

**Corpus of American Civil War Letters
KY2-01, C. C. Carter**

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Chillon Conway Carter (1830-1891) was from Monroe County, Kentucky and served as a private in Co. K, 9th Kentucky Infantry (Union). He married Lucinda E. Murphy (referred to by the nickname "Bunch" in the letters), and they had two daughters, Nancy and Louisa Adella (called "Deller" in the letters). C. C. Carter was injured at the Battle of Chickamauga and had a leg amputated. Most of Carter's letters were written for him by relatives in his company.

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Chillon C. Carter to Lucinda E. Carter

December the 5th 1861

Dear Wife and Children and friends and connection
it is throu the kind mercies of God that I am blest
with the present opportunity of dropping you a few
lines to let you know that I am well and hoping
that these few lines may find you well and doing
well Bunch do the best you can and do not grieve
about me that is no doubt but what you want
to see me but it is un-
satisfactory how bad I want
to see you and the children I never expect to forget
the tears that run over my face the last night we
stood to gather I have tried to pray for you I want
you to pray for me I believe that I will be
blest with the opportunity of meeting you again in
this world I want you to hug and kiss Nancy
and Deller for me tell them that papa
is still alive Bunch I want you to come and see
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me as soon as you can now if any of you gets sick
I want you to see a doctor and get him to right a
certificate to Cornel Grider I will come home and [Col. Benjamin C. Grider, 9th KY Inf.]
if I get sick I want you to come and see me Bunch
this is the third letter I have sent to you and
I have never received any answer Send word
ever chance you have how you are getting along Dear Uncle
and Aunt you have been a good father and mother
to me and I want you both to pray for me now I send
you all my best respects Uncle Jack you would

be welcom hear during the war but I want you to
tell all my friends that is able to fight for ther contry
that wont volenteer that regards my fealins to never
come hear tell the young ladies that is any thang to me
to never marry unless they get a soldier so I must
Close sayin do the best you can and pray for us all
C. C. Carter to L. E. Carter and Children

Chillon C. Carter to Lucinda E. Carter

Columba Ky Dec 30th 1861

Dear companion it is with the greats
Pleasure that I have the pleasure of
Riting to you I am well at preasant
Hoping thes few lines may find you and the children
Injoying the same blessing from god
I wat to se you all I would bee
Glad to se you and to be at home
With you but I feel like <I?> am serving
you and my god and my country here
Bunch I want to se you wors
Than everybody els you know that you
Are the one ganed my hearts best love
If you ever come to me while I am as
Far off as I am dont try to fetch the
Children hug Nancy and delar for
me tell them to be good childrn
nevr let expenses hender you from coming
To se me I was born Feb 11th 1830 I
Want you to pray for me I have trid to
pray for you
Dear Unkle and famley I send you
my best love and respets I dont know
what to say to you yet about renting
my plase Miles be a good boy
[page 2]
And feed my mar tell I come home
Tell Sary and will I hant forgt them
Remaines your friend untell death

C. C. Carter to L. E. Carter
I Will Send <4?> <??> cotton
By H. Walbrt

Chillon C. Carter to Lucinda E. Carter
[written in a different hand]

Campboyl Columbia Jan 7th 1863

Dear Wife

I embrace the

The present opportunity
and borrow a few of the
fast fleeing Moments in
order to write to write

you a few lines to inform you
that I am well at this present
moment hoping when these few
lines comes to hand they May find
you Enjoying the same like blessing
I heard from you by the Mouth of
Stephen Sparks which give me much
satisfaction to hear from and to
hear that you was well I would be
very glad to hear from and the
Children every Day if I could but
I would be still Glader to see you
I have bin sick <since?> I come back
and I would have bin Glad to have
seen you while I was sick I was
sick about too Weeks and part
of the time I was very bad off though
I am now about Well I think
How I want you If you or any of
Children Git sick I want you
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to be sur and send me word the
first chance you can and I will
try to come hom We are still here
and I dont Know When wee will
leave here nor where we will go
though I think when we do move
we will Move down that way
Now I would be glad you would come
up here befor we move for fear we
Should get further off I want you
to be sure to come When you get
Ready to start if you nag is not
shod come on and I will Get her shod
up hear (it has has been reported that

the small Pox is here but it is not
so it is a sad Mistake)
Now I want you to kiss Nancy & Deller
for me and tell them to be good
Children till Pap gets home I need
som Tobacco Tell Uncle Jacks
Folks I send My Best respects to them
Now I Desire in Instrust in all
your Prayers I must now close I
Remain you affectionate Husband
untill Death shal Part us
To L A Carter
C, C, Carter

Chillon C. Carter to Lucinda E. Carter

the 6th 186[2]

Laurence County Mississppy May
Dear wife and children I take this
opportunity of writeing you a few lines
to inform you that I am in tolerable
good health at this time and I hope that
when these lines come to hand that they may
find you all well and doing well
Bunch I am sorry to hear that you are
Sick though I hope that you will soon
get well be shore to not trouble your
self about me I want you to do the
best you can and put your trust in god
and I want you to continue to pray
for me for I intend to try to pray
for you

Bunch hits a painful thing to my poor
heart to be away from you and the
children but I intend to contend
for yourn and my childrens Rights
as long as I can raise my hand
for I feell that hit is my bounden
duty a debt that I owe to you and the children
Bunch pray that I may have strong faith
in God and put my hold trust in
him

I have got some money I wish you
had but hit takes a good deal to do me here
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Crackers I cannot eat I have to buy
my bread and hit cost a heep

Nancy and Deller your papy is still
alive and wants to see you and your mother
worse than he ever did bee good children
and mind your mother for them is the
sort that the good man loves Pap still
hopes to get home and live with you
and your mother again

Dear Father and Mother I will drop
a few lines to you I am sorry to
hear of the Sickness that is in your
family but these things wee all have to
bear but let us all be shore to be

prepared for the Solemn hour of death
So when wee fall well fall to rise again
and strike hands on the bright frontiers
of glory there I expect to get shet of
my troubles I want you all to pray that
I may live to get home again for
I have got a heep to tell you all
Uncle Jack I used to tell you that I
did not beleive that there was a true
Soldiers liveng now as did in Washingtons
day but I tell you now there is as
true soldier live ing nou as ever
marked the green earth I will tell
you hou you can tell them they are men
that dont boast on their fighting

