

Chattanooga Tennessee  
July 29<sup>th</sup> 1862

My DarlingWife,

I wrote a few lines to you while at Atlanta, Georgia. I hope Darling you have received it. You can answer this letter my Darling and direct your letters to me the same as you used to do with the exception of Mobile, Ala. [Alabama] put Chattanooga, Tennessee. We arrived here safe the next morning after we left Atlanta. We have around in this vicinity some thirty or forty thousand troops Darling and they continue to pour in daily by thousands. I presume Darling we will invade thier [their] country. I hope so.

Chattanooga is a small place and is the junction of several important rail roads— it is situated on the Tennessee river in the midts [midst] of the Cumberland Mountains. Our Regiment is encamped about two miles from Chattanooga at the foot of Mount Lookout. You can Darling from Mount Lookout see 4 different states— namely North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee. It is Darling the highest mountain in the south. We can also see Darling General Beaul's [General Don Carlos Buell's] army (Federals) which is encamped about twenty miles from here— From all accounts we will soon make him leave this country Darling. There is several of our Florida Regiments encamped around here. I prefer this kind of service better Darling than I did while in Mobile the men are in better spirits at the idea of invading there [*sic*]country. I hope this will soon close this War I think it will. Yesterday our picketts [*sic*] brought in some six or Eight Yankees. They were skinning a sheep which they had just Shot when they were surprised [*sic*] and captured. I will while here write to you often Darling. I do not know what moment we will be ordered to march forward and then Darling I cannot write often— you must not be uneasy Darling as I will be carefull [*sic*] of myself. I hope Darling you will receive the Box this time. I would have sent you Darling some stockings and a pair of Gloves but I had not time to purchase them in Montgomery. I cannot get them here as everybody except soldiers has left the country. The Villiages [*sic*] and farms looks so desolate. The Yankees some months ago attacked this place but was repulsed. Your Uncles Darling is well and wishes to be remembered to you all. My regards to all enquiring friends. Kiss all for me. Do not be uneasy My Darling. I will write to you in a few days. Good bye my Darling.

Your husband  
Jacob E. Mickler

Write to me here.

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