

ELIZABETH CHERINGTON TO NAN

May the 13 1864

Dear Child it is with plesure that i take My pen in hand to in form you that we are all well hoping these few lines May find you inJoying the Same Blessing of god we received your kind leter Wednesday and was glad to learn that you was well and got there safe the friends is generally well with the exception of Muz and Ely Muz has had a sore throat but it is beter now Ely has the same but not very bad we are A Doctoring her with Praen [praying?] and salt and vinegar well nancy we get A leter from some of the boys Most every Day Emily got one from andy yesteerday they was all well we have had 3 or 4 from Mack but he said he Must quit and write to you so it is needless to say any thing that was in his leters only he was well and well sadisfide that he had in listed I have sold his horse the Day he left hillsdale i got \$95 Dollars for him Paid 45 to Emily on the wagon I have the rest in Com mand wating to know what to Do with it we have not had any Direction to know where to Direct A letter to them un till to day Andy said in his last to Direct to Washington D C in Care of lieutenant Sher man

I will write him A leter in A few Days I am buisy at trying to plow I was Down to Isaac Ewings went wednesday came home thursday they was well whites is well Janta [Janetta] was here last night Janet and bes washed for Muz to Day Muz has bin Making sope this week that is the way she got her sore throat A working in the rain well I will soon have to quit for this time as their has nothing transpired that is worth writing About since you left us it is very lone some to us all since we are left home but we live in hopes looking foreward trusting and Praying that this wicked Rebellion will soon Come to a Close when our Dear friends will re turn to their hapy homes write soon

from E and S Ewing to Nan Ewing

Well Nan good eavening I hope you are well and Doing the best you Can well you will now that some one has writen this letter for fater it was his re quest for Me to answer yours as he has not time in Daytime and at Night you se is so tyrard he cant hardly see

Well Nan it is aw ful lone some since Dewit and the boys is gone sometimes I think I cant Stand it un till fall to see him Come home then I know I have to sub Mit let the conciqences be what it will we have to yield to A higher power trusting and praying for A Speedy Down fall of Rebellon write as Soon as this Comes to hand to Nancy A Ewing from Elizabeth Cherington

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Well Nan

I thought i would put a few lines in with the rest of it and let you know that I am wel at present and enjoying good health and hope when these lines reach you it will find you enjoying the same blessing I just got a letter from Pa this Evening and bes got one from Dewitte and got one from Mack yesterday got one from Andy yesterday they were all well and enjoying good health I Wrote one to Pa and mack and this is the third one I wrote to night It is now 15 minutes past eleven OClock guess i will Close so good night Remember me

Note: The foregoing was written by aunt Bess Cherington for grandfather and grandmother as evidenced by the following letter from herself written upon the same sheet. I made no attempt to follow spelling, etc. "Ely" referred to was, in my judgment, Ella Snyder, daughter of John Snyder, then in the army. "Mus" was grandfather Ewing's nickname for grandmother, and I remember when our folks called her that.

AEE 022131

Note : The third part of this group letter is unsigned, but AEE has penciled in "Melanie Radabaugh," who remains otherwise unidentified, but clearly would be

related to Susannah Radabaugh, Enoch Ewing's wife. Of course the "grandmother" and "grandfather" mentioned in AEE's note were Enoch and Susannah. The envelope is addressed "to Mrs nancy A Ewing/Stubenvill/Jefferson Co ohio"

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