

NAN TO MACK

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Jackson C H Ohio

My Dear companion I now seat my self to pen a few lines to you I got too letters from you (three days ago) boath mailed the same day we are all well with the exceptions of bad coalds the Baby has had a verry bad coald but it is getting better now. I went to meeting to day but the preacher did not come so I might as well have staid at home. I left Baby with Mother I got a letter from Bess lasst week She said Dewit was at home on furlough 20 day furlough and had got lengthened 20 days longer she said she was so glad to see him and if the would was hers she would give it rather than to see him go back again. you have no doubt heard by this time of Alvins releas from prison-----Monday 6the now Mc I will try and finish my letter. yesterday evening just when I had got fairly comenced to right mary west came up and took Baby Boy off down to becks so I had to stop my righting and follow. So we staid there till this morning and then came home. Mc I have shortened the Babys cloths got his shoos and stockings on him and I tell you now he looks cute. I wish you could see him make his little feet fly up and down jumping Well Mc if you were at home now I expect you and Lea would be makeing long faces for it is about time to begin to make shugar it is shugar weather here now and I expect it is there to but I dont care for the shugar but I will tell you what I do care about and that is about my old Mc getting his discharge and comeing home to stay. Yes that would be better than warm shugar for me and Baby Boy

I am so afraid that you will take the smallpox from that exposure that you had but I do hope you will not take them well now Mc I must stop and get super it is all most sundown I will finish this to night or in the morning

well super is over the Baby aslep and now for a talk. but wouldnt it be mutch pleaseanter to talk face to face than to talk with such a distenc between us but as it is so we will have to put up with it and make the best of it we can hopeing for happiness together in the future. I expect Al and Lydia are enjoying them selfs to gether and also DC and Bess but I think it will come our time by and by. O Mc the time seams so long to me since the day we parted at Wellsville. I thought then that I neaver could go through all that was before me. yes I thought I should give up in dispair but the kind hand of providence has ever bin with me and gave me stregnth to bear evry tryal that I have pased through dureing your absance well I must hasten to close for I hear the Baby Boy grunting and he will soon be calling for me to come and take him up I expect another letter from you to morrow I got three last week but one of them was so little I wonder that it eaver got through now I have to Baby asleep again and will finish up my letter we got a letter from John this evening he is at camp chase yet he sent his recipt for pap to draw his money from the tresur now I will bid you good night and will soon be in bed asleep by Baby Boy still prey for your devoted wife Nan to Mc Ewing good by right soon often