

Chillon Conway Carter Letters

Background Information

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.

December the 5th 1861

Dear Wife and Children and friends [sic] and conection [sic] it is threw [sic] the kind mercies of God that I am blest [sic] with the presant [sic] 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 griev [sic] a bout [sic] me thar [sic] is no doubt bu [sic] what you want to see me but it is un[illegible] how bad I want to se [sic] you and the children I never expect to forget the tears that run over my face the last night we stad [sic] to gather [sic] I have tried to pray for you I want you to pray for me I believ [sic] that I will be blest [sic] with the opportunity of meeting you a gain [sic] in this world I want you to hug and kiss Nancy and deller [sic] for me tell them that pap is still a live [sic] Bunch I want you to come and see me as soon as you can now if any of you gets sick I want you to se [sic] a docter [sic] and get him to right a sertificate [sic] to Cornel [sic] Grider [Note: Col. Benjamin C. Grider, 9th KY Inf.] I will come home and 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 ancer [sic] Send word ever [sic] chanc [sic] you have how you are gettin [sic] a long [sic] Dear Uncle and Aunt you have bin [sic] 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 [sic] hear [sic] during the war but I want you to tell all my friends that is able to fight for ther [sic] contry [sic] that wont [sic] volenteer [sic] that regards [sic] my fealins [sic] to never come hear [sic] tell the young ladies that is any thang [sic] to me to never marry unless they get a soldier so I must Close sayin [sic] do the best you can and pray for us all

C. C. Carter to L. E. Carter and Children

Columba Ky Dec 30th 1861

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

C. C. Carter to L. E. Carter

I Will Send [illegible] [illegible] cotton

By H. Walbrt

[written in a different hand]

Campboyl Columbia Jan 7th 1863

Dear Wife

I embrace the The [sic] present opportunity and borrow a few
of the fast fleeing Moments in order to write to write [sic] 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 [sic] to see you I have bin [sic] sick [illegible] I
come back and I would have bin [sic] Glad to have seen you
while I was sick I was sick about too [sic] 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 [sic] sick I want to
be sur [sic] and send me word the first chance you can and I

will try to come hom [sic] We are still here and I dont [sic]
Know When wee [sic] 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 [sic] 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 [sic] nag is not
shod come on and I will Get her shod up hear [sic] (it has has
[sic] 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 and Deller for me and tell them
to be good Children till Pap gets home I need som [sic]
Tobacco Tell Uncle Jacks[sic] Folks I send My Best respects
to them Now I Desire in Instrust [sic] in all your Prayers I
must now close I Remain you affectionate Husband untill [sic]
Death shal [sic]Part us

To L A Carter

C, C, Carter

the 6th 186[2]

Laurence County Mississppy [sic] May

Dear wife and children I take this opportunity of writeing [sic]
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 [sic] to not trouble your self about me
I want you to do the best you can and put your trust in god
[sic] and I want you to continue to pray for me for I intend to
try to pray for you

Bunch hits [sic] a painful thing to my poor heart to be away
from you and the children but I intend to contend for yourn
[sic] and my childrens [sic] Rights as long as I can raise my
hand for I feell [sic] that hit [sic] is my bounden [sic] 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 [sic] trust in him

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

Nancy and Deller your papy [sic] is still alive and wants to see
you and your mother worse than he ever did bee [sic] 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 [sic] all have to bear but let us all be shore [sic] to be prepared for the Solemn hour of death So when wee [sic] fall well [sic] fall to rise again and strike hands on the bright frontiers of glory there I expect to get shet [sic] of my troubles I want you all to pray that I may live to get home again for I have got a heap [sic] to tell you all Uncle Jack I used to tell you that I did not beleive [sic] that there was a true Soldiers liveng [sic] now as did in Washingtons [sic] day but I tell you now there is as true soldier live ing [sic] nou [sic] as ever marked the green earth I will tell you hou [sic] you can tell them they are men that dont [sic] boast on their fighting nor wish their enemies in hell for I have seen them tried I would write a heap [sic] to you if I could write myself I never intend that you Shell [sic] loose [sic] 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 [sic] which I will help to restore will be worth more to all our children than I would be though my hearts [sic] desire and prair [sic] 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 [sic] in your prairs [sic] James and Henderson got to us Safe last Saturday eavening [sic] and I cannot tel [sic] 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

Camp in the [illegible] 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 [sic] and I dont [sic] 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 [sic] best you can and put your trust in God and pray that I may do the same I am as much determed [sic] to try to serve my God as ever I was I want to see you and the children worse than ever I did Nancy and Dellar your Pappy is yet alive and he hopes to live to live [sic] to get home to live with you all again

Dear Uncle and family I will drop a few lines to you I want you to do 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 [sic] death

C C Carter
To L E Carter an [sic] children

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

May the 23. 1862

Tishamingo County Mississippi

Dear companion and Children I once more Seat my Self to write you a few lines to let you know that I am well at preent [sic] hoping [sic] when thes [sic] 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 [sic] a letter by male [sic] from you yet I am uneasy about you I heard you was Sick and I havent [sic] herd [sic] 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 and put your trust in

god [sic] and pray for me that I may do the Same and 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 and 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 and Kiss Nancy and deller [sic] for me tell them their Pappa is yet alive I want to See you all worse than I ever did I hope it wont [sic] be long tell I will get home I want you to Show my likeness to Deller often tell her not to forget her Pap Bunch I dont [sic] want you to get out of heart for the Rebels has Shot at us often and God has Stilled [sic] preserved me and if we will all Pray and put our trust in god [sic] I believe he will still preserve me I will Send a letter [sic] by Doctor Stone and I am in hopes that you will get one or the other of them I want you to be Shore [sic] to write often to me Dear unkle [sic] and family I drop afew [sic] lines to you I want you all to do the best you can I hope it wont [sic] be long till this war will end and I will get home I want you all to be Shore [sic] and pray for me that I may be enabled to put my hole [sic] trust in god [sic] and 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 and Sarah I have not forgot them tell Sarah I want her to Pray for me when I have to face muskets and cannon I desire and [sic] interest in the prayrs [sic] of all of gods [sic] people Millan be a good Boy and Remember me for I have not forgotten [sic] you nothing more at presant [sic] but Remains your affectionate husband C C Carter to L E Carter Childen [sic] and friends