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nor wish their enemies in hell for I
have seen them tried I would write
a heep to you if I could write myself
I never intend that you Shell loose
a thing by me or my family if I live
to get home and if never see you on
earth again I hope the goverment
which I will help to restore will be
worth more to all our children than I
would be though my hearts desire and
prair to Almighty God is that I may
live to see the day when we Shall have peace
in America again and will get home
to See you all again

Milles my dear brother I want you to
be a good boy and remember me I still
remember how your little hand felt
when I told you fare well that morning
I left you tell Wm Brown and Sarah
I have not forgot them Sarah I humbly
claim an intrust in your prairs
James and Henderson got to us Safe
last Saturday eavening and I cannot
tel you how glad I was to see them
again and to hear from you all again
I must close my letter by Saying
be sure to write to me the first chance
So I remain your affectionate friend
and husband till death from CC Carter to Le Carter

Chillon C. Carter to Lucinda E. Carter

Camp in the <fie?>ld May the 9 1862

My wife and children I again drop you a few lines to let you know that I am in tolerable good health at this time hoping when this comes to hand that it may find you all well and doing well I have nothing of importance to write to you at present we are about 4 miles from Carrinth and I dont know whether we will have a fight there or not but we have got a plenty of men and guns Bunch I have sent you 5 dollars by John Ray and I will send you more as soon as I can I have bought me a vest with a steel breast plate in it I thought it might be a means in the hands of God of saving my life it only cost me \$5,50 Bunch I want you to do the verry best you can and put your trust in God and pray that I may do the same I am as much determed to try to serve my God as ever I was I want to see you and the children worse than ever I did Nancy & Dellar your Pappy is yet alive and he hopes to live to live to get home to live with you all again

Dear Uncle & family I will drop a few lines to you I want you to do [page 2] the best you can and pray for me and pray for peace it does me good to think that I have friends behind that is praying for me I hardly know how to write to you all since I have heard that you were sick I write you a letter almost every week and I never get no answers Bunch I want you all to be sure to write to me I would write more but Ray is going to start home right now I must close my letter by saying I remain your husband untill death

C C Carter

To L E Carter an children

Chillon C. Carter to Lucinda E. Carter

[at top of page printed illustration with verse "The Soldier's Dream"]

May the 23 . 1862

Tishamingo County Mississippi
Dear companion & Children I
once more Seat my Self to write
you a few lines to let you know
that I am well at preent
hopeing when thes few lines
Comes to hand they will find
you all Enjoying the Same
blessing Bunch I hardly
know how to write to you I
never have Reced a letter by
male from you yet I am
uneasy about you I heard you
was Sick

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& I havent herd whether
you have got well or not
but I hope these few lines will
find you well Bunch I want
you to do the Best you can &
put your trust in god &
pray for me that I may do the
Same & I will try to pray
for you for I intend to try to
Pray as long as I live I Sent
you five dollars by John Ray
& kept plenty to do me
when I draw again I will Send
you more if I can get a chance
Bunch I want you to hug &
Kiss Nancy and deller for me tell
them their Pappa is yet alive
I want to See you all worse than
I ever did I hope it wont
be long tell I will get home

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I want you to Show my
likeness to Deller often
tell her not to forget her
Pap Bunch I dont want you

to get out of heart for the
Rebels has Shot at us often
& God has Stilled preserved
me & if we will all Pray &
put our trust in god I
believe he will still preserve
me I will Send aletter
by Doctor Stone & I am in
hopes that you will get one
or the other of them I want
you to be Shore to write
often to me Dear unkle &
family I drop afew lines to
you I want you all to do
the best you can I hope it
wont be long till this war
will end & I will get home
[page 4]

I want you all to be Shore
& pray for me that I may
be enabled to put my hole
trust in god & pray for
peace I hope you have all got
well I would write a heap
to you if I could write
my Self tell Bill Brown &
Sarah I have not forgot them
tell Sarah I want her to
Pray for me when I have to
face muskets & cannon
I desire & interest in the
prays of all of gods people
Millan be a good Boy & Remember
me for I have not forgotten you
nothing more at presant
but Remains your affectionate
husband C C Carter to
L E Carter Childen & friends

Chillon C. Carter to Lucinda E. Carter

June the 3 . 1862

Tishamingo Co

Mississippi

Dear Compaion

& Children I Once more
Seat my Self for the
purpose of writing you
a few lines to let you know
that I am well at present
hopeing when these few
lines comes to hand they
will find you all engoying
the same blesing Bunch
I want you to do the best
you can & put your trust
in god & pray for me
that I may do the Same
for I in tend to pray for

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you all as long as I
live I was sory to hear
that Elmiry was dead [Elmyra]
but we all have to die
dont let trouble pester
nor over come your mind
when you meet with
troubles & trials on your
way cast all your cares
on Jesus & dont forget
to pray the Rebels have
all left Corinth & I dont
know where they have
gon too I hope it wont
be long till peace will
be made & I will get
home

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Bunch I want to see you
& the Children So bad that
I cant express how bad I
want to see you hug &
kiss Nancy & Deller for

me tell them their Pappa
is yet alive tell them
to be good Children till I
get home I have nothing of
importance to write at
present I Reed your letter
which Stated you was all
mending which of Course
I was glad to here I
want you to be Shore
to write to me often

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Dear unkle & family
I write afew lines to you
to let you know that I
havent for gotten you I
was Sory to hear that
Dora was dead but these
things we all have to
bare but I hope & trust
She is to day in bright
mansions above where
wars & troubles nor the
Sounds of cannons &
muskets cant harm nor
molest their peace poore
mone<?> adieu I am Sorry
for you my heart is full
of trouble what Shall I do
no more

Chillon C. Carter to Lucinda E. Carter

[letter written in a different hand]

Camp near Corinth Tishamingo
County Mississippi June the 6th [1862]

