

[“this is the last letter before he
was taken prisoner” has been written in on top left corner of the letter]

Olaysville Ala March, the 10, A.D. 1,864

Dear wife

I thought as I had nothing to do to day
I would write you a few lines I have not-
hing to do and I am lonesome and I
will pass off my time in writing to
you I am well and in good spirits o[hole]
I am so awful lonesome tha[stain] is n[hole]
going on here and consequently it is ver[hole]
it would be some consideration if we [hole]
only kick up a fuss withch our f[hole]
over the river I and some more of [hole]
was down in the bank of the river[hole]
day and the rebs wanted us to com[hole]
and we told them to go to hell and [hole]
shot at us and then [faded] into the[faded] shot[hole]
and they had better stay thare for the [hole]
river is only about 500 yards wide here
and our guns will shoot that far
first rate well you see after they
shot at us I was so darned mad I
dident know what to do so I and an
other fellow [hole]ut of our co started down
through the woods we was walking along
talking low to ourselves not expecting to
see any thing when I herd something in
the bush I told Goodwin to keep

low for I herd something so we
both laid down for the thing was [“cming” is crossed out]
coming right towards us and we both
cocked our guns and we did not have
to wait more than five minutes before
a Sesec hog walked out of the bush
not more than ten seps from whare
[hole] lay concealed and us[?] I wasent in
[hole]verry good umor I just shot the old
[hole] ou so we skinned him and took
[hole] to camp and eat his liver for
[hole]her and I am in hopes that I
[hole] get several good meals out of the
[hole]ance of him so ended ours[?] Sesec hog
[hole] for something else It was an our
[hole] raining night last night but it
[hole]has cleared off warm and pleasant to day
[hole]t is warm enough to plant corn here
the neighbors are making some garden
but not planting much I expect they
think thare is no use in planting if
the yankees does all the harvesting and
I dont blame them for not planing
Nate Kinkennan has left here his
discharge come on the Woody[hole]lle and I expect
he will be at home before long
W.W. Crandall had got back he got
here the 8 of this mont he looks
first rate

I believe you never told me wheather
you got the money on that order or not
if you did I forgot it I am sorry to
here that yo[hole] Father is so unwell I am
afraid that it will be hard times for
them but I presume that Fugette is
large enough to do a good eal of work
by this time I expect that the boys are
at home by this time enjoying themselves
by this time well I am in hopes they
may have lots of pleasure for they deserve[hole]
and I think after my time is out I [hole]
apreciate the good things of home as [hole]
as I want to I am glad now tha[hole]
couldent join them the Surgeon [hole]
me he would send me to the invalid [hole]
but I guess that he lied to me I di[hole]
hate to go off and leave the regF I felt[hole]
about like I did when I left home thare
was a good lot of boys in co F and I
hated to leave them but I couldent help
myself and I am one that dont cry after
spilt milk our Capt mame is
House I think he is all o.k. but
some of t[hole] boys dont like him
verry well but you know that thare
was some that didnt like Jesus christ
and it is hard to please all

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I believe that I have writen all
the news if the boys ["have" crossed out] are thare
you can tell them that G N Fibbles is
working a way to get his co made
up he started do day for wodville[?]
I dont much believe that he will get
a commission but he may he told
me that he had 20 men to swear in
give my respects to the boys if they
are thare but good bye for this time

from George B Davis to his
Wife Catharine Davis

[hole]N B Direct your letters to
[The following is written sideways:

write as long
letters as I do
if you can
and ablige[?] you
old man]

George B davis
1st Division
15 Army Corps
in care of capt House

you was wanting me to write often and
I think I have done very well since I
have come to this place I expect that
you are living to youself by this time
if you are I hope you will enjoy yourself finely
I am in hopes that I will be thare after
a while to live with you but I will bid you
good bye for this time try an[hole] write as often
as you can C from george B Davis to

Catharine Davis
My love to you and Mary Jeff Davis