



William had had many advantages
before he improved them in a
proper manner.

J. V. Lucas

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For. Linsey.

Pony

Prisoner of War, P
Johnson's Island.

Sandusky, Ohio.

Jan - 24th, 1864

Pony

Barra Barron

Dear Sir

1866

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To sister Mary -
Dear

On the 10th of March 1862 I
joined the Army and was in
the battle at New-berne, N.C.
March 14th. Untill the 13th
of May I was at - Kinston, N.C.
May 20th at - Raleigh N.C.
On June 15th my company
was sent to - Wilmington N.C.,
and remained there untill
Sept. 20th, when the Regt. under
Command of Col. Radcliffe went
to Smithville N.C. - Oct. 1st
we moved to North-East Station.
Oct. 10th we moved to Everetts-
ville - Oct 20th to Tarboro.
Oct. 22nd we left for Plymouth
and stopped at Williamston the
24th - at Jamestille the 26th
and 4 miles distant from
Plymouth the next following.

On Sunday we were in a
battle at Pauls Mills Near Wil-
liamston, Martin Co., N.C. and in
a skirmish near Tarboro'

and left Tarboro' for
Washington N.C.

arrived at Greenville Dec

1st. Dec 7th we left for
Kinston and fought the ene-
my there the 13th & 14th of Dec.

Dec. 17th we fought the same
force near Goldsboro' N.C.

We marched from Goldsboro'
to Wilmington arriving Jan
1st 1863. March 1st we were

ordered to Charleston and
remained there until the
15th and went to Savannah
Ga. - there we remained 5 days

days and returned to Charleston
and were encamped on
James Island until
after the attack on Ft Sum-
ter the 7th of Apr/63. when
we returned to Wilmington
July 11th we returned to
Charleston - July 17th we at-
tack the gunboat Pawnee in
Stons River driving it off.
July 18th the bombardment of
Ft Wagner commenced early in
the morning - lasted during the
day and was charged by infantry
at night and ^{the grants} gloriously whipped
that night - our Regt. moved
on Sullivan's Island and
received troops every five
or six days at Ft Wagner
until the 26th of Aug.

when I with 68 men of my Regt. ^{at: Wagon}
were captured in the rifle pits
by the 24th Mass. Regt. I was
kept on Morris Island several
days after my capture and
then sent to Hilton Head,
S.C. Oct. 3rd. I was sent
on board the Steamer Fulton
bound for New-York and
arrived there Oct. 6th stop-
ping on Govs. Island three
days. Oct. 9th I was sent
from New-York for Johnsons
Island, Ohio. and arrived
the next day. On Johnsons
Island I found about 2500
Confederate Officers in a pen
said to contain 12 acres.
In this pen I am a prisoner

of war to-night Jan. 5th,
1864. I spent the Christmas
of 1863 on Johnsons Island
and as it was the first - I
hope it will be the last.
Jan. 1st was a cold day.

" And 5 prisoners escaped
from Block 10 - 4 making
their escape good.

To-day the ground is cov-
ered with snow and the
weather cold.

Jan 6th. Nothing more than every day
occurrences transpiring to day.

Jan 7th. To-day all the prisoners
seem to be elated with the news
of an early exchange, and the
oath of allegiance is offered to
all who wish to remain North
none has accepted it yet.

Jan. 8th One man took the oath of allegiance to the U.S. government and was hooded at and kicked as he left the prison. The weather is still cold and lake frozen.

Jan. 9th. The health of the prisoners is good the number of deaths averaging one per day.

Jan. 10th Nothing of importance transpiring to-day.

Jan. 11th. Lieut. Norwood of So. Ca died in the hospital to-day.

Jan. 12th The Yankees report an exchange as agreed upon and all the prisoners seem to be jubilant.

Jan. 13th. The news of an exchange has proved to be "grape" and the guard at this place has been reinforced by Gen. Terry's

Brigade from the Army of the
Potomac.