My Dear compan

ion it is through the mercies
of a just and holy god that I
am permitted to drop you a
few lines to let you know
that I am well at present
hoping when this comes to
hand it may find you well
and doing well the rest of
the neighbors boys are well
except Clint Good he was [probably Pvt. Henry C. Goad, Co. K, 9th KY Inf.]
left behind sick I heard
from him the other day he
was not dangerous I have
nothing of importance to
write to you at present it
is thought that we will be
ordered to Virginia in a
[page 2]
a few days and I had rather
go there than to go further
south we have a plenty to
eat here as we ever did
and the water here is as good
as I expected and better the
health of the Reg is as good
as it ever was bunch I want
you to pray and put your
trust in God and pray that
I may be enabled to do the
same I want to see you and
the children mighty bad tell
Nancy & Dellar to be good
children and mind their
mother I want you to write
to me as often as you can for
I am always glad to hear from
you all write every week
Tell Uncle Jack and Family

that I havent forgot them
and will try to pray for them

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tell them to put their trust
in God for whom God loveth
he chaseneth for every thing
works together for them that
loves and fears God tell them
all to do the best they can
for I hope I will get home
Some time pray for us all
and pray for peace I must
close my letter so nothing
more at present but remains
your affectionate husband
till death

C C Carter To

L E Carter

Chillon C. Carter to Lucinda E. Carter

June the 16th 1862

Alabamana Franklin
County Dear Companion &
Children I once more take the
oportunity of writing you afew
lines to let you know that I am
well at presant hopeing when
these few lines comes to hand
they will find you all engoying
the Same blessing for which
we Should all than god
Bunch I want you to Still trust
god & do the best you can & pay
for me that I may do the same
I want you to be Sure to not
be uneasy nor trouble your Self
about me for I Still hope
I will get home again I have
got Some money I wish you had
but I am afraid to wresk sending
it in a letter though the first
Safe Chance I have I intend to Send
it

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we ar now on <our?> march to
East tennessee Noxville &
if we pass close Enough I
will Come home if I can &
if I cant get to come home
if we pass close enough be Shure
to come to see me tell Nancy &
Deller their Pap is yet alive &
wants to see you all mighty bad
Clint good Parker Harlin &
Kinchen Dossy is all left
Sick Somewhere I dont no
where though they were not
dangerous Bunch I see a heap
of trouble Studying about you
& the Children but I hope the
time wont be long tell I
will get to come home
I have nothing more of

[Pvt. Parker W. Harlin, Co. K, 9th KY Inf.]

[Cpl. Kinchen D. Dossey, Co. K, 9th KY Inf.]

importance to write you
Bunch I Reed you letter June the
13th which give me grate

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Satisfaction to hear from you
once more to hear that you &
the Children was well write
to me as often as you can
Dear uncle & family I will drop
you a few lines to you know that
I haven't for got you I was
glad to hear you that was sick
was getting well though I was
Sorry to hear that Elmyra was dead
I don't want you all to trouble
about her condition for
I believe she tried as hard
to get Religion as ever any
body did Can des<?> here asiner
pray yet Suffer him to die
know he is full of grace he never
will permit a sole that fane
would See his face to perish
at his feet I want you all
to do the best you can I hope
it won't be long till I will

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get to Come home & See you
all I want you all to be
Shure to pray for me that
I may be enabled to put my
hole trust & confidence in god
I have as Strong adesire to Serve
my God as I ever had I haven't
time to write any more
I must close my letter
by Saying write to me
as often as you can tell all
my connections & friends I would
write to them if I could write
my self no more at present
but Remains your affectionate
husband untill death

C C Carter
to L E Carter Children
& friends

Chillon C. Carter to Lucinda E. Carter
[letter written in the hand of D. H. Simmons]

Allabam franklin Co. June 22nd 1862

Dear and well beloved wife and
children threw the kind murces of
god I am yet Spared too Seate my Self
this Sabbath morning too rite you A
few more lines too let you Know how
I am I am well at presant hoping
that thees few lines will find you
all well and A doing well I have
nothing of any great importance too
rite too you at this time I will in
form you that wee are Stopt
heare on Tennessee river wee havent
crossed the river yet tho wee exspect
too cross the river too day are too Marrow
wee will Bee there in one mile of
flarance A town But wher wee will
gow I cant say Some thinks that wee will
gow too ky Some too east tennessee
i think wee will come nearer home
Any how now I want us too be ingaged
and pray for each other and our children
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that wee may all bee spared too meet A
gain in the world But if it isent
the lords will too Spare our lives too
Meet in this world I hope wee will
meet in haven wher wee will part
no more for ever tho I hope I will bee
at home Shourtly or nearer enuff too
get too See one and other Bunch I have
Some money that that I in tend too
Send too you the first Safe chance
that I have and I want you too get
Any thaing that you are the children
needs if Any boddy ther that I owe ask
you for any money tell them too
wait untill I get done Fighting
for my contry then iwill pay them
Bunch I want too See you and
the children Myty Bad and tell

them that ther pap is yet A live
I have no post Stamps and cant get them
and thay wont let us pay heare and
you will have too pay there

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wee have whiped the rebbels heare
and thay are gone and wee dont
know wher thay are now I will rite
A few lines too unkel Jack and
family Deare father and mother
I am in hopes that thees few
lines will find you all well and
A doing well I want you all too
doo the Best you can I hope it
wont bee long untill this rebellion
will bee put down and I will
get home Again I want you all
too pray for mee and pray for
piece for I feal as much like
trying too Serve my god as ever I
did I doo in tend too try and
pray for you all as long as I live
it dos mee good too think that
I have friends there that has
and will continiu too
too pray for mee the Bouys is
all well

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kinch dossey and parker harlin
wee left Bee hind Sick tho I heard
from them yesterday thay are ABout
well and will bee up in a few
days I cant tell you Any thaing
A Bout clint goard he was left
Bee hind Sick and wher he is
now I cant Say I want you too
Bee Shure and rite too mee as
Soon as you get this letter
and give my best respects
too all my friends now I will
close my letter at presant
So no more But remains your
affectionate Hus Band and Son
untill death C. C. Carter
Deare Brother and Sister and
family I am well at presant

I wish too Bee rememberd too
you all and in your pares
and tell my famely that I
am well at presant

