

REBECCA HANK TO NAN

June the 10<sup>th</sup> 1861

Dear Sister yore letter came

to hand the 15<sup>th</sup> of last month and I Wroat a ancer then but I for got to send it then I Will Write you an other I was glad to hear that you Was Coming home this fol the boys finnish there Wheat yesterday and Wheat is verry good this year and our corn looks Nicc Virginia French came up hear yesterday and is not going home till to morrow We have lots of Work to do Mary J Ewbanks is hear a spinning Mrs Scot and Mary Mc and Fred McClung just Went away from hear We have so much compnay that it keeps me all the time cooking Was at Jackson the forth tha raised a large pool for the union Mary and I went in the buggy and Bob came out With us in the Eavning I had Lots of fun With Te Hebeenstine Nancy We have plenty to Eat We have Beens potato Honey Black Barry and two or three other little thing not worth teling granie Miller died Last Saturday she Was sick about to Weeks the Drs did not know What alded [ailed] her her helth is generly good a Round Hear Spencer and his family Was hear Last Saturday and staded [stayed] all Night Wehave made five blankets and in tend to make some more this Summer Mr Osburn Was hear yesterday for dinner Liz is sick I saw Martha the fourth and she asked me When I had Hird from Mr Abbott or others O Nance if you knowd What good times we have hear yo would come Home Mary and I had a buggy ride the other Sundy Mary and Eli plummer and Tom and me We Went to Jake Dickson School House to meeting the Chewmaker Coddle preached O I had Liked to of forgot to tell yo Ho [who] gos to see mary kinison it is John plumer it is Mary Jane Wants to know Why yo did not ancer her Lettter that she roat yu Last Winter I toled Bob What you sed to and he sed he did ancer it Long ago Nance I will heft to quit for the Raison is running over and John is in hury to go to twon I Will write the more the next time you to come home as soon as you can sonomore at this time if yo doant hurry back I Will change my name so iwill

From R. E. Hank  
yore brother

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Note: While this letter was plainly dated June 10, 1861, it was clearly intended to July 10. Twice she refers to the "fourth" which she could not have done back in June. As further evidence, the envelope in which the letter was found is plainly postmarked July 11.

"Spencer" was doubtless Spencer Cherington, son of Clinton and Margaret Cherington.

"John" was her brother, John W. Hank

The Hank home was just out of Jackson two or three miles.

The address on the envelope reads: Miss Nancy A. Hank  
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