Jan. 14th. The weather has mod-
erated a little and the snow
is melting - nothing further
has transpired worth noting.

Jan. 15th It is reported that
Longstreet's forces has whipped
the Yanks in East River.

Jan. 16th The apparent change
in the weather has turned to a
snow storm and the snow is
falling fast.

Jan. 17th The prisoners of the
different blocks have turned out
and having fine sport at the
snowball game.

Jan. 18th. Nothing of importance
finds its way to us in prison.
The boys still continue the

snow ball game.

Jan. 19th - Finds the prisoners generally low spirited and the weather cold.

Jan. 20th - The snow continues to fall at intervals.

Jan 21st - The boys had a hard fight today with snow balls - both parties claiming a victory.

Jan 22nd - No news from the outside reaches here concerning exchange. The health of the prisoners is bad several dying each day. The snow is melting slowly and the nights bright and cold.

Jan. 23rd In this dark prison to night without one thought to amuse, without one idea to interest me

I am listening at the whizzings^{wind}
and different calls of the
sentinels - "all is well."

No such thing as news reaches here
to brighten the hopes of a prisoner
in confinement, or afford past
time conversation; so we have
to sit and wear out our
patience ~~out~~ while listening
~~to~~ the different Officers relate
incidents that have occurred
in different regiments, armies
and campaigns. So ends the day.
Jan. 24th.

This is another Sunday that
finds me here idling away
the precious moments of my
short-life, while the prospects
of my leaving here, instead of
growing brighter become more

gloomy as each successive day passes by. Each day closes and I am none the wiser or better.

Jan. 25th. The ^{weather} is growing pleasant and spring-like, and the snow has almost disappeared and the prison yard become muddy indeed.

Jan. 26th. Nothing of interest reaches here, and the same monotony of prison life continues.

Jan. 27th. The weather is mild and pleasant.

Jan 28th, Nothing of interest

" 29 The weather has taken a sudden change to a cold windy day.

" 30th Nothing new nor no change in the weather.

" 31st The weather is cold and windy.

Feb 1st

Nothing of interest trans-
piring today-

Feb 7th

Today is another sun-
day passing off and I
still on Johnsons Island
whiling away the precious
moments of my life in con-
finement-

Feb 9th

Today a lot of several
hundred prisoners left
here for Point Lookout-

Apr 2nd

The weather is mild and
pleasant-

Apr 20 Several hundred sick
prisoners leave for ex-
change

May 2nd

The weather is cold and rainy,
some snow falling

" 3rd

No more snow falls but the wind
blows very hard indeed

" 4th

The weather is mild and pleas-
ant and nothing disturbs the quiet-
here. W. M. Cross who claimed
to be a man who served
was tried by the Texans in
prison and made denials being
a Texan and also being a
Confederate Major.

The health of the prison is tolerably
good - no deaths having
occurred for several days.

The Yanks are preparing
to enlarge the prison

by setting the wall further
from the prison quarters.

May 6th

The weather is cloudy
and shows signs of rain.
News from Va informs us
of the advance of Grant's
Army and the retreat
of Lee's. The Yanks seem
to be proud as if Richmond
was now theirs, and shout
hurrahs for Gen. Grant.
Hospital is tolerably full,
though not many deaths.

Deaths average one per
week. To day Capt
Ballou ^{aged 40} died of fever.

Nothing else of interest
transpiring worthy record-
ing.

May 7th

The weather is cloudy and
raining. Capt Day & Mr
G. A. Regt: died of typhoid
fever.

" 8th - This morning the
weather is fine and pleasant.
Divine services are going
on in the different churches to-
day and every thing seems to
be quiet. The Yankees are de-
moralizing outside to night
or are rejoicing over news
from Va - we know not which.