June the 3 . 1862

Tishamingo Co

Mississpi [sic]

Dear Compaion [sic] and 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 hoping [sic] when these few lines comes to hand they will find you all enjoyng [sic] the same blesing [sic] Bunch I want you to do the best you can and put your trust in god [sic] and pray for me that I may do the Same for I in tend [sic] to pray for you all as long as I live I was sory [sic] to hear that Elmiry [Elmyra] was dead but we all have to die dont [sic] let trouble pester nor over come your mind when you meet with troubles and trials on your way cast all your

cares on Jesus and dont [sic] forget to pray the Rebels have all left
Corinth and I dont [sic] know where they have gon [sic] too [sic] I
hope it wont [sic] be long till peace will be made and I will get home
Bunch I want to see you and the Children So bad that I cant
[sic] express how bad I want to see you hug and kiss Nancy
and 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 [sic] your letter which
Stated you was all mending which of Course I was glad to
here [sic] I want you to be Shore [sic] to write to me often
Dear unkle [sic] and family I write afew [sic] lines
to you to let you know that I havent [sic] for gotten
[sic] you I was Sory [sic] to hear that Dora was
dead but these things we all have to bare but I
hope and trust She is to day in bright mansions
above where wars and troubles nor the Sounds
of cannons and muskets cant [sic] harm nor
molest their peace poore [sic] mone[illegible]
adieu I am Sorry for you my heart is full of
trouble what Shall I do no more

[letter written in a different hand]

Camp near Corrinth [sic] Tishamingo
County Mississippi june [sic] the 6th [1862]

My Dear companion 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 [sic] Good [probably Pvt.
Henry C. Goad, Co. K, 9th KY Inf.] he was 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 a [sic] 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 [sic] 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 and 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 form [sic] you all write every week Tell Uncle jack [sic] and Family that I havent [sic] forgot them and will try to pray for them tell them to put their trust in God for whom God loveth he chaseneth [sic] 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

June the 16th 1862

Alabamana Franklin County

Dear Companion and Children I once more take the oportunity [sic] of writing you afew [sic] lines to let you know that I am well at presant [sic] hopeing [sic] when these few lines comes to hand they will find you all engoying [sic] the Same blessing for which we Should all than [sic] god [sic] Bunch I want you to Still trust god [sic] and do the best you can and pay [sic] 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 [sic] sending it in a letter though the first Safe Chance I have I intend to Send it we ar [sic] now on march to East tennessee [sic] Noxville [sic] and if we pass close Enough I will Come home if I can and if I cant [sic] get to come home if we pass close enough be Shure [sic] to come to see me tell Nancy and Deller their Pap is yet alive and wants to see you all mighty bad Clint good Parker Harlin [Pvt. Parker W. Harlin, Co. K, 9th KY Inf.] and Kinchen Dossy [Cpl. Kinchen D. Dossey, Co. K, 9th KY Inf.] is all left Sick Somewhere I dont [sic] no [sic] where though they were not dangerous Bunch I see a heap of trouble Studying about you and the Children but I hope the time wont [sic] be long tell [sic] I will get to come home I have nothing more of importance to write you Bunch I Reed [sic] you letter June the 13th which give me grate [sic] Satisfaction to hear from you once more to hear that you and the Children was well write to me as often as you can Dear uncle and family I will drop you afew [sic] lines to you know that I havent [sic] for got [sic] you I was glad to hear you that was sick was geting [sic] well though I

was Sorry to hear that Elmyra was dead I dont [sic] 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[illegible] here asiner [sic] pray yet Suffer him to die know he is full of grace he never will permit a sole [sic] that fane [sic] would See his face to perish at his feet I want you all to do the best you can I hope it wont [sic] be long till I will get to Come home and See you all I want you all to be Shure [sic] to pray for me that I may be enabled to put my hole [sic] trust and confidence in god [sic] I have as Strong adesire [sic] to Serve my God as I ever had I havent [sic] time to write any more I must close my letter by Saying write to me as often as you can tell all my connections and friends I would write to them if I could write my self no more at present but Remains your affectionate husband untill [sic] death

C C Carter to L E Carter Children and friends

[letter written in the hand of D. H. Simmons]

Allabam franklin [sic] Co. June 22nd 1862

Dear and well beloved wife and children threw [sic] the kind murces [sic] of god [sic] I am yet Spared too Seate [sic] my Self this Sabbath morning too [sic] rite [sic] you A few more lines too [sic] let you Know how I am I am well at presant [sic] hoping that thees [sic] few lines will find you all well and A doing well I have nothing of any great importance too [sic] rite [sic] too [sic] you at this time I will in form [sic] you that wee [sic] are Stopt [sic] heare [sic] on Tennessee river wee [sic] havent [sic] crossed the river yet tho [sic] wee [sic] exspect [sic] too [sic] cross the river too [sic] day are [sic] too Marrow [sic] wee [sic] will Bee [sic] there in one mile of flarance [sic] A town But wher [sic] wee [sic] will gow [sic] I cant [sic] say Some thinks that wee [sic] will gow [sic] too ky [sic] Some too [sic] east tennessee [sic] i [sic] think wee [sic] will come nearer home Any how now I want us too [sic] be ingaged [sic] and pray for each other and our children that wee [sic] may all bee [sic] spared too meet A gain [sic] in the world But if it isnt [sic] the lords will too Spare our lives too [sic] Meet in this world I hope wee [sic] will meet in haven [sic] wher [sic] wee [sic] will part no more for ever tho [sic] I hope I will bee [sic] at home Shourtly [sic] or nearer enuff [sic] too

