

Davidson county Tenn March <sup>the</sup> 16. 1862

Dear Companion I take the present opportunity to let you know that I am well at the present time and I truly hope when these few lines comes to hand they will find you and the children in good health enjoying the same blessing I have nothing of much interest to you at the present time Well Nancy I would like the best in the world to see you and my little children and be at home with you and them but it is so that I cant now but I ~~am~~ <sup>am</sup> in hopes that peace will be made in three months or less time I will get to come home and stay in peace Well Nancy I want you to do the best you can I ~~do~~ dont want you to sell any corn if you cant make out ~~for~~ without selling <sup>any</sup> of the corn for if this war goes on a nine months corn will be hard to buy at any price but I dont see how the Rebels is to get provision much longer for there is nothing in this part of Tennessee to eat or feed stock on

and this is won among there best states  
they had for provision There is no pork  
scarcely any corn or oats or hay or wheat  
or any thing of <sup>the</sup> kind I know well  
if the union army I had <sup>no</sup> way of getting  
there provisions from the corn and  
wheat states they would soon have  
to hang up and there stock soon  
died but we have to get both  
cars and steamboats There is about  
~~the~~ two hundred thousand union soldiers  
across the Cumberland river at  
Nashville Some of the troops are  
some forty ~~miles~~ miles south of here  
I do not know where nor how ~~the~~  
far the Rebels is from here they  
are running evry time I hear from  
them I never expect to get to see  
them for I think they are ruing  
out of it as fast as they can our  
men has catch old Morgan and his  
men and got them safe in Nashville  
so no more at present of that  
the news is that Mat Gepp is Dead  
~~I~~ I dont know how true it is  
and it is also reported that  
William H Spencer Dead  
I dont know how true the case is

well Nancy I want you to write  
to me when you get this letter  
without fail well Nancy I want  
you to tell all family I want  
them to write me I want you  
tell Mother she must write me  
I would be glad to see her tell  
Melvina she must write to me  
tell Gerson James they must write  
give my best love and respects  
to all engraving friends take to  
yourself a double portion so it  
getting late I must come to a close  
saying I would be glad to see  
you and the children and ~~the~~  
your paps family I remain  
your husband untill Death  
James Spencer  
to my Dear beloved wife

Nancy C Spencer

When this you see remember  
me write soon

my grandpa's letter when in  
war with the Southern soldiers.  
Written March 16 - 1860 at  
Davidson, Tenn.

The letter was written to his wife  
Nancy Mayer, my grandmother