

Near Beach Grove Bedford County
Tenn.

March 6th / 63.

Robt. M. Love!

Dear brother

I now answer your letter of
Jan'y the 12th 1863 =. This leaves me in
good health and if Sam and John were
not hurt the other day at Franklin
Williamson County they are possibly well yet.
I heard from them a few days ago they were
well at that time. I have had no opportunity to
go to see them yet but when ever we are relieved
from picket duty I will try to go and see them.
I hope this will find you all in good health.
None of you have written how Grand pa was
and the last letter from Tea stated that uncle
William was in bad health but none of you
father or Tea or yourself have said any thing about
how he is at the time your writing = I am
very sorry indeed to learn that poor Doug lays
is dead = this will be a terrible affliction to his
mother but I hope will prove a cause of
happiness to her in the end = None of you
say any thing about uncle Baker's family or
S. K. Scruggs or Betty M^o. or go Baker all I have
heard about goe is that he was shot in the leg by a
grape shot at the last battle at Corinth = I want

you and any of the rest of the
family who write to tell me all
about all the relatives and their cir-
cumstances = Both the great object in
life is to study how to be and do good
toward every living creature and no
book can teach us better about these things
than the bible

Yours fraternally

Direct your letters to Shelbyville,

Bedford County

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