[sic] get too [sic] See one and other Bunch I have Some
money that that I in tend [sic] too [sic] Send too [sic] you the
first Safe chance that I have and I want you too [sic] get Any
thaing [sic] that you are [sic] the children needs if Any boddy
[sic] ther [sic] that I owe ask you for any money tell them too
[sic] wait untill [sic] I get done Fighting for my contry [sic] then
iwill [sic] pay them Bunch I want too [sic] See you and the
children Myty [sic] Bad and tell them that ther [sic] pap is yet A
live I have no post Stamps and cant [sic] get them and thay
[sic] wont [sic] let us pay heare [sic] and you will have too [sic]
pay there wee [sic] have whiped [sic] the rebbels [sic] heare
[sic] and thay [sic] are gone and wee [sic] dont [sic] know
wher [sic] thay [sic] are now I will rite [sic] A few lines too [sic]
unkel [sic] Jack and family Deare [sic] father and mother I
am in hopes that thees [sic] few lines will find you all well and
A doing well I want you all too [sic] doo [sic] the Best you can
I hope it wont [sic] bee [sic] long untill [sic] this rebellion will
bee [sic] put down and I will get home Again I want you all
too pray for mee [sic] and pray for piece [sic] for I feal [sic] as
much like trying too [sic] Serve my god as ever I did I doo
[sic] in tend too [sic] try and pray for you all as long as I live it
dos [sic] mee [sic] good too [sic] think that I have friends there
that has and will continiu [sic] too [sic] too [sic] pray for mee
[sic] the Bouys [sic] is all well kinch dossey [sic] and parker
harlin [sic] wee [sic] left Bee [sic] hind Sick tho [sic] I heard
from them yesterday thay [sic] are ABout [sic] well and will
bee [sic] up in a few days I cant [sic] tell you Any thaing [sic]
A Bout [sic] clint goard [sic] he was left Bee [sic] hind Sick and
wher [sic] he is now I cant [sic] Say I want you too [sic] Bee
[sic] Shure [sic] and rite [sic] too [sic] mee [sic] as Soon as
you get this letter and give my best respects too [sic] all my
friends now I will close my letter at presant [sic] So no more
But remains your affectiounate [sic] Hus Band [sic] and Son
untill [sic] death C.C. Carter

Deare [sic] Brother and Sister and family I am well at presant
[sic] I wish too [sic] Bee [sic] rememberd [sic] too [sic] you all
and in yoour pares [sic] and tell my famely [sic] that I am well
at presant [sic]

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

July the 4th 1862

State of Alabamma [sic] Limestone County

Dear Companion I once more tak [sic] the opportunity of writing you afew [sic] lines to inform you that I am well at presant [sic] hoping when these fiew [sic] lines comes to hand they will find you all engoying [sic] the Same blesing [sic] for which we all aught [sic] to thank almighty god [sic] Bunch I want you to do the best you can and put your trust in god [sic] and pray for me that I may do the Same Bunch if it wasent [sic] for you and the Children I wolddent [sic] desire to live here any longer I field [sic] to day that when I leave this world that I will go where ther [sic] will be peace for ever ther [sic] I expect to meet my Christian friends where parting will be no more for ever though I hope to live to get home again and help you to rase [sic] our dear Children Bunch hugh [sic] and kiss Nancy and Deller for for [sic] me tell them their Pap is yet alive and wants to see you and them mighty bad there is never aday [sic] pases [sic] 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 [sic] know how long we will stay here I Still write you a letter evry [sic] week I dont [sic] get aletter [sic] from you once amonth [sic] it looks like you are all are for geting [sic] me Though I never intend to for get any of you I have Seen and experienced more than I ever expect to live to tell the Boys are all Jenerally [sic] well and I expect I am fleshery [sic] now than I ever was in my life Bunch I dont [sic] mind the Sufering [sic] I have to go thru [sic] with here in body nor the thoughts of going in to Battle half like I do being away from you and the Children paper is hard to get here and I cant [sic] get any Stamps and they wont [sic] let me pay the postage here and you will have to pay it there turn over and see I have got some money I wish you had and the first Safe Chance I have I intend to Send it though I am afraid to reskit [sic] in aletter [sic] I don't [sic] know what to write to you like I would if I could get letters to here [sic] from you Bunch be Shure [sic] to write to me for you dont [sic] know how glad I am to hear from you I hope it wont [sic] be long till I will get home and we will engoy [sic] each others [sic] company as we have in days past and gon [sic] I have a heap of things I could write about if I could write my Self a fiew [sic] lines to unkle [sic] Jack and family unkle [sic] Jack and Aunt Nancy I often think of your troubles and am Sorry for you it does Seem to me like that I have