D. H. Simmons [Cpl. Doctor H. Simmons, Co. K, 9th KY Inf.]

Chillon C. Carter to Lucinda E. Carter

July the 4th 1862

State of Alabamma Limestone County

Dear Companion I once more tak the opportunity of writing you afew lines to inform you that I am well at presant hoping when these fiew lines comes to hand they will find you all enyoying the Same blesing for which we all aught to thank almighty god Bunch I want you to do the best you can & put your trust in god & pray for me that I may do the Same Bunch if it wasent for you & the Children I wolddent desire to live here any longer I field to day that when I leave this world that I will go where ther will be peace for ever ther I expect to meet my Christian friends where parting will be no more for ever though I hope to live to get home again & help you to rase our dear Children Bunch hugh & kiss Nancy and Deller for for me tell them their Pap is yet alive & wants to see you & them mighty bad there is never aday pases but what I try to pray for you all Bunch be Sure to do the Same for me we are Stationed in 5 miles of Athens on the Huntsville Road I dont know how long we will stay here I Still write you a letter evry week I dont get aletter from you once amonth it looks like you are all are for geting me Though I never intend to for get any of you I have Seen & experienced more than I ever expect to live to tell the Boys are all Jenerally well & I expect I am fleshery now than I ever was in my life Bunch I dont mind the Sufering I have to go thru with here in body nor the thoughts of going in to Battle half like I do being away from you & the Children paper is hard to get here & I cant get any Stamps & they wont let me pay the postage here & you will have to pay it there turn over & see

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I have got some money I wish you had & the first Safe Chance I have I intend to Send it though I am afraid to reskit in aletter I dont know what to write to you like I would if I could get letters to here from you Bunch be Shure to write to me for you dont know how glad I am to hear from you I hope it wont be long till I will get

home & we will enjoy each others company as we
have in days past & gon I have a heap of things I could
write about if I could write my Self a few lines
to unkle Jack & family unkle Jack & Aunt
Nancy I often think of your troubles & am Sorry
for you it does Seem to me like that I have
Seen my Shere of trouble So fere & I can only
Say to you as I did to Bunch to put your hole
trust & Confidence in god & pray for me that
I may do the Same Ann Melvena & Mary I umbly
Claim an intrest in your Prars I want you all
to pray that this awful Rebellion may be put down
& that we may have peace in America once more
& that I may live to get home though I want
you to pray that I may be willing for gods will
to be done with me I cant give you any account
of Clint good Park Harlin nor Kinch Dossy
they were left be hind Sick I want us all to
live umble I want you all to help me
I close my letter by telling you to write to me
ever chance you get no more at presant
but Remains your affectionate Husband
untill death

C C Carter

To Wife Children & Friends

Chillon C. Carter to Lucinda E. Carter

July 20th 1862

Marren County

East Tennessee

Near Stavenson in Alabamma

Dear Wife threw the Mersey of our Cind
Savier I am permitted to droup you a
few lines to in form you that I am
Still in the land of the living yet and
I am Well and hartly at this time and
doing the Best I Can for My Self and
for you and the Children for I do pray
to God that I May live to see the end
of this ware and get to see you and My
Deare little Children again in this World
Bunch I want you to do the best you
Can and Still put your trust in God and
pray for me that I May be able to do
the Same for you I have nothing much of
importance to rite at this time we are Station
on the North side of tennessee River and the
rebbles is on the South side of the River thay
are in site of us we are close a nuf to
talk to eacher and some of our soalgers
has ben talking to them and som
times they swim a cross the River to eacher<?>
and Come back safted

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and I say if this ware was left to the
solgers it would be stoped vary shortly
I hope to live to get home again and I hope
the time wont be vary long when I will get
to Come home Bunch I want you to hug
and kiss Nancy and Deler for me and for
them to be good Children untill I get home
and tell them I am still a live I want you
to get enny thing you and the Children
neades I have got the Monney to pay for
it and I will send it to you the first Safted
Chance I meat with uncle Sy Murphys
oes me 20 dollars tell him to give you
his note for it I receved a letter from you
a bout 2 weekes a go witch gave me grate
Satasfaction to heare you all was well I ancered

it the Same say I got it and I have ben
riting to you evry weke and Start them but
I dont no wether you get all of them or not and
I Still intend to continue to send them as long
as I Stay in this Army and I want you
to rite to Me as offen as you can Bunch
I hope to live to See the day when we can
talk to eacher and injoy each uthers Company
then I wont hafter Set down with a

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poore painful hart to rite to you and
the Children My felings and love I have
for you Now a few lines to uncle Jack
Merphey and famuly I am well and
fleshery than I evry was in My life be
four I want you all to do the Best you
Can and be sure to pray for me I want us
all to try to pprare in this world for
eturnety when I leve this world I hope to
go whare the weced Seas from trubling me
the wary be at rest give My Best
respecks to all my frends So nothing
More at present May God Bless
you all is my prare for Gods Sacke so
now remaining your love and cind husband
untill Death

To Mrs L E Carter
From C. C. Carter

Chillon C. Carter to Lucinda E. Carter
D. H. Simmons to his brother and sister
[entire letter in the hand of D. H. Simmons]

State of Tennessee Marion county Camp
Battle Creek July 27th 1862

Deare and well Beloved wife and
little children Threw the kind Murces of
god I am purmitted this Sabbath eavening too
rite you A few more lines to let you know
how I am I am well at this time and I hope
that thees few lines will find you all
well and Adooing well Deare family are you
are Any of My relatioun thinking of mee
while I riting too you I wold Bee glad too
Bee with you all this eavening if I cold i tell
you more in one hour than I can rite this
eavening tho tho as wee cant See one another
thank god for this priviledge of riting too
eatch other By letter now Bunch I want you
too Still trust in the Blesed Savier and pray
for me and doo the Best you can I doo

hope and pray that it wont Bee long untill
wee will meet A gain and the wors will
cease and we can live in piece A gain
for it is A painfull thaing too mee or my pore

heart too Bee A way from you and My Deare
little children tho I dont want Stand in Judge ment
Bee fore My god and ther See My friends
[page 2]
that have fell in the Battle field

