

THOMAS E. and MARY ANN EWING TO MACK

Sunday Morning Nov 18 '64

Dear Uncle I seat my self

My to write you a short lette[r] ti it is is very warm this morning I got that little paper which you sent me I think it is real nice I like to look at the old stars and stripes on it I will

Thomas thinks that you cannot read his writing so he has stopet and wants me to fnish his letter. His writing looks more as thoug[h] the gray backs had run over the paper with their muddy feet than any thing els He never tried to write a letter before He thoughed he would like to go right to war when he saw that old flag. Berty hurrahs for old Abe when she sees it and tries to sing rally round the flag boys Thomas says he would like to be down there to keep house for you. he says he can cook real good. he is real good to do work in the house when I am not able to do it He is a real good boy to work out doors and in the house to. I would not know how to get along with out him. he goes to school now. he does more work than Mell does. he wants me to tell you that he would like to send you some thing if he had any thing that you want

Note: Thomas was about 8 when he wrote to this uncle Mack. I was eight days old at the time it was written, but I don't think the news had yet reached Michigan.

"Berty" was Bertha, 4 or 5 years old when the letter was written.

Aunt Mary Ann was a FitzSimmons who had brothers in the service, Stephen, James, Will and Ed. Will was a Westpoint graduate and became a Colonel. James married Martha Jenkins, my father's niece.

"Mell" was Melvin Radabaugh, son of Thomas C. Radabaugh, my father's cousin. T. C. Radabaugh was in Co. D 2nd Mich. V. I. [2nd Michigan Volunteer Infantry]. Mell's mother was dead and when T.C. went into the service, Mell (Melvin) made his home with the Ewings.

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