May 9th

Rumors from Va. tell us
that fighting of the most hor-
rible nature is now going
on. The Yankees say that
their forces have taken Petin-
burg, but it is not believed.

in the "Bull Pen". Gen
Terry and his command
leave for Washington City
to day and militia fill
the places of guard here with
the 128th & 129th Regts. No news
through the papers yet have
reached here so that we can
form any idea how the
tide of battle is going in Va.
Though we have confidence
enough in Gen. Lee to think
that all will be well, still
some fears exist for upon that
fight depend exchange of pris-
oners and the prospects of an
early peace. The papers ac-
knowledge a heavy loss of
men in wounded - over
8 thousands are being
sent to Washington City -
from Grants army -

Dark clouds and heavy rain makes it very dark as the shades of night approach.

May 10th

The dawn of daylight is here, but heavy black clouds still hover around this lonely island while the violent winds rave in the wildest agitation the quiet waters of Lake Erie. News from Va. tells of the severe and bloody conflict between Grant and Lee. Nothing decisive yet. The rain continues to fall.

May 11th.

The weather is fine and pleasant. News from Va, considering the channel through which we have to get it, tells us that Gen. Lee has nobly held his own ground and

punished the enemy
severely; we have no fears
just now.

May 12th

Telegrams from the
papers give various rumors con-
cerning the battle in Va. Lee is
reported to have been driven from
his works at Spotsylvania C. H.
The enemy's loss is very heavy es-
pecially in Genl. Officers. Genls.
Warren & Sedgwick, both Corps
Commanders are dead. Their loss
in killed, wounded, and captur-
ed is now seven Genl. Officers.

May 13th

News collected from the Sandus-
ky paper tells of another great fight
but no advantage for either
party yet. An extra published
in Sandusky to day con-

tain startling news for the
Yankees. They claim to have
capt Gen "Red" Johnson and
his Div with 21 pieces of
Artillery. They also claim
to have 5000 wheat and
7000 prisoners. To hear
such bad news when penned
as we are and hear the
Repealer cheers of the blue-
coats, is really annoying.
We do not believe all we
hear. The weather contin-
ues warm.

To Sister Mary

May 18th.

In Prison.

A few moments of each day,
I spend in noting down events that
occur to my knowing. If I never
see home and the dear ones.

there I hope this little book
you will see. When I au-
thorized the service of the Confed-
erate States ^{Mar. 20 1861} intended to keep
a diary but the duties of my
new avocations, together with
my gifted neglect - caused
me to fail in fulfilling my
intentions. until I was
captured Aug. 26th/63.

To day I am prisoner and
unusually low spirited, owing
to the news that the enemy seem
to be so jubilant over. They
claim to have defeated Lee
and routed his army.

To be here in confinement, to hear
nothing to cheer us in lonely
hours when so far from home
in an enemy's country a prisoner,
is indeed, a trial that no man

own experiences. Oh, on an
Island in the Lake of Water,
where escape is impossible,
and exchange played out,
and ^{at a time when} ~~one~~ ^{at} ~~Columbians~~ ^{art} ~~men~~ ^{ingage}
in one of the severest bat-
tles ^{the} of war, and nothing but
news of disaster reaching us,
is enough almost to disturb
a wooden man. At differ-
ent times I have taken notice
of events worth recording.

Glancing over them you
will learn something of the
time and nature of my cap-
ture. The passing of time in
prison is a difficult
matter, indeed, and to ad-
vantage is very hard;
so at times I find myself
in deep soliloquies and

very often upon the wings
of imagination I am in
the presence of you, Brother,
and Sister Martha talking of
the past. Oh - that it could
be real! Adieu. J. L.
May 14th.

This morning the news is not
so bad and leaves in less doubt
about Lee's safety. They claim
of the last battle at Spotsyl-
vania one Maj. Gen. & two
Brigades with 3000 prisoners
and 30 pieces of Art.