un pre pared too meet ther god and
have the condemnatioun resting on mee
that I had refused or woldent fight four
our country I have nothing of importance or
new too rite too you at presant Bunch
unkle Si owes mee 20 dollars I want you
too tell him too pay it too you or give you
his note now I can tell you the last letter
that I recieved from you was dated the 15th of June
I doo want you too rite too mee as often as you

can Dear Farther and mother Brothers and
Sisters I will rite you A few lines too let you
know that I have not for gotten you hoping
that when thees few lines comes too hand that
thay will find you all well and A doing
well I want you all too pray for mee that
I may bee enabled too put my hole trust and
confidence in god and that I may Still
Bee Spared threw all the triels and difficultees
that I may meet with and that I may reach home
A gain A few lines lines to Bill and Sary
Deare Brother and Sister I have not for
gotten you tho it Seames like you have
mee Sary I haint re cieved naer letter from
you Sense your unkle D. H. Simmons come
Back from nasvill too us neare columen tennessee
[page 3]

Sary I doo want you too pray for us all
that wee all may bee pre pared when wee
leave this world too meet in haven wher parting
will Bee no more wher the wicked cease from tobling
and the wearry Will Bee at rest If I never See
See you all no more in this world I hope too
too Strike hands with you all on the
Sunshiny Banks of everry lasting deliverry
Bunch I have Some money that I am A Saveing
too Send too you when I get A chance too
Send it Rite too Mee everry chance you
you have and giv My Best respects too
all my friends and re latioun the Bouys
are all well the health of our ridge ment
is verry good at presant So no more at presant
But remains your affectioun HusBand & pap un
till death C. C. Carter to l. E Carter

Deare Brothers and Sister I will rite you
A few lines too let you all know that I am well
at presant and I hope that you may recieved
thees few lines and that you all may Bee
in good health I wish too Bee rememberd
By you all and in A Speshel manner I want
you all too pray for mee that I may Bee prepared
and So live in this world that when I have
[page 4]
to leave this world that I may Bee

pre pard too Meet you all in haven
wher wee wont have to rite too one another
But wher wee will all live too geather
for ever pray for my family and remember
My Deare little Babes for of times doo I
think of them and my heart is keep tender
I doo hope tho and pray that It wont Bee
long un till wee will reach home A gain
wher wee can Bee with our friends tell
My family that I am well if you have
the chance rite too us as often as you
can you dont know how glad wee are
too get A letter from ther if it aint too
us wee are glad th<?> wee had ritten it was
too us So I will close I wish to Bee
Rememberd by all my relatioun and friends
So excuse mee my pen is Bad So no more

But remains D. H. Simmons

Chillon C. Carter to Lucinda E. Carter and John Murphy and family
Nacy H. Simmons to John Murphy and family
[entire letter in the hand of Nacy H. Simmons]

Camp Battle Creek Marion County Tenn Aug the 9th 1862

Dear and affectionet Companion & childrn

it is threw the merces of a kind providence that
I am pleased with the oppportunity of writing
you a few lines to let you know that I am well
as I ever was hoping that thes few lines may find
you all well and doing well I have nothing Strange
to Communicate to you at this time more than the
health of the regiment is as good as it ever was
I can inform you that I received a letter yesterday
from you baring date the 1st of this instant
which aforded me great satisfaction to hear from
you <????? that you <??> all well Bunch
I want you to still put your trust in god and do
the best you Can and pray for me that I may
be enabled to do the same I try to pray for you and
the Childran ever day of my life and I want you
tp be sure to do the Same for fore me Bunch
I want to see you and the childran so bad that I
cant express my desires and my heart has been
kept tender by the thoughts thes memory stood
and my prare to god at this time is that a midst
all the dangers that we may have to under go
while seprated that we may be permitted to
See each others faces on earth again though we
should try to be reconsiled to the will of god at all times
[page 2]

I hope the time wont be long till I will git to come
home and then I can tell you more in one day
than I could write in a month Bunch I am
Proud to day to think that I did not sherk out of
fighting for my contry that I did not disgrace
you nor my little children by Sticking my
hand in there hat the union Boys here will think
as well of men that is drafted in the servace as
they will of men that volentieres now after the
draft has compelled them to come they are only
volenteers for Self benefit they will be helt in
the estimasion of the people as the last clas of
drafted stock I have some money that I am saving
to send to you the firs chance I have Nancy & Deller

my dear little children your pap often thinks of
you and when I think a bout the way you
ust to run after me when I went to feede
and the way you ust to talk to me and the
to think how fur I am from you it seames
to me that it is more than my poor heart
can bear be good childran and mind your
mother till pap comes home Bunch hug and
kiss Nancy and Deller for me now Bunch I
want you to write to me as often as you can
I Still entend to write to you once a week when
I can Bunch I Stil live in hopes of living
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to see the day when this ware will end
and I will get to come home and in the place of
setting down with a heavy heart to write you
and my dear little children that I can be thear and
talk to another Bunch I dont want you to
be uneasy a bout me althoug I am hear with
all sort of people I have no desire to pertake any of there of ther
wicked acts I have as strong a desire to serve my god
as I ever did though I must bring my letter to
a close by saying give my respects to all inquiring
friends so nomore at this time so rite often and
let me hear from you all So I remain your afecion
hosband untill death C. C. Carter to L E Carter and Childan
A few lines to Uncle Jack and famly Dear father
and mother I have not for got you nor none of
famly I am well and flesher than you ever saw
me I recan and hoping when this comes to hand it may
find you enjoying the same like blessing Uncle Jack
and Aunt Nancy I blieve that you feal as near
me as any boddys parent can to them I want
you all to pray for me that I may have good
luck and git home a gain fore I do desire to git
home a gain for I do desire to git home and enjoy
your companey a have all earthly blessings Uncel
Jack I have heard that old man groomes is dead
and Uncl Josiar ows me tuenty dollars and
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[written in top margin: "and make Thomas pay the in trust on it
which was 10 per cent that he was to pay"]

