

nothing interesting to write  
I will close so excuse this  
badly written letter and be sure  
it after reading your Papa  
and all I am in love to  
you I us & the children  
May the Good Lord bless you  
all is the prayer of your  
Affectionate Mother  
M A The Army

PS write often I am always glad  
to hear from you

Jan the 30<sup>th</sup> 68

Dear Ell

I received your letter  
last evening and hasten to an-  
swer I am truly glad to hear you  
are all well hope you may keep  
well and that little Liver eye is  
well by this time I have no news  
to write you we are all as well  
as usual hard times is the most  
I can hear now a great many  
going in to the Bankruptcy many  
that we had no Idea of I don't  
know what will become of the  
poor crops the most of the  
Farmers have but few hands we  
are now at Huntersville I don't  
know what we shall do <sup>your papa</sup> he some-  
times speaks of going to White he  
is very low spirited I wish he  
could be contented and satisfied  
but I don't think he ever will

be again they have Peggy for  
their dining room servant she  
does very well I have no female  
servant Nancy comes in the  
morning and cleans up my room  
and washes for me I gave Paper  
I received a letter from Mary  
Ann she writes she is very bad  
of yet, Dick Respass was here  
yesterday Bot has a Daughter  
he wanted to buy Martin place  
I feel very sorry for them those  
that have a comfortable home  
ought to be very thankful  
you brother Whit has not returned  
yet I guess he is waiting to come  
back with Maria she went on  
about 10 or weeks ago miss Susan  
Lewis is teaching at Col green  
I am request for her to teach  
her little girl she stays there  
with Miss Susan there was no  
one with her when she died

but I am and Doc Patterson  
her family had been to see  
her thought her better the Doc  
and all were sitting up she  
asked the Doc to walk in the  
dining room and take a cup  
of coffee they found out one  
cup and the girl came in and  
told them she was worse they  
went in she lived but a few  
minutes she kept up as long  
as she could about 10 or weeks  
before she died she was at  
Shady Grove I understand  
she requested to be read at  
her burial the 23rd Psalm the  
Lord is my Shepherd I shall  
not want I keep the children  
for me till them I want to see  
them very much I enjoyed the  
cake very much it was very nice  
I have not received such a present  
in a long time well as I have