

J. J. Williams to Emeline Williams, 13 January 1862

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Kentucky Warren County

Dear wife I take my pen in hand
to drop you and the children a few lines
to let you no that I am well at this
time hoping these few lines may
find you and the children all well
and doing well I have nothing
Strange to rite at this time I am
at Bowling Green yet we only have
a 11 men in our company hear the rest
is at Bells Tavern and we herd from
them last night the man that
came down from thare said that
General Hindman and Colonel
Biffle and Major Piper Started
yesterday to the camps of the
En[e]my at Green river and Probly
they had a brush yesterday
or this morning their is a bout
20,000 Northern on this side of
Green river but it will take
them some time to get hear
for our men had torn up the
rail road some 5 or 6 miles
and Blowed up the tunnel and
burnt the ties beat the rails
to pieces with a Sledg and has
bl[o]ckade the Pike by cutting the
trees a cross it for a bout 3 miles
and Some other Place they have
plowed up the road so they
can not haul any thing a long
it I did not get hear the day
I left home I Stayed at John Potters

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the cannons that we herd on
Newyears day was our men trying
our brest works and shoot of[f]
bums [bombs] we have several guns hear
of good size the balls weigh 164
Pounds

the bys is all [well] sofar as I no
at this time tell S.W. Williams
to rite how he is a getting a long
I am a going to send this by
G.W. Blak and I want you to
send me a nether one back by
him so I will close for the
Present so I remaine your husband
untill deth

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tell SW to rite how Will
Keen and Martin is getting a long
tell unkle James Brown if he
gets a letter from David and
Marine to rite to me and let
me no how they ar getting
a long

I rote that we expected a fight at
Green River but when they got thare
they cold not find a Yanky thare
So they will be back to Night or
to Morrow morning
So I will Close.