

about five
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Camp near Knoxville
Knox Co Tenn. Nov 5th / 60

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was down with some money
that was in a box [unclear] would not go
back (to [unclear] men) sold their coats
and [unclear] they will want them
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you had two cows I want to ask
if that little heifer Father had made
a good cow. Do you hear from
Newport lately. Where is Peter Kinn
now? About the bills or receipts from
Concord How many has Father recei-
ved and what do they all amount to?

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amount of the first two months which
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\$8 more, July & Aug. We were paid at
Nickelsville \$8. We have just been
mustered for two months more and our
paymaster is on the way to pay us
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me a few lines yourself and tell me
if its all right.

Nov. 7th

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of Oct. 26th. I wrote home ⁱⁿ my letter of
Oct 14 for a pr of gloves, knit gloves
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mittens send those. I also wrote for
a pr of drawers in a letter before that
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Those don't let any one that out of our family
take any letter from us
We are enjoying ourselves well now
I don't know how you will like to
stay for some time to read my letter
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to Laredo before this. We would like to
winter here as it is a splendid place.

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other paper once in a while. Anna
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but is now better. It seems by his
letter Moses did not get a cent. I am
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if Mother wants any money to get her some
clothes with I will send her a few dollars. I
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Mother I want you to keep my letters soft.

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sent him I am glad he has got a
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company with Harace ~~and~~ Margaret
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dations all about in Ky. and Tenn.

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an office or store could not be got for here
now so that we are in fact left there
not hardly fit to let but make good sense
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letter you get from me will be written
in Tenn. If we go down there I shall
take it all for the best. Perfect Thomas
Short is now down in Tenn. Please write
me if his folks hear from him if
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Many in the market but they are for
merchandise of all kinds of things we can get a
small amount to have an abundance of
our own coffee and meat now
It is made like a big skillet, only ~~made~~
~~bread~~ thicker and wider having
a close fitting cover heavy iron cover
in this form can be ^{baked} wafers bread pie
meat &c &c It is set on the coals
and hot embers placed on the cover
It came into my mind that I could
make some indian cake just such
as Mother makes at home so off I
goes for some meal having got meal
and a little flour and bought some
corn meal which is raised here in
this country in abundance With
soda and some milk I mixed up
and baked in the oven about the
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It is made like a big skilit only thicker and wider having a close fitting heavy iron cover in this pan can be baked biscuits bread pies meat &c &c It is set on the coals and hot embers placed on the cover It came into my mind that I could make some indian cake just such as Mother makes at home so off I goes for some meal having got meal and a little flour and bought some cane molasses which is raised here in this country in abundance With soda and sour milk I mixed up and baked in the oven about the nicest corn cake ever made. At least I thought so. On seeing some pumpkins in the field I thought I must undertake to make some pies and have been quite successful I guess I shan't have to ask mother when I get home to make me pumpkin pies for evry batch I make they approxemate more and more to the old

I send you home a castor oil bean they grow about here

Please don't let any one out of our family take this letter to read Anna of course will read it (if she can) If it is hard for Anna to read my letters she must write me so I can write plainer but I hurry it so mostly it is not so plain

This letter tells about money affairs &c for that reason I had rather it would not go all over town Will answer James' Lawyer's letter soon

Good Buy W.J. Templeton

Alden Farrar is a good cook and he helped me a good deal together we have got up some good pies We have a Co. fund and by selling our surplus coffee and meat we are enabled to have an abundance of potatoes vegetables of all kinds Apples we can get a plenty in the orchards but they are poor ones not hardly fit to eat but make good sauce I can't help contrasting our possition now to that we were in last fall then an apple or potato could not be got for love or money I want you and James to write often Tell Mrs. Colby we will put down the rebellion soon. we shall soon be tramping out a few hundred miles more of it

Truly you Brother
W.J.T.