????>
Seames a long <??> tell thomas king that i am
well and hopes that he is inJoying the same
<health?> tell him that i will rite to him as soon
this matter is settled if dont Come home
When i commenst this leter i thouht that i Cou
ld rite you a good letter but my mind got
tore up so that it is badly done read it an
make the best you can
So nothing more at preseant but remains your
husband until death

West Walker
To Nancy Walker

West Walker to Nancy Walker

Coffee County Tullahoma
June the 22 1863
State of tennessee

Dear wife and Children i take the
presant oppertunity riteing
you a few lines to let you know that <i am?>
well an hearty at this time an heve
ery than you ever saw <??> an doo
hope when these few lines comes
to hand they my find you all
in Joying the same blessing of
life i can in form you that i have
left the camp of destruction an has
gone in to Col hill ridgement capt Kell
company i mess <??> mose Lakins and (?>
Lakins too boys an melcom Johnson an
lias Shones i jist got a transfer last
Saterdag an tell the boys if another
has to go i want them to come an stay
with mee if it was agrable with them
for i am well pleased with the <way?>
<????> bea <develd?> out of mi <??>
know <??> till Joseph turner in <????>
bring to <????????>

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<??> to rite mee an i will <??>
hit <first?> <??> to him an send hit
in the Letter <?> if <??>
<????????> home <?>
<boys?> <?????> <let the line?> slip
this time <for?> i would <?????> hundrid
dollars <????> <than?> ten days <for?>
tomorrow will be six months sence i
left home an hit has bin the longest
Six months ever <past?> over my head
<since?> mi recollection i have bin in the
Camp of desstruction five weeks an
an i would ruther bee any place ever
in the <??> in the army as in them
for <?>ust the dis mounted men
for beaing away from thare com
mand hunting milk an <lying?> off
an not tending to there business

an had one of the meanest men
for a commander a part of the
time that could of bin <??>
<????> i never saw narry man
that like him if they did they

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never told hit you sed that
the bushwhacers had bin
shooting at smith and roberston tell
them if they want to shoot let
them come over i have shot at some of
there friends an i would like to
shoot at some of them or there
friends i dont care which <??>
no man but a <tory?> an a coward
will threat the old men wimin an chil
dren that doo hit an if they hadent
so many friends there they wouldent
Come in there <nothe?> an if tha dont
mind the have something to dooo
the <??> is very god at this time
for wee hante had nothing to doo but eat
here for five months an we would
like to git in there pull wooll with
the unionest the best kind that is our
Business <??> any rober an ther
freinds i dont like them an i dont
Care hoo nows hit a man that will
uphold them is worse than they are

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i receivd yor letter dated the
eighth of this month gave mee great
Satisfaction hear that you was all
will an had plenty to eat an father
was bringing on his crop i am <??>
for i cant bra<??> this <??>
tell thomas king howdy <????> an
Joseph <????> tell <fran??> howdy
till i want to see her as bad as she
does mee i want Joseph <minton?> to
rite an you an father as soon as you
git this leter this for you an father
bouth reed this an make the best sence
you can it is badly rote direct yours
to tullahomy polkes brigade <??> hilles
ridgement Capt Kell company so no more

at present but remains your husband
until death West Walker
 to Nancy Walker

West Walker to Nancy Walker

Hameton County
Camp Near turner station
July the 17 1863

Dear Wife and Children once moore
i Take my pen in hand to in forme
you that i am weell at this time
Hopeing when these few lines comes
To hand they may find you all en
Joying the same blesing of life
I have nothing of any im portanc
To rite at this time more than
Brag made us leave middle tennessee with
Out any fight an it was against evry
Solgrs will in the army they sed
They wanted to fight an were all
Mad at brag for runing they made
us dig diches day and nite until we
got them about done the first
thing we knew the orders was
to march an that was about ten
Oclock in the knight an then we
had to go about one mile back
to the old Camp after or nap
sacs an what of us went back
had to double quick it for five
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ther was gone an drove them
off without paying won red
cent <????????????????>
geor<????????????????>
five miles <????????????????>
we stop ar<????????????????>
to eat an we got aplenty for
the first time <????????> the
retreat then the next morning

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or own men <????????>
<???) i believe <????????>
this army <????????????>
men as <????????????????>

a battle of this <????????>
[next 7 lines illegible]
<feet?> <hurry?> in the dark at that
i would like to rite a heap moore
Something at presant but <???.>
remanes your husband until
deth Wesy Walker
 To nancy Walker
 george walker
 Anna walker

