

NAN TO MACK

feb 10th

Dear Mc it is through the good ness of god that I am again permitted to right to you I received your kind letter of the 29th of Jan yesterday noon and glad to hear from you again and hear that your are in tolerable good health though I believe you Said your had Some could [cold] and a Slight pain in your brest but I hope that you will not have a hard could and pain in your brest as you used to at home.

Well I have bin out to a party last night but It was the kind of a party that I doant like to go to and I hardly know what to call it but to talk plain about the thing I was Sent for to go to John Mc clurs they were going to have a partty or not a party but a baby. you know it takes several to make a party and one or too can make a baby. well they had all the fun to them Selvs for the baby was born before eney one got there. so the wimen had nothing to do but to dress the baby and get sup[p]er the baby was a girl weighed 11 So now they have too girls and one boy. I Staid there till this after noon

Margret came to day about noon She Says it is right sickly about franklin Joseph Horton is dead died withe the thyfoid feaver and one of Andrew Yager boys was brough[t] home from the Army to be buried

Mc you Said that bess rote to you that mother had got my loom in operation and I would not be afraid to bet that She has a piece to weave for every one of them but she is her own Boss and will haft to do as she pleases of cors but I think She has done enough of Such work and ought to be satesfied now if She was not making eney thing as long as they have enought to live on and to make them comfortable if they Should live to bee ever so ould. but it seams to be the nature of people the more they have the more they want

little pretty Boy is in his little bead asleep and knows not of eney of the troubles of this wourld. Mc I hope if we are permitted to rais this little fellow that we may rais him right So he may be a comfort to us instead of trouble O Mc I feel like there is such a responsability resting upon parents in raising these little ones commited to our care to respectability and honer in this wourld and to early impress these tender mnds with eaternal things Some people treat these children like they were anamals more than like they were Children and seam to think it is so confineing to be troubled with Children but it is one of the best comforts I have is to take care of our little Boy his company more than do[u]ble pays for all his trouble to me and Mc I hope when you come home you will find me a better woman than you left me that is with a more contented mind caring more for the comfort of others than for my self

now Mc I will Stop for to night as I did not sleep more than the half of last night I would finish this to night if [I] thought I would have a chance to get it to the [post] office before the male went out this morning I dont expect I can so I will stop for to night So good night  
Saturday the 11th

We are all well to day. the letter that I got last was miss sent to Ironton I dont no why they are miss sent unless it is becaus you dot your J right as Soon and often as you can and I will do the Same now this letter will not be mailed to day not till Monday Still remember to pray for your trew wife Nancy A Ewing to Mc Ewing goodbye

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Note: This letter bears postmark Feb. 13. On the evelope is noted by father the following: "Received at Satterlee first letter from Nan Feb 21st 1864." He meant, of course, 1865. It was sent to his old address at Jarvis Hospital, Baltimore, and I presume he had been moved to Philadelphia where the letter reached him the 21st. The baby girl born to John and Nancy McClure Feb. 9 or 10, 1865, was Susan McClure Long now residing at Columbus, Ohio.

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