Seen my Shere [sic] of trouble So fere [sic] and I can only
Say to you as I did to Bunch to put your hole [sic] trust and
Confidence in god [sic] and pray for me that I may do the
Same Ann Melvena and Mary I umbly [sic] Claim an intrest
[sic] in your Prars [sic] I want you all to pray that this awful
Rebellion [sic] may be put down and that we may have peace
in America once more and that I may live to get home though
I want you to pray that I may be willing for gods [sic] will to be
done with me I cant [sic] give you any account of Clint good
[sic] Park Harlin nor Kinch Dossy they were left be hind Sick
I want us all to live umble [sic] I want you all to help me I
close my letter by telling you to write to me ever [sic] chance
you get no more at presant [sic] but Remains your
affectionate Husband untill [sic] death

C C Carter

To Wife Children and Friends

July 20th 1862 Marren County

East Tennessee [sic]

Near Stavenson [sic] in Alabamma [sic]

Dear Wife threw [sic] the Mersey [sic] of our Cind [sic] Savier
[sic] I am permitted [sic] to droup [sic] you a few lines to in
form [sic] you that I am Still in the land of the living yet and I
am Well and harty [sic] 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 [sic] and get to see
you and My Deare [sic] 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 [sic]
at this time we are Station [sic] on the North side of tennessee
[sic] River and the rebbles [sic] is on the South side of the
River thay [sic] are in site [sic] of us we are close a nuf [sic]
to talk to eacher [sic] and some of our soalgers [sic] has ben
[sic] talking to them and som [sic] times they swim a cross the
River to eacher [sic] and Come back safted [sic] and I say if
this ware [sic] was left to the solgers [sic] it would be stoped
[sic] vary [sic] shortly I hope to live to get home again and I
hope the time wont [sic] be vary [sic] 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 [sic] I get
home and tell them I am still a live I want you to get enny

[sic] thing you and the Children neades [sic] I have got the
Monney to pay for it and I will send it to you the first Safted
[sic] Chance I meat [sic] with uncle Sy Murphys oes [sic] me
20 dollars tell him to give you his note for it I receved [sic] a
letter from you a bout [sic] 2 weekes [sic] a go witch [sic] gave
me grate [sic] Satasfaction [sic] to heare [sic] you all was well
I ancered [sic] it the Same say [sic] I got it and I have ben
[sic] riting [sic] to you evry [sic] weke [sic] and Start them but
I dont [sic] no [sic] wether [sic] 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 [sic] to Me as offen [sic] as you
can Bunch I hope to live to See the day when we can talk to
eacher [sic] and injoy [sic] each uthers [sic] Company then I
wont [sic] hafter [sic] Set down with a poore [sic] painful hart
[sic] to rite [sic] to you and the Children My felings [sic] and
love I have for you Now a few lines to uncle Jack Merphey
[sic] and famuly [sic] I am well and fleshery [sic] than I evry
[sic] was in My life be four [sic] I want you all to do the Best
you Can and be sure to pray for me I want us all to try to
prpare [sic] in this world for eturnety [sic] when I leve [sic]
this world I hope to go whare [sic] the weced [sic] Seas [sic]
from trubling [sic] me the wary [sic] be at rest give My Best
respects [sic] to all my friends So nothing More at present
May God Bless you all is my prare [sic] for Gods Sacke [sic]
so now remaining your love and cind [sic] husband untill [sic]
Death

To Mrs [sic] L E Carter
From C. C. Carter

[entire letter in the hand of D. H. Simmons]

State of Tennessee Marion county Camp

Battle Creek July 27th 1862

Deare [sic] and well Beloved wife and little children Threw
[sic] the kind Murces [sic] of god [sic] I am purmitted [sic] this
Sabbath eavening [sic] too [sic] rite [sic] you A few more lines
to let you know how I am I am well at this time and I hope
that thees [sic] few lines will find you all well and Adooing [sic]
well Deare [sic] family are you are Any of My relatioun [sic]
thinking of mee [sic] while I riting [sic] too [sic] you I wold [sic]
Bee [sic] glad too [sic] Bee [sic] with you all this eavening [sic]
if I cold [sic] I [sic] tell you more in one hour than I can rite
[sic] this eavening [sic] tho [sic] tho [sic] as wee cant [sic] See

one another thank god [sic] for this priviledge [sic] of riting
[sic] too [sic] eatch [sic] other By letter now Bunch I want you
too [sic] Still trust in the Blessed [sic] Savier [sic] and pray
for me and doo [sic] the Best you can I doo [sic] hope and
pray that it wont [sic] Bee [sic] long untill [sic] wee [sic] will
meet A gain [sic] and the wors [sic] will cease and we can live
in piece A gain [sic] for it is A painfull [sic] thaing [sic] too [sic]
mee [sic] or my pore heart [sic] too [sic] Bee [sic] A way from
you and My Deare [sic] little children tho [sic] I dont [sic] want
Stand in Judge ment [sic] Bee fore [sic] My god [sic] and ther
[sic] See My friends that have fell in the Battle field un pre
pared [sic] too [sic] meet ther [sic] god [sic] and have the
condemnioun [sic] resting on mee [sic] that I had refused or
woldent [sic] fight four [sic] our country I have nothing of
importance or new too [sic] rite [sic] too [sic] you at presant
[sic] Bunch unkle [sic] Si owes mee [sic] 20 dollars I want
you too [sic] tell him too [sic] pay it too [sic] you or give you
his note now I can tell you the last letter that I recieved [sic]
from you was dated the 15th of June I doo [sic] want you you
[sic] too [sic] rite [sic] too [sic] mee [sic] as often as you can
Dear Farther and mother Brothers and Sisters I will rite [sic]
you A few lines too [sic] let you know that I have not for gotten
[sic] you hoping that when thees [sic] few lines comes too
hand that thay [sic] will find you all well and A doing well I
want you all too [sic] pray for mee [sic] that I may bee [sic]
enabled too [sic] put my hole [sic] trust and confidence in god
[sic] and that I may Still Bee [sic] Spared threw [sic] all the
triels [sic] and difficultees [sic] that I may meet with and that I
may reach home A gain [sic] A few lines lines [sic] to Bill and
Sary Deare [sic] Brother and Sister I have not for gotten [sic]
you tho [sic] it Seames [sic] like you have mee [sic] Sary I
haint [sic] re cieved [sic] naer [sic] letter from you Sense [sic]
your unkle [sic] D. H. Simmons come Back from nasvill [sic]
too [sic] us neare [sic] columen [sic] tennessee [sic] Sary I
doo [sic] want you too [sic] pray for us all that wee [sic] all
may bee [sic] pre pared [sic] when wee [sic] leave this world
too [sic] meet in haven [sic] wher [sic] parting will Bee [sic] no
more wher [sic] the wicked cease from tobting [sic] and the
weary [sic] Will Bee [sic] at rest If I never See See [sic] you
all no more in this world I hope too [sic] too [sic] Strike hands
with you all on the Sunshiny Banks of every [sic] lasting
deliverry [sic] Bunch I have Some money that I am A Saving
[sic] too [sic] Send too [sic] you when I get A chance too [sic]
Send it Rite [sic] too [sic] Mee [sic] every [sic] chance you