West Walker to Father, Mother, Brothers, and Sisters

Camp near tynurs station
Hamilton County tennessee
July the 19 1863

Dear father and mother brothers an
Sisters i this morning take the plasuer
riteing you a few lines to let y know
that i am well at this time an doo
Hope when theese lines Comes to
Hand they find you all en Joying
The same blesing of god i <received?>
your letter that you rote in <June?>
When i was <at?> <????????>
Again i hante received no answer
i would like for you to rite ery chance
you git you can send leters by the citi
zens to chata noo ga an let them male
Them thare direct polkes brigade
Hills ridgement Capt Kells com
Pany i dont exspect to stay here too or
thre weekes yet we have no idea
you know sometimes orders comes in
verry un exspect to us to cook ration
father if you have to Come on this
Side of the river i want you to

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Come an see me <????>

To let the yankeys git you if you can
Help it if you dont have to cross the river
rive i dont want you to come no<?> but
What i want to sea you very it seames
to mea like i have bin gone
Twelve months an it takes til the 28 of
this month to make 7 months i would
give fifty dollars <??> sea george
<???) if i could <????????????>
<more?> than them i doo hope the time
will come when i can Come home an
Con verse with you all face to face
<??> would one of the greatest <??>
<???) in this wold to mee it seames
To mee that i would give every thing
That i have in this world to git to
Come home an sea nancy an the
Children thoug if i can bea any help

In gaining in di pend dance <??> them
<??> will bettr for them an
you if i never see your faces again in
This world again i hop the old
Man a bove will smile uppon

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Mee But i hope he will have mer
Cy on mee an send mee home to the
Bosom of my family an friends once
more in this world the time lookes dark
At this time an our army is the worst <??>
Morileased i ever saw an army in my life
the men is amost i am not for given it
up as long as i am able to rase a gun
fire and load independance was what
i come out for an has stuck here for
<??> because they have gaind ground
own as i hante give up yit nor dont
intend to i came out a southen man i x
spect to dy one if i dy for hit here
or at home i intend <trust?> that day never
no neve will i come an lay out from
my own men but i would like to come
home an have on hundred men an
bush whac them raskeles that is
robing my old friends thare an if they
rob you or mee if i ever live to come
home i am as <??> for some of them
as god lets mee i live to come home i wont
i wont come out here an half starve an

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An take the rane like hogs an then <let?>
them rob my famly nor father mother
i must Come to a Close with the subject
father i want you to pay aaron smith
five dollars for mee he loand me five
i hante drew any sice <c f austin?> <??>
to you <??> Kept 15 dollars then an
<??> 2,50 cents of that

I must Come to A Close So nothing
more at presant <??> remanes your
affectionate sun till death

Show this to nancy West Walker
to george Walker

I had forgot tell garrit that i heard
of <talor?> he was well an hearty Jessy
hunter saw him an <told?> mee
Bout seeing him

West Walker to Nancy Walker

state of tennes
see hamilton county July the 31 1863

Dear wife and children i take the presant
oppertunity of riteing you a few lines to
let you know that i am well
at presant jopeing when theese few
Lines Comes to hand they may fine you
all en Joying the same blesing <???\>
<I am?\> <???\> in hamilton Coun
ty <?\> here i was <when? smith?\> <???\>
was over here phelps sed that you all
well <then?\> i have nothing of any impor
tence at this time onely thare is a little
talk of us <a be?\>ing mounted but <???\>
but i have mity little faith in the
talk but the Collonel ill ses if we donte
he will try to git <a detail?\> out of this ridge
ment to Come over in the valley to <gether?\>
up stock an if he does i think i will try
to git to bea one of them for i want to
Come to <sea?\> you all any how i have tride
to get a fur low but the captain <???\>
was a frade that i wouldent come back
but he nedent to a bin for i dont intend
to bea caaled a disserter i dont <???\>
for sence them bush whacers has
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took fathers horses i have felt
more like fighting than <ever did?\>
in my life i would like to show that old
s<???\> gutted bich how to ride ten
miles out on the mountain an pilot
them to the vally to stel horses an rob
houses an steell bacon ofen her neigh
bors that shows what hers hoo is for tha
re home now tell the old lady to make
good youse of her time for she <???\>st
know how qick the scale may turne
over an the<n?\> her happiness over <???\>
an now <????????????????????????????????\>
<?????\> she can<?????\>she<????????\>
<???\> to serve him i dont <think?\> <she?\>
i dont think she will git to <serve?\>

him much longer <that?> way tell father
take old <??> an <??> her as long <??>
is there she had as well bea taken
from him as to bea taken from <??>
an i want him youse her an <bea?>
alkeing tell george an frank an
garret an John <??> <??> if <they?> <intend?>
to goin the servis an cant <??>
the cavilry i want <them to??>
this ridge ment an now <??>

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have to <??????> an that is a bad
<??> dooing <??> dont <??>
<??????????> an now is the time for
action they have found out that they
cant protect thare homes nor property
an the <onely??> to come out an fight
like men that is the onely <way?> to
save our <selves?> i will <??> <wi?>shing
you all well this is badly rote so nothing
at preseant bu remanes your husband
until death West Walker
 To nancy Walker
 an the children