

JAMES K. EWING TO ENOCH EWING

Memphis July the 25th A.D. 1863

Dear Uncle

It is with the greatest of plusure that I seat my self for the first time in life to write you a few lines in order to let you know how and where I am and to see if I couldent heare by way of mail where and what you was doing as I had not heard a word from you or any of your folks Since I left Ohio I am in the Service of the United States and have been for two years I enlisted on the 20th day of July A.D. 1861 under Capt M Churchill at Keystone Furnase Jackson County Ohio where we went to place of Rendevous on the 26th at Columbus Ohio where we staid some three weeks we then was ordered to St Louis Mo we remained in that state some nine months marching the state all over from East to West and prety neer from North to South we were then under Major Gen Pope We then was assigned to the department of the Miss Valey we was then called to the Corinth Department under Gen Halick [Halleck] a few days after the battle of Shilo was fought there we remained before Corinth upwards of some thirsty days when they became some what alarmed and canonated [cannonaded] the place part of our forces went one place and part another but we remained at Corinth during the summer till Oct when the Rebels under took to runt us from there but they soon found it was no go and gave it up we then started with grant to Vicksburg by land and Jackson Miss we had succeeded in getting as far as oxford miss 140 miles from Corinth when the Rebel Cavalry got in our rear and then we were ordered back to Jackson Tenn and from there to Corinth again where we remained four months when we moved to Memphis where we still remain for an indefinte period we have been in several hard fights and have lost a good many men I have seen a good many Mishigans troops but I have never seen any of the Ewings in any of them there is none of old Jacobs boys in the service but myself Father Almira and Leroy are in Illinois and the rest of the family are still in Ohio Charley is living on the old place on Racoon Leand is married and is living in Nihe [?] Co he married a Garfield a step daughter of old John Buckuss Mary Jane and her family are living in Vinton Co. Elizabeth and her man is living in Vinton Co and Mary Jane and her has nine children Elzabeth had four Charley has six Margaret is not married yet nor hopes of it she sticks to old Gallia yet so you see I keep pretty well posted in the home affairs as well as in military business well I will have to bring my letter to a close for the present by asking you to write soon give my love and best respects to all enquiring friends and tell them to write to me also and I will answer when you write please inform me how and where all of your folks are and what they are all doing for I am anxious to here if there is any of your boys in the service please let me know what is the number of there Regt and Company with these few lines I shall quit for the present hoping to here from you soon

this from your well wishing newpnew

James K Ewing

to

Enoch Ewing

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Note: This is another letter without an envelope. Jacob was Enoch's brother and father of James King Ewing. The family members James mentions are his brothers and sisters. I cannot find any place name in Ohio that resembles "Nihe."

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