you [sic] have and giv [sic] My Best respects too [sic] all my friends and re latioun [sic] the Bouys [sic] are all well the health of our ridge ment [sic] is verry [sic] good at presant [sic] So no more at presant [sic] But remains your affectionun [sic] HusBand [sic] and pap un till [sic] death C. C. Carter to I. E Carter

Deare [sic] Brothers and Sister I will rite [sic] you A few lines too let you all know that I am well at presant [sic] and I hope that you may recieved [sic] thees [sic] few lines and that you all may Bee [sic] in good health I wish too [sic] Bee [sic] rememberd [sic] By you all and in A Speshel [sic] manner I want you all too [sic] pray for mee [sic] that I may Bee [sic] prepared and So live in this world that when I have to leave this world that I may Bee [sic] pre pard [sic] too [sic] Meet you all in haven [sic] wher [sic] wee [sic] wont [sic] have to rite [sic] too [sic] one another But wher [sic] wee [sic] will all live too geather [sic] for ever pray for my family and remember My Deare [sic] little Babes for of times doo [sic] I think of them and my heart is keep tender I doo [sic] hope tho [sic] and pray that It wont [sic] Bee [sic] long un till [sic] wee [sic] will reach home A gain [sic] wher [sic] wee [sic] can Bee [sic] with our friends tell My family that I am well if you have the chance rite [sic] too [sic] us as often as you can you dont [sic] know how glad wee [sic] are too [sic] get A letter from ther [sic] if it aint [sic] too [sic] us wee [sic] are glad th[illegible] wee [sic] had ritten [sic] it was too [sic] us So I will close I wish to Bee [sic] Rememberd [sic] by all my relatioun [sic] and friends So excuse mee [sic] my pen is Bad So no more
But remains D. H. Simmons

[entire letter in the hand of Nacy H. Simmons]

Camp Battle Creek Marion County Tenn Aug the 9th 1862
Dear and affectionet [sic] Companion and childrn [sic] it is threw [sic] the merces [sic] of a kind providence that I am pleased with the opportunity of writing you a few lines to let you know that I am well as I ever was hoping that thees [sic] few lines may find you all well and doing well I have nothing Strange to Comunicate [sic] 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 [sic] date the 1st of this instant which aforded [sic] me great satisfaction to hear from you [illegible] that you [illegible] all

well Bunch I want you to still put your trust in god [sic] 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 [sic] ever [sic] day of my life and I want you to be sure to do the Same for fore [sic] me Bunch I want to see you and the childran [sic] so bad that I cant [sic] express my desires and my heart has been kept tender by the thoughts the[sic] memory stood and my prare [sic] to god [sic] at this time is that a midst [sic] all the dangers that we may have to under go while seprated [sic] that we may be permitted to See each others [sic] faces on earth again though we should try to be reconsiled [sic] to the will of god [sic] at all times I hope the time wont [sic] be long till I will git [sic] 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 [sic] out of fighting for my contry [sic] that I did not disgrace you nor my little children by Sticking my hand in there [sic] hat the union Boys here will think as well of men that is drafted in the servace [sic] as they will of men that volentieres [sic] now after the draft has compelled them to come they are only volenteers [sic] for Self benefit they will be helt [sic] in the estimasion [sic] of the people as the last clas [sic] of drafted stock I have some money that I am saving to send to you the firs [sic] chance I have Nancy and Deller my dear little children your pap often thinks of you and when I think a bout [sic] the way you ust [sic] to run after me when I went to feede [sic] and the way you ust [sic] to talk to me and the [sic] to think how fur [sic] I am from you it seames [sic] to me that it is more than my poor heart can bear be good childran [sic] 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[sic] to write to you once a week when I can Bunch I Stil [sic] live in hopes of living to see the day when this ware [sic] 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 [sic] and talk to another Bunch I dont [sic] want you to be uneasy a bout [sic] me althoug [sic] I am hear [sic] with all sort of people I have no desire to pertake [sic] any of there [sic] of ther [sic] wicked acts I have as strong a desire to serve my god [sic] as I ever did though I must bring my letter to a close by saying give my respects to all inquiring friends so nomore [sic] at this time so rite [sic] often and let me hear

