

Near Beach Grove
Bedford County Va
March 6th 1863

Miss E. J. Glover

Dear Sister:

I rec^d your letter of Jan^y 17th a-
bout a week ago from it I learned that you
were all in tolerable health except Ellen who
I am sorry to learn is dead - you said nothing of
how grand Pa was getting along and nothing about
whether father was able to use his arm any
better now than when I left home & what
you wrote in your letter was the first I
had learned in some time about the boys but
I again heard from them a few days ago they
were well at that time but may be dead
at this time as it is more than likely they were
with Wharton at the time he took Franklin
a few days ago that is to say he whipped and
captured some two or three thousand of the
Federals at that place - there was a good deal
of artillery firing over in that direction yester-
day and day before but I have not yet learned
what was the cause of it - there has been some
firing of artillery over on or near the Shelbyville
and Murfreesboro pike today - I suppose it to be
foragers shooting at each other. It is hard to tell what
the yankees are doing they appear to be concentrated about Murfreesboro

I think they are somewhat afraid to leave the way open from here to Nashville, as they know we will be almost certain to destroy their wagon trains and they could not get along without them - none of us know when there will be another fight on a grand scale I hope it may not be at all and that we may very soon have peace -

I want you at all times when you write to me to state all you know about any and all the relatives and acquaintances any where in your knowledge - I heard day before yesterday for the first time since we started to fort Donaldson that Cousin John Gribb was not taken by the yankees at the time they captured Dougless' men at Middleton between Shelbyville and Mufreesboro but that they took some of his stock - Randorn is said to have taken from two to three thousand prisoners at Franklin a few days ago - from the best I can learn there is but little sickness in our army at this time

I hope this will find you in good health I have yet have the bible you gave me when I left home - Hoping the blessings of the Almighty may be with you all till we meet again - farewell

Direct your letters to Shelbyville
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