Thomas ows me thirty five dollars tell them
that they must pay to pay the dept
that I ow to old man Groomes that det and the

one that I ow old man Campbell I want you to
be sure to make any property pay both of them I dont want you
to think that I would if I could let you pay
them do with my place the way you think
best and I am sure to be Satisfyed for it is uncertan
when I will git back home I want you to write
to me whether you get this letter or not Millar
My Dear Brother I can still say to you be a good
boy till I come home and remember me for I have
not forgotten you Sure tell Bill that he must eat
a heap or I will be your fattest Brothernlaw
sure for I weigh 165 with my pants and shirt on
give Sarah & Bill my best respects So I will close
I remain your affectionet Son untill death
C.C. Carter To John Murphey and Famly
Uncle Jack I would be glad to see you all
if it was So I could I and James is as well as [Sgt. James M. Simmons, Co. K]
you ever say us Dan is well I want you [Pvt. Daniel S. Simmon, Co. K]
all to rite to me as often as you can
I wish I was thare to eat peachs and aples
pies and other good thangs So I will clos for want
of room write to me N. H Simmons To [Cpl. Nacy H. Simmon, Co. K]
John Murphey and Famly Fare well
till we meet

Chillon C. Carter to Lucinda E. Carter

Sept 2nd 1862

Nashville Tennessee

Dear Companion I embrace this
opportunity to inform you that
I am in Common health at this
time I think My health is
improving some though I am
Still taken medicine from the
Doctor yet I do sincerely hope
this letter will come to hand and
find you all well and doing well
I am now in Nashville Tennessee
Staying at the City Barracks of
this place Bunch I want you
to write to me as soon as you
get this letter and direct your letters
to City Barracks Nashville Tennessee
Bunch I don't want you to be
uneasy about me what ails
me is my old complaint

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in my Back and hips and
side I can't write much now
at this time I send my Best
respects to you all and I want
you all to pray for me and I
will try to pray for you all
I heard my Regiment would be
at Muffelsbunrow tomorrow but
I don't know how true it is Nancy
and Deller May God Bless you
Both I want to see you very much
I haven't heard from you in a
month and if any of you want
to see me you will find me here
at this place and I want you all
to write to me as soon as you get
this letter and direct your letters
to this place as I before named
and I will write you a full letter
when I get time I have not
time now at present so I must
Close By saying to you

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May God Bless you and
My little Children I Still
remain you Cind and loving
husband untill Deth parts
us from this Earth

C C Carter

To L. E. Carter

Bunch I sent you Twenty dollars
by Capt Dickerson I want you
to rite to me wether you have
receved it or not I havent draud
monny since June the 1st

Chillon C. Carter to Lucinda E. Carter

Sept the 14th [1862]

Dear wife and children

I drop you a few
lines to let you know
how I am a getting a
long I am still mendi
ng as fast as I can the
doctor says he thinks
I am well a nough to
come home I do hope
this will find <????>
and all the rest of you
well I reci<??> a letter
from you last week dated
the first of this month
I recieved one this week
dated the 9th of this month
I was glad to hear you was
all well I was sory to
hear that Nancy was
unwell they paid me

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32.00 dollars this
morning I am going to
stay here til the first
of October and try to
get my discriptive list
our company Books is
at bridgeport and I am
a frade they cant Send
it to me they will let
me know in a few
days whether they can
send it with out the
b<??>ks or not I would
rather have my dis crip
tive list and have all my
business wound up before
I come home though if
I dont git it if nothing
happens I am coming home
the first of october and
how I would be glad to
see you and the children

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Pray for me that
I may have good luck and
get home safe Nancy and
Deller Papa want to see
them and I think I will
be at home in the corse of
a month

I have nothing
more of importance
<?> H Simmons is
Still with me and is
getting well I haint
time to write any more
now I send my respects
and best wishes to you
all I remain your
affectionate husband untill
death

C. C. Carter
to L. E. Carter
Write as often as you all
can for I love to hear from you

Chillon C. Carter to Lucinda E. Carter

Nashville Tenn
Sept the 26 1862
Dear wife and little
Children I once more
take the oppertunity
of Riting to you to let
you no that I am
Well as comon at
this time and I
hope this will find
you all well and
doing well my hip
hant got So I can
march yet I dont
think I ever will
Bee able to do duty
any more Bunch
i dont want you
to Bee uneasy about
me for you have
Seen me a heap wor<?>
[page 2]
off than I am now
Bunch I want you
to do the Best you can
and put your
trust in god and
pray for me that
I may Be able to
do the Same and
I will try to pray
for you as long
as I live I wood
Bee able to work
if I was at home
But I never can
march with the
Redgment any
mor as I have
don the Boys in
the Regment ows
me Some money
and I wish I
had it for I hant

[page 3]

got a Sent
though I meet
with good frends
here Bunch you
dont no how
Bad I want to See
you all nancy
and deller your pap
is yet alive and
I Beleave I will
live to Se you all
again the Boys is
now Redy to Start
and I must Be
Short I dont no
how long I will
Stay here I wood
Bee glad you cood
Com to Se me
I think when
I get home I wil
will Be as able
to work as I have

[page 4]

Been for Several
years may god
Bless you and
my dear litle children
Dear father and
mother I Send
you Best Respects
to you and all
your children
I want you to
pray for me
for I have a Stron<?>
to Serve my god
as I ever had
So give my Best
Respects to all
So no more at
this time So good
By to all C C Carter
Tp L E Carter

Chillon C. Carter to Lucinda E. Carter

Louden Tenn
April the 11th [1863]

Dear wife &

Children I once more seat my self
to let you know that I am as well
as common hoping these fiew
lines may soon Reach & find you
all enJoying the same great
blessing I Recd your kind letter
dated March the 10th & was glad
to hear you was well I was sorry
to hear your papys folks was
sick I got to the Regt the 8th of
this Month I found all the boys
all well I was glad to see them
I feel more like I was at home
when I am with the old 9th Ky
than I do any wher else in the
army I am pestered some
with the misery in my hip
though I hope I will be able
to serve the balence of my
time with the Regt

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Bunch I want you to take care
of your self hug & kiss
Nancy & deller for me tell
them thier papy is yet alive
I would be glad to see you
all I hope to live to get home
again Bunch I want you to
Continue to pray for me
we ar on our way to cleavland
Tenn that is thirty miles East
of Chatanooga the old 9th Ky
is a little band of McClenand
men you know I have a bad
chance to Rite & I must be
Short though I could Rite a
heap to you I think that we
will have to fight the Battle
at Dalton in georgia though
dont let that pester you

