

CHARLOTTE EWING JENKINS TO MACK

Aprile the 2th 1865

Good Morning

Henry are you well and in good spirits as sircumstances wil allow I hope you are we are all well as useuel this is a find day the sun shines bright and warm the hens is cackling and singing nans Bird is in a fine glee of mirth evry thing appears to be spring the earth begins to look a little green the fields in good order for plowing plowers scarce teems poor farmers minds away down south slow to get reddy for farming they begin to claim the victory it cant be long at the longest till the tiard and wourn out soldiers shall return to thare homes for to in joy better useage and live with there loved ones at home al though the time appears so long it wil end I was to fathers day before yesterday yes and to Johns and lees to. John had gone to detroit lib was complaining father was not verry well the rest was all wel bes was to paps her and children was wel Ben was here that knight his folks was wel Ben and Jo was to cambria Mills yesterday hauling thare logs on the log way we have heard from the boys since the last fight addy [Andy] and Dewit is all right poor tCR is a prisoner we feel bad for him I suppose you have heard all about the draft James was drafted he is going to start to detroit to morrow after he votes at the election he will hyar a substitute if he can on the account of Marthas poor health she is not able to do her work without his help nor hant for the last six or eight weeks she was to home over two weeks while he was to visit his Brothers phy [Philander] and Isabel is well Mary has gone to nashville she started last Monday we have not heard from her yet Rob got a ferlow home and took her back with him he thought it would be a nice thing for her to see Nashville I dont know how long she wil stay if the climent agrees with her she may stay til fall I felt bad to have her go she has had poor health ever since she got home last fall from indinapolis Jo and wilk and Nancy [Jenkins] has gone to the howeld [Howald] school house to quartly Meeting to day Isaac and Enoch ketched them a colt a pied and went up to Jameses sephy [Josephus] and freeman and susan and edda and Baby is out to play so I am alone Jo is going to try to build this sumer thare was no meting at the church today I cant think of enny to write that would be worth reading I shal lay it by til they get home

Wensday Aprile the 5 we are well Josiah and Enoch White has just started to the mills to hall [haul] in the balance of the logs we received a letter from Mary last evening she wrote it at lewisville [Louisville] Kentucky last Wednesday she said she was well and injoying her self verry well Robert was not so well they had one day thare to visit with one of Roberts nephews he belongs to government but kept at lewisville for clark [clerk] he is alittle fellow his Mother died when he was small and Robs Mother raised him til she died he was Robs sisters son and Robert had not seen him in a long time before yes Jo and nan got home Sunday knight about elevon oclock from Meeting and I have neglected to finish my letter and I must finish it or you wil get home before I send it the nuse is that Richmond is taken with sixty two thousand prisoners bully for uncle sams boys it wont be long til the poor soliders can come home with the stars and stripes waveing on thare land and thare homes I must quit I am going to make gardin me and Ike now I close by sending my respects to you as a dear Brother and a soldier. this from your sister Charlotte Jenkins

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Note: Aunt Charlotte was at this time about 40 and the mother of a large family,-- Martha, Mary, Nancy, Isabel, Susan were the girls and Isaac, Enoch, Josephus, Freeman, Ulysses and Will were the boys, --Ulysses the youngest, born not from from this time. Uncle Jo died close to 1870 [April 17, 1871]. Aunt Charlotte lived well over 80. She was strong hearted and every inch a worker.