from you all So I remain your afecion [sic] hosband [sic] untill [sic] death C. C. Carter to L E Carter and Childan [sic]
A few lines to Uncle Jack and famly [sic] Dear father and mother I have not for got you nor none of famly [sic] I am well and flesher than you ever saw me I recan [sic] and hoping when this comes to hand it may find you enyoying [sic] the same like blessing Uncle Jack and Aunt Nancy I blieve [sic] that you feal [sic] as near me as any boddys [sic] parent can to them I want you all to pray for me that I may have good luck and git [sic] home a gain [sic] fore [sic] I do desire to git [sic] home a gain for I do desire to git [sic] home and enjoy your companey [sic] a [sic] have all earthly blessings Uncel [sic] Jack I have heard that old man groomes [sic] is dead and Uncl [sic] Josiar ows [sic] me tuenty [sic] dollars and
[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 [sic] me thirty five dollars tell them that they must pay to pay the dept [sic] that I ow [sic] to old man Groomes that det [sic] and the one that I ow [sic] old man Campbell I want you to be sure to make any property pay both of them I dont [sic] 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 [sic] for it is uncertan [sic] when I will git [sic] 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 [sic] sure for I weigh 165 with my pants and shirt on give Sarah and Bill my best respects So I will close I remain your afecionet [sic] Son untill [sic] death

C.C. Carter To John Murphey and Famly [sic]

Uncle Jack I would be glad to see you all if it was So I could I and James [Sgt. James M. Simmons, Co. K] is as well as you ever say [sic] us Dan [Pvt. Daniel S. Simmon, Co. K] is well I want you all to rite [sic] to me as often as you can I wish I was thare [sic] to eat peachs [sic] and aples [sic] pies and other good thangs [sic] So I will clos [sic] for want of room write to me N. H Simmons [Cpl. Nacy H. Simmon, Co. K] To John Murphey and Famly [sic] Fare well till we meet

Sept 2nd 1862

Nashville Tennessee [sic]

Dear Companion I embrace [sic] this opportunity to in fourm [sic] you that I am in Common helth [sic] at this time I think My helth [sic] is improving some though I am Still taken [sic] medison [sic] from the Doctor yet I do sincerly [sic] hope this letter will Come to hand and find you all well and doing well I am now in Nashville Tennessee [sic] Staying at the Citty Barrackes [sic] of this place Bunch I want you to rite [sic] to me as soon as you get this letter and direct your letters to Citty [sic] Barracks [sic] Nashvill [sic] Tennessee [sic] Bunch I dont [sic] want you to be uneasy [sic] a bout [sic] me what ales [sic] me is my old complant [sic] in my Back and hipes [sic] and side I Cant [sic] rite [sic] much now at this time I sind [sic] my Best respeckes [sic] to you all and I want you all to pray for me and I will try to pray for you all I heard my Rignent [sic] would be at Muffulsburrow [sic] to morrow [sic] but I dont [sic] no [sic] how true it is Nancy and Deller May God Bless you Both I want to see you vary [sic] much I havent [sic] heard fro [sic] you in a month and if enny [sic] of you want to see me you will find me heare [sic] at this place and I want you all to rite [sic] to me as soon as you get this letter and direct you letters to this place as I befour [sic] named and I will rite [sic] you a full letter when I get time I have not time now at present so I must Close By saying to you May God Bless you and My little Children I Still remain you Cind [sic] and loving husband untill [sic] Deth [sic] parts us from this Earth

C C Carter

To L. E. Carter

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

Sept the 14th [1862]

Dear wife and children I drop you a fiew [sic] lines to let you know how I am a getting a long [sic] I am still mendi ng [sic] as fast as I can the doctor says he thinks I am well a nough [sic] to come home I do hope this will find [illegible] and all the rest of you well I reci[illegible] a letter from you last week dated the first of this month I recieved [sic] one this week

dated the 9th of this month I was glad to hear you was all well I was sorry [sic] to hear that Nancy was unwell they paid 32.00 dollars this morning I am going to stay here til [sic] the first of October and try to get my discriptive [sic] list our company Books is at bridgeport [sic] and I am a frade [sic] they cant [sic] Send it to me they will let me know in a fiew [sic] days whether they can send it with out the b[illegible]ks or not I would rather have my dis crip tive [sic] list and have all my business wound up before I come home though if I dont [sic] git it if nothing happens I am coming home the first of october[sic] and how I would be glad to see you and the children 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 [sic] of a month I have nothing more of importance [illegible] H Simmons is Still with me and is getting well I haint [sic] time to write any more now I send my respects and best wishes to you all I remain your affectionate husband untill [sic] 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 [sic] of Riting [sic] to you to let you no [sic] that I am Well as comon [sic] at this time and I hope this will find you all well and doing well my hip hant [sic] got So I can march yet I dont [sic] think I ever will Bee [sic] able to do duty any more Bunch I [sic] dont [sic] want you to Bee [sic] uneasy about me for you have Seen me a heap wor[illegible] off than I am now Bunch I want you to do the Best you can and put your trust in god [sic] 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 [sic] Bee [sic] able to work if I was at home But I never can march with the Redgment [sic] any mor [sic] as I have don [sic] the Boys in the Regiment [sic] ows [sic] me Some money and I wish I had it for I hant [sic] got a Sent [sic] though I meet with good frends [sic] here Bunch you dont [sic] no [sic] how Bad I want to See you all nancy [sic] and deller [sic] your pap is yet alive and I Beleave [sic] I will live to Se [sic] you all

again the Boys is now Redy [sic] to Start and I must Be Short I dont [sic] no [sic] how long I will Stay here I wood [sic] Bee [sic] glad you cood [sic] Com [sic] to Se [sic] me I think when I get home I wil [sic] will Be as able to work as I have Been for Several years may god [sic] Bless you and my dear litle [sic] 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[illegible] to Serve my god [sic] 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