Remember that god will be
ther & ever thin works to
geather for good to them
that loves god I must close
[page 3]
my letter by saying I Remain
your affecionate Husband
untell Death
Rite soon C C Carter
To L E Carter
& Children

Dear Father & Mother Brother
& sisters I hope this will find
you well the boys is all in
good hart we know that we
hant got many more months
to suffer in this cruel war
we cant get in site of the
place to Reinlist it seems
that ther is a gulf fixed
between us & that place
pet the Reason why I name
your name in this letter is
because you Rote to me & I
would be glad to see you
I want you with all the Rest
to prepare while living

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for Death Billey my Dear
brother be a good boy
I hope to live to get home
& see you all again Nancy
& Deller your unkle P M
Merphy sends his love &
Respects to you & all the
Rest & umbly claim an
intrest in all your prayers
give my Respects to Bill &
sarrah & all the Rest of my
Brothers & sisters pet your
letter done first Rate Rite
often I will Rite as often as
I can I Remain your
friend untell Death
C C Carter

To John Mephy
& family

Chillon C. Carter to Lucinda E. Carter

June 19th 1863

Dear wife I seat
Seat my to adress
you a few lines
to inform you
that my heth is
about like it

Was when I left
home i am here at the
Barricks I dont no When
I Will leave here When
evry I go to leave here
I will Write to you and
let you I want you to do
the best you can and pray
for me that i may be
enable to do the same
John Grider said that
James pasley dide

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at nashville Nancy
Deller be good
Children till i get
home they are reddy
to start and i hant
got time to rite
any more Now I
Will bring my
letter to a close rite
to me as soon as you
get this letter
C C Carter
L E Crter

Chillon C. Carter to Lucinda E. Carter
[different handwriting than previous letters]

Fort Boker Bowling Greene
Sep 13th /63

Dear Wife and Children ,

I have just Recd your
Last very kind Letter and was glad to hear that
you were all well , I am not well though I
am getting better, the doctors have sent word
to me that if I chose I could go to the Hospital
though I had rather stay at the fort the
Boys are all good to me . and I do not have
to do any more work than I am able to and
I think that I shall do better here than at
the Hospital . the swelling in my side is
<snaging?> down. Bunch I want to See you worse
than I Ever have before I want you to do
the Best that you can and be sure not to
trouble yourself to much abt me, we are looking
for the paymaster Every day and when he
comes I Expect I will draw a good deal of money
they have to pay me money for the clothing that
I have not drawn and when I draw
I will Let you know and if any of you can
come I will pay your Expences and bee mighty
glad to See you come for the money wont
be safe here, Nancy and Deller my dear Little
children papa wants you to bee good children
and then if he sees you no more on Earth
he hopes that he will meet you in the good world
[page 2]

I have nothing more of importance to write
this time write to me as often as you can
I will close by saying be sure to Rember me
in your prayers

C C Carter To L E Carter
and Children

Dear Father and Mother Brothers and Sisters
I hope those few lines will find you
all well I want you all to do the Best
you can and be sure to pray for
me that I may bee reconsiled to bear all
my troubles patiently , and Live to get home

again Man that is Born of a woman
His days are few and full of trouble
but Every thing works together for good
to them that loves and fears the Lord
I hope that if I See you no more on
Earth that we will meet whare the
wicked cease from troubling and the
weary are at rest , Tell old uncle Henry
Good and family that I am sorry
for them to but above all I am
more sorry for poar clint to think that
he could not get home any more
[page 3]

Billey my dear little Brother I send
you my respects , I dont want
you to think that I have forgotten
you I thank you for writing to
me Bunch I had almost forgot
to have told you I have plenty
of money to do me I hant spent
but two dollars sence your pap
was here

A few lines to uncle David Taylor
I send my Respects to you and your
family , I hope these few Lines
will find you all well you wanted
to know whether you could Live on
my place another year or not you
are welcom to stay thare if you
pay up the Rent for you know
that my family has to have
something to Live on any terms
that you and uncle Jack can
make abt the place will suit
me I will close my Letter by
saying I remain your affectionate
son and Brother untill death

C C Carter to John Morphy
and family

Chillon C. Carter to Lucinda E. Carter

Oct the 15 1863
Bowling green ky
Dere wife it is once more
I Drop you a few lines
let you now<e?> that I
am as well as when I
left home I <d?> Hope thees
few lines may find you
all well I woul not have
rote to you so soon but I
wanted to let you now
whare i was thay have
sent me back at the same
Barrax No 2 Joseph gosl
goslen and Brd Brown is
in the invaled care Bunch
i wat to see you and the
Children very bad I Dont
no what they will Do with
me as soon as i fin out
iwill rite and let you no
I will Send my best
R Respects to you all
I want you all to Pray
[pafe 2]
For me

Direct
your
leters
to Barracks
No 2
I Rmain
your
<?>fection
Husban
untill Death
C C Carter
to L e Carter
Children and
Friends

Chillon C. Carter to his wife and children

November 26 [1863]

U S Hospital No 1 Ward D

Nashville tenn

Dear Wife and Children

i now take pleasure in writing you
a few lines to let you now how that
i am giting along i am in talable good
health my wound is heald up but it
is sore and tender yet i hope these few
lines will find you all well i hant
rceived any letter from you this week i
th<i?>nk if nothing hapens i will be to home
in Course of two weeks but dont look for
me till you See or hear that i am a coming
i do want to come the boys will be to
home in a few days they can tell you how
that i am giting along i send my best
respects to you all i hope you will all
pray for me i will Close my letter i
remain your refectionate Husband

