

State of Tennessee

May, 3rd - 1864

Campbell County

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Dear Son I this day take my pen in hand
To wright you a few lines to let you no that
We are all well and EnJoying common
health with the exception of my self I am
Som what pany I has bin for several days
hoping when thes Lines arives to hand may
find you well I can inform you that I
Red a letter from John W. Cates ^{this day} sent by the
Way of Ky Dated apri 10th /64 and it
Stated that you and Lieutenant bracher
Was sick and verry bad off but did not
State your complaint if you are one among
the Living I want you to answer my letter
as soon as this Letter comes to hand for I
shal bee uneasy about you untell I hear
from you again I shal send this Letter to
Knoxvill by, W. L. Meador To put in the office
To Marrow I dont want you to goin the
hospittle if there is enoy other chance for you
Get some one of the Buys to take care of you
and stay in camps if they will let you stay

I want you to send your letter by the way of
Ky I think I will get them sooner then sent to
Knovill thair is more pasing acrop the mountain
than there is to Novill I can inform you
that all of your friend and neighbors is well
and the most of them is trying to do the best
they can I can say that I finish planting
corn the first day of may before dinner
I hav some other little truck to plant get
such as cotten seed & came pack &c
Grass is coming fast and timber is geting
green My wheat is going fine to what I
Coer expected I have my hogs, spade and my
Lambs tamed all doing fine I can inform you
the Telagraft Wien is up from Knovill
to Cumberland gap along the vally oode
Doctor Jones & Wellington Mares is gone to
Louisvill to Lay in a stalk of good and
James Cooper has put up a grocery in
his stone house sells rot gut at \$3,00
per qt A line to W. B. Smith John
Craven, & family is well also your Mother is well
Jack Smith is hear yet

Wee have peaceable times here now
Some few yankies passing Every day a
Long the Road But pester nobody
They say all of the Rebble forces has
Left East Tennessee and is making
their way to Richmond that think
We dont get much news from the armies
no way some flying reports is going not
half of that is true David Fisher is gone
To Knoxville now a pedling when he comes back
Maby we will hear something or other
John Leach has gone to hunt up James
Leach he has bin in the hospital all the
Spring and sent for his father to come
and see him he is at Knoxville
Harvey I want you to try to get a furlow
if you are able to travel and cum up to me
send me a letter and I will come for you
and when you get well you can go back
to your Regiment again you have bin sick
so much maby that will furlow you home
untill ye get a ble for serves you can
But try them and keep trying

A few lines to G. W. Chapman your
Wife Just stepped in as I was about clos
My letter that are all well she had that
big boy with her she had on a new calico
dres if you had bin her you would cised her
No doubt she want to see you bad & say you
must com home as soon as you can get the chance

Harvey if you Liv to get this letter I want
you to be shore to Righ back a mediately
To mee by some one or other and let mee no
how you are and how you are geting along
if thay wont Let you com home try to get to
Som good hours in the country where you can be
taken care of you will fare better I think
than you will in the hospittle or in camps

No more I remain your affectionate
Father Tel death

John Chapman To ~~Mr~~

Wm. H. Chapman Nashville
Ten Ninth Ten Cavalry
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