

ENOCH EWING TO MACK

Sabbath Morning february
The 5 65 Dear Son I againe

I set down to try to address a few lines in answere to your kind leter dated January 23 we was truly glad to here that you was geting a long so wellwith your wound this a Mornin finds us all in comon health hoping these lines will find you well and in good spirits as you wanted me to write what I thought would be best for you to do about geting your discharge we would be very glad to have you at home the prospect seems favorable for the war to come to anend which would Make many glad harts both at home and abroad but you must use your own judge ment the end has not yet come it may come soon and it may not the south is whipt but Jeffer davis will have to pout over it awhile before he will own it Whether you get your dischar[g]e or not try and get a furlow and go and see Nancy and little sunny any how we want to see you all at home to gether but we will have to wait til deliverance comes we hope that wont be long your letter you sent to Elizabeth and Ewing came to hand this Morning dated the 30 we was sorry to here of your poor health but glad to here from you Jordon got aletter from lydia she wrote that she had got four leters from alvin he was well a prisner in Richmond that was the first news since he was missing there is still hope that he may come out all write some time but we do pittly him poor al well we have had avery cold winter so far and agood deal of snow their has been two or three thaws with alittle rain but every time took could yesterday and day before it rained and thawed last night froze hard again I cant har[d]ly get to the barn for ice it is dangerous for Man or beast the Road is bare in some places in others abed of ice more ice than bare Now i will tel you how I have spent my time this winter in part well leander and me sawed up them two poplars over the creek we took them down to fords sawmill where the Mill burnt up he has rebilt it and is sawing we took down alums and two poplar logs from our own side in all sixteen we had solomon curtis with his wood over in leanders chopping he sawed two days for Elizabeth one for leander and one day for me one day Benjamin White and me split Jordon drewed for bes and leander drewed with him at the same time next day lee and me bothe split so on till done in all four days at three dollars per day he average about 14 cords aday guest [guessed] at but in the time leander brought a lot of small poplars of curtis to make sap troves he got enough to make three hundred or over we have them all at home but not made in to troves yhet that will be our next job now I must tell you that i got aletter from my brother Jacob Ewing from illinois he wish he was well there is three of his children with him Almira, leroy and King Almira is theaching school king is going to school learoy he is the house keeper he lives in hancock county Mc gains post office is his post office address king served three years in the army came home all write Jacob wrote that your uncle andy had been to see him last March and he had got two or three letters from his since but none lately i answered his letter the same day I got his Well henry old Robb has got your loom done all Ready your Mother has wove two short webbs and got the third one in the loom makes good clothe the Rayth temples and Shettles [shuttles] is poor things the Shettles is no Shettles at all they dont look like any that you ever seen or any body else he was mad when he made them your Mother had to scold no little to get such as they are now I will have to stop soon as my paper is getting short emily has afine young daughter about two days old I have not seen it yet emily is smart Elizabeth and emily gets leters from Andy [and] DC they was both well at last date write soon this from father Mother Ewing

Note: Grandfather Enoch had brothers Jacob and Andrew and several others. Andrew was the youngest of the family. I never head of grandfather corresponding with any of his brothers except Jacob and George. "Ewing" was Ewing Cherington, also called Ewie or Ewy.

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