To L E Carter

Louden Tenn

April the 11th [1863]

Dear wife and Children I once more seat my self to let you know that I am as well as common hoping these fiew [sic] lines may soon Reach and find you all enJoying [sic] the same great blessing I Recd [sic] your kind letter dated March the 10th and was glad to hear you was well I was sorry to hear your papys [sic] 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 [sic] 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 [sic] of my time with the Regt Bunch I want you to take care of your self hug and kiss Nancy and deller [sic] for me tell them their [sic] 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 [sic] on our way to cleavland [sic] Tenn that is thirty miles East of Chatanooga [sic] the old 9th Ky is a little band of McClenand [sic] men you know I have a bad chance to Rite [sic] and I must be Short though I could Rite [sic] a heap to you I think that we will have to fight the Battle at Dalton in georgia[sic] though dont [sic] let that pester you Remember that god [sic] will be ther [sic] and ever [sic] thin [sic] works to geather [sic] for good to them that loves god [sic] I must close my letter by saying I Remain your affecionate [sic] Husband untell [sic] Death Rite [sic] soon C C Carter To L E Carter and Children

Dear Father and Mother Brother and sisters I hope this will find you well the boys is all in good hart [sic] we know that

we hant [sic] got many more months to suffer in this cruel war
we cant [sic] get in site [sic] of the place to Reinlist [sic] it
seems that ther [sic] is a gulf fixed between us and that place
pet the Reason why I name your name in this letter is
because you Rote [sic] to me and I would be glad to see you
I want you with all the Rest to prepare while living for Death
Billey my Dear brother be a good boy I hope to live to get
home and see you all again Nancy and Deller your unkle
[sic] P M Merphy sends his love and Respects to you and all
the Rest and umbly [sic] claim an intrest [sic] in all your
prayers give my Respects to Bill and sarrah [sic] and all the
Rest of my Brothers and sisters pet your letter done first
Rate Rite [sic] often I will Rite [sic] as often as I can I
Remain your friend untell [sic] Death

C C Carter

To John Mephy
and familey [sic]

June 19th 1863

Dear wife I seat Seat [sic] my to adress [sic] you a few lines
to inform you that my heth [sic] is about like it Was when I left
home i [sic] am here at the Barricks [sic] I dont [sic] no [sic]
When I Will leave here When evry [sic] 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 [sic] may be enable to do the same
John Grider said that James pasley [sic] dide [sic] at nashville
[sic] Nancy Deller be good Children till i [sic] get home they
are reddy [sic] to start and i [sic] hant [sic] got time to rite [sic]
any more Now I Will bring my letter to a close rite [sic] to me
as soon as you get this letter

C C Carter

L E Crter [sic]

[different handwriting than previous letters]

Fort B[illegible]ker Bowling Greene [sic]

Sep 13th /63

Dear Wife and Children,

I have just Recd [sic] 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 [illegible] 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 [sic] 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 drawed [sic] and when I draw I will Let you know and if any of you can come I will pay your Expences [sic] and bee [sic] mighty glad to See you come for the money wont [sic] be safe here, Nancy and Deller my dear Little children papa wants you to bee [sic] good children and then if he sees you no more on Earth he hopes that he will meet you in the good world 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 [sic] 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 [sic] reconsiled [sic] 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 [sic] the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest, Tell old uncle Henry Good and family that I am sory [sic] for them to [sic] but above all I am more sory [sic] for poar [sic] clint to think that he could not get home any more Billey my dear little Brother I send you my respects, I dont [sic] want you to think that I have forgotten [sic] 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 [sic] spent but two dollars sence [sic] 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 [sic] to stay thare [sic] 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
[sic] the place will suit me I will close my Letter
by saying I remain your affectionate [sic] son and
Brother untill [sic] death
C C Carter to John Morphy and family

Oct the 15 1863

Bowling green ky [sic]

Dere wife it is once more I Drop you a few lines
let you now [sic] [illegible] that I am as well as
when I left home I [illegible] Hope thees [sic] few
lines may find you all well I woul [sic] not have
rote [sic] to you so soon but I wanted to let you
now [sic] whare [sic] i [sic] was thay [sic] have
sent me back at the same Barrax [sic] No 2
Joseph gosl [sic] goslen [sic] and Brd [sic] Brown
is in the invaled [sic] care Bunch i [sic] wat [sic]
to see you and the Children very bad I Dont [sic]
no [sic] what they will Do with me as soon as i
[sic] fin [sic] out iwill [sic] rite [sic] and let you no
[sic] I will Send my best R [sic] Respects to you
all I want you all to Pray For me
Direct your leters [sic] to Barracks No 2 I
Ragain [sic] your [illegible]fection Husban [sic]
untill [sic] Death
C C Carter to L e Carter Children and
Friends

November 26 [1863]

U S Hospital No 1 Ward D

Nashville tenn [sic]

Dear Wife and Children i [sic] now take pleasure
in writing you a few lines to let you now [sic] how
that i [sic] am giting [sic] along i [sic] am in
tatable [sic] good health my wound is heald [sic]
up but it is sore and tender yet i [sic] hope these
few lines will find you all well i [sic] hant [sic]
rceived [sic] any letter from you this week i [sic]
th[illegible]nk if nothing hapens [sic] i [sic] will be
to home in Course of two weeks but dont [sic]
look for me till you See or hear that i [sic] am a
coming i [sic] do want to come the boys will be

to home in a few days they can tell you how
that i [sic] am giting [sic] along i [sic] send my
best respects to you all i [sic] hope you will all
pray for me i [sic] will Close my letter i [sic]
remain your refectionate [sic] Husband
C C Carter to L E Carter Children and friends