C C Carter to L E Carter Children
and friends

Chillon C. Carter to Lucinda E. Carter

Convalessent Barracks
Bowling Green Ky
Nov 29th, 63

Dear wife and Children

I am as well
as comon. I hope these few
Lines will find you all well .
Bunch I want you to do the best
that you can. and dont bee
troubled abt me. I would have
been at home, in two weeks .
but orders came her to day
that no more Furlows should
bee given so you need not look
for me. till my time is out. though
if thare is any chance to come hom
I am going to come . they are
going to send all to the Reg ,
that is able to go, Though I am
not able to go and I am a
tolerable hard case though they may
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send me thoug the Doctor knows
my condition and I dont
think they will send me. Though
they may . send me . to the Inviled
Corps. Though I have got good
friends here and they are striking
for me. and if I can get the chance
to come home I am going to come
Bunch dont get our of hart
abt my not comming home
any more for I hope to L<?> again
Though sometimes I feel Like that
I wouldent Live much Longer.
Though dont Let that pester you
I want you to pray for me that
I may bee willing . wharever
I meet with Death. to bee recons-
-siled to it . If you hear of any body
getting any Letters dont Lett it
suprise you for I wrote a few
Lines to T Goodman . asking

him. a few friendly questions
and requested him to answer them
[page 3]

The reason I wrote them . if I
should die I want to bee
all write when I stand before
God in judgment he can do
just as he pleases. abt answering
the Letter though dont let my
writing in this way pester you
for I hope to get home again
Nancy and Della my dear Little
children. your papa is still alive
I want you to bee good Little
children , and mind your
mother . Bunch I want to see
you and the children mighty
bad Though I dont see any
prospect now of seeing you
soon Dear Father & Mother
Sisters and Brothers I hope
these few Lines. will find you
all well and doing well, I
would bee glad to see you all
though I cant now I dont
want you to think strange
[page 4]

of G<?>y of the Letters that
I have wrote, for God knows
that I dont want to trouble
any body when I was at home
<??> of you and my family
I felt Like one alone and the
reason that I write as I
do the day will come . when it
may bee. it will bee some sattis-
faction to you billey my dear
Little Brother . I think often
abt you I hope you will never
will have to go through what
I have for I tell you I know
what it is to bee a poar soldier
and far from my home , aunt
Nancy I would bee glad to see
you all I want you all to bee
shure to pray for me I believe

that I, think as much of you
and uncle Jack as other soldiers
does of their father and mother
I remain you affectin husband
till Death CC Carter to L E Carter & Children

Chillon C. Carter to Lucinda E. Carter and his family

General Field Hospital Chattanooga Tenn

August the 19th 1864

My Dear Companian & Children

I write you a fw lines to let
you know how I am this
leave me mending as fast
as a man can mend
hoping thes few lines may
soon come to hand and
find you all well and
doing well I have no nuse
to write more than I received
your letter of the 12th which
gave me much pleasure to
read and learn that you was
all well you wanted to know
if I Sufferd much or not
like <one?> would think I can
beare it patianly if I can just
get home a gane a live

[page 2]

that will be a nuff for me
I was in a low state of
health when I received my
wound then going threw the <oper?>
operatian left me weeke and
feable and my wound is
now in Such a stage that it
dicharging Sow much matter
that it causes me to remane
weeke I think in one more
month if I have good luck
I will be out of Danger I
would be very glad to see you
and the Children Nancy &
Deller my Dear little Children
I wish I was with you
Sow you could mind the
flys of of paps Stump I am
as well tended to here as
a man can be I have
nothing more at this time
write Soone and often

your Loving husband till Deat<h?>
C. C. Carter L. E. Carter & Fa<mle?>y
[page 3]

Deare Father mother Brother Sis<?>
I write you a few lines to
let you know how I am
this laves me mending as fast
as I can hoping thes few lines
may find you all well &
Doing well I want you all
to try and Do the best you
can I would be glad to See
you all and I hop it will
not be long untill I will
See you all give Louisa &
B<?>tha my respect and Kindest
wishes for they have be faithe
ful to write to me Sow
as I have no nuse I
will Close you must
write Soon & often
So I am your Sun till
Death write without fail

C. C. Carter To
John Murphy & Family
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Direct your letters
as befor

General Field Hospitta
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Chattanooga
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Chillon C. Carter to Lucinda E. Carter and his family

General Field Hospital Chattanooga Tenn

August 26th 1864

My Dear Companion & Childrun

I write

you a few lines to let you know how

I am this leavs me the Doctor

& Nurses told me and I could see

that my stump was mending and

now I can feal that I know

I am mending as fast as I

can hoping thes few lines may

Soon come to hand and find you

all well and Doing well I can

inform you that I receved your letter

of the 18th of this moth which gave

me much plasur to heare red

I think that I will Soon be

out of Danger I am ganing

Strenth every Day Bunch Do not

be uneasy or trobled a bout

me N H Simmons is still

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with me and he always is

ready to Do any thing for me

that I want Done <So?> now I

do not want you to look for me

home untill you See me I do

not want to Start home untill

my Doctar thinks I will be

out of Danger Bunch you Do

not know how bad I want

to See you and the children I

wrote to you in one of my letters

what was Done with my leg Do

not let the loss of my leg <?>

troble you for I never could

a Done much more work

any <h?>ow Uncle Sam will give

me a cork leg though I think

it will be one yeare befor I

can ware it Nancy & Deller

my Dear little Children

your Poppa is a live to Day and

I think I will live to
See you all a gane

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The Rebels will not get to
Shoot at pap any more although
pap has lost his leg I guess
that they have not made any
thange off of him in the
way of fighting I have nothing
more of importance to write at
this time more than I clame
an intrust in all your prars
Sow I close but Still your
husband till Death write Soon
and often write without fale

C C Carter To

L. E. Carter & Childran

Dear Father mother Brother & Sist<ers?>

I hope that these few lines <ma?>y
find you all well and Doing
well I would be glad to See
you all and I do not
think it will be long untill
I will Juley I Dremp the other
night of Seeing you

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and I though you handed
me a cool Drink of water
I cannot tell you how
glad I was to See you Billey
my Dear Brother be a good
Boy I have not forgotten you
Give Bill & Sarah and all
my Brothers & Sisters my
respect and Kindest wishes
give all the ni<e?>ghbors my
respect and complimanets who
may enquire after me
I want you all to pray for
me So I close but remains
your friend till Death
write Soon and Dirc
as before

C. C. Carter

John Murphey and Family