Convalessent [sic] Barracks

Bowling Green Ky

Nov 29th, 63

Dear wife and Children

I am as well as comon [sic]. I hope these few Lines will find
you all well. Bunch I want you to do the best that you can.
and dont [sic] bee [sic] troubled abt [sic] me. I would have
been at home, in two weeks. but orders came her [sic] to day
that no more Furlows [sic] should bee [sic] given so you need
not look for me. till my time is out. though if thare [sic] is any
chance to come hom [sic] 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 send
me thoug [sic] the Doctor knows my condition and I dont [sic]
think they will send me. Though they may. send me. to the
Inviled [sic] 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 [sic] get our [sic] of
hart [sic] abt [sic] my not comming [sic] home any more for I
hope to L[illegible]again Though sometimes I feel Like that I
wouldnt [sic] Live much Longer. Though don't [sic] Let that
pester you I want you to pray for me that I may bee [sic]
willing . wherever [sic] I meet with Death. to bee [sic]
reconsilled [sic] to it. If you hear of any body getting any
Letters dont [sic] Lett [sic] it suprise [sic] you for I wrote a few
Lines to T Goodman. asking him. a few friendly questions and
requested him to answer them The reason I wrote them. if I
should die I want to bee [sic] all write [sic] when I stand
before God in judgment he can do just as he pleases. abt
[sic] answering the Letter though don't [sic] 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 [sic] good Little children, and mind your mother .
Bunch I want to see you and the children mighty bad Though
I dont [sic] see any prospect now of seeing you soon Dear
Father and Mother Sisters and Brothers I hope these few

Lines. will find you all well and doing well, I would bee [sic] glad to see you all though I cant [sic] now I dont [sic] want you to think strange of G[illegible]y of the Letters that I have wrote, for God knows that I dont [sic] want to trouble any body when I was at home [illegible] 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 [sic]. it will bee [sic] some sattisfaction [sic] to you billey [sic] my dear Little Brother. I think often abt [sic] 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 [sic] a poar [sic] soldier and far from my home, aunt Nancy I would bee [sic] glad to see you all I want you all to bee shure [sic] 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 [sic] husband till Death CC Carter to L E Carter and Children

General Field Hospital Chattanooga Tenn

August the 19th 1864

My Dear Companian and Children

I write you a fw [sic] lines to let you know how I am this leave me mending as fast as a man can mend hoping thes [sic] few lines may soon come to hand and find you all well and doing well I have no nuse [sic] 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 [sic] much or not like [illegible] would think I can beare [sic] it patianly [sic] if I can just get home a gane [sic] a live that will be a nuff [sic] for me I was in a low state of health when I received my wound then going threw [sic] the operatian [sic] left me weeke [sic] and feable [sic] and my wound is now in Such a stage that it dicharging [sic] Sow [sic] much matter that it causes me to remane [sic] weeke [sic] 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 and Deller my Dear little Children I wish I was with you Sow [sic] you could mind the flys [sic] of [sic] of paps [sic] Stump I am as well tended to here as a man can be I have nothing more at this time write Soone [sic] and often your Loving husband till Death C. C. Carter L. E. Carter and Fa[illegible]y

Deare [sic] Father mother Brother Sis[illegible] I write you a few lines to let you know how I am this laves [sic] me

mending as fast as I can hoping the[sic] few lines may find you all well and 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[sic] it will not be long untill[sic] I will See you all give Louisa and B[illegible]tha my respect and Kindest wishes for they have be faithe ful[sic] to write to me Sow[sic] as I have no nuse[sic] I will Close you must write Soon and often So I am your Sun till Death write without fail

C. C. Carter To

John Murphy and Family

Direct your letters as befor[sic]

General Field Hospitta[sic]

Ward "G" Tend "5"

Chattanooga Tenn

General Field Hospital Chattanooga Tenn

August 26th 1864

My Dear Companion and Childrun[sic]

I write you a few lines to let you know how I am this leavs[sic] me the Doctor and Nurses told me and I could see that my stump was mending and now I can feal[sic] that I know I am mending as fast as I can hoping the[sic] few lines may Soon come to hand and find you all well and Doing well I can inform you that I received[sic] your letter of the 18th of this moth[sic] which gave me much plasur[sic] to heare[sic] red[sic] I think that I will Soon be out of Danger I am ganing[sic] Strenth[sic] every Day Bunch Do not be uneasy or trobled[sic] a bout[sic] me N H Simmons is still with me and he always is ready to Do any thing for me that I want Done [illegible] now I do not want you to look for me home untill[sic] you See me I do not want to Start home untill[sic] my Doctar[sic] 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 [illegible] troble[sic] you for I never could a Done much more work any how Uncle Sam will give me a cork leg though I think it will be one yeare[sic] befor[sic] I can ware[sic] it Nancy and Deller my Dear little Children your Poppa is a live to Day and I think I will live to See you all a gane[sic] 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[sic] off of him in the way of fighting I have nothing more of importance to write at this

time more than I clame [sic] an intrust [sic] in all your prars
[sic] Sow [sic] I close but Still your husband till Death write
Soon and often write without fale [sic]

C C Carter To

L. E. Carter and Childran [sic]

Dear Father mother Brother and Sisters I hope that these
few lines [illegible] 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
[sic] I will Juley I Dremp [sic] the other night of Seeing you
and I though [sic] 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 and
Sarah and all my Brothers and Sisters my respect and
Kindest wishes give all the ni[illegible]ghbors my respect and
complimanets [sic] 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 Dirct [sic] as before

C. C. Carter

John Murphey and Family