The weather continues cloudy
to day and some rain
is falling. The weather is
very cool for the middle of May.
Spring seems to be near
at hand. The trees are
putting forth leaves and

every thing seems to have a
a gloomy look except across
West of here in the distance
we can view a whist-fake,
but nothing else can be seen
but the water seems very
no.

May 12th - A 2 day Sunday
no news papers are sent here.
Everything seems to be silent
outside. It is reported the
Shuman has captured Johnson
capturing 2 or 3 prisoners.
but it is not believed.

May 16th

To day the weather is beautiful
and spring like, and everything
wears the aspect of quickened
life. The news from Va. is nothing
but a recapitulation of the
Conf. victories claimed by the Yanks.

They say yesterday that Sherman
moving over Johnson at
Dulles, Va. is confirmed.
We do not believe it here.
The confidence in Gen.
Lee and his troops is so
great here that in spite
of all disconcerting
specimens in abolition
papers, we believe him
to be nobly and gallant
by holding his own at
Spotsylvania C. H.

They say freely, admit
a loss of 40,000 men in
the recent engagement,
which convinces us that
it is much larger.
Feelings of the greatest
anxiety and jealousy in the "Blue
Press" above the result

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The first of the series of papers
concerning the "Ruthless"
and the "Jungle" and the
"Savage" and the "Wild"
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concerning the "Ruthless"
and the "Jungle" and the
"Savage" and the "Wild"
and the "Fierce" and the "Fierce"
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Grant is to day
Grant is whipping,
Sigel is on the retreat
in the valley and Lin-
coln is calling for 300
000 more men. Bully
May 20th.

News from the sea-guan
is still favorable for us. In
addition to every body else
in Yankeeedom being whipped
Ben Butler has become de-
moralized and retreated
towards Ft. Monroe, Va.

May 22nd

Nothing new reaches
here to put down our fears.
They after say that another
great battle is pending be-
tween Grant and Lee.

May 26th

Prisoners captured at
Bassett's. have arrived
numbering about thirty.

May 27th

No news from Va. that we
can collect anything definite
from, has been recd.

Telegrams from Southern
journals are very favorable.

They announce the
surrender of eight thousand
prisoners at Alexandria
to Gen Dick Taylor.

Banks having made
his escape with five thousand
troops. The weather now
is very favorable and
pleasant.

May 30th

More prisoners arrived to night - only 12 or 15 in number. News from Va is very favorable. The weather is fine and pleasant.

June 16th.

The weather warm and pleasant. - The news from the different armies is favorable as could be expected.

July 12th

Since my last note no particular change has taken place on the field of operations in Va. - Until to day when the news papers from all quarters are telling of the "Rebs" doing great mischief in Md. Threatening Washington &

Baltimore. Many trains
and prisoners have been
captured on the rail-road
leading from Baltimore
north and between Bal-
timore and Washington City.
Among the prisoners are Maj.
Gen. Franklin & Brig. Gen.
Tyler. Great excitement
prevails. The Florida is now
striking a heavy blow to
Yankee shipping.
July 31st -

While the weather continues
warm newspapers are daily telling
of dreadful fighting in Ga.
Prisoners continue to ar-
rive in small squads
from Hood's army.

Aug. 1st-

The weather is warm and no signs of an exchange comes.

Oct-2nd. Today is rainy and cold. The sunny days of summer have left and cold winter is near at hand. Prospects of staying on this Island another cold, almost ^{winter} shakes me despondent. The great campaign that was to wipe out the rebellion is nearly over and the Yanks calling for 500,000 more men to put down the infamous rebellion. Lee is still himself. Earley is monarch of the Valley. Atlanta is gone, but Forrest with his brave band is in Ky. Tamm, and Kirby Smith and old "Pap" Price are leading their columns of brave veterans through war.

~~the Missouri~~ and has

The "Bonnie Blue Flag" waving
over the plains of Mo. The
North is greatly divided in its
politics - so much so that the
chances for Mr. Lincoln's re-
election are not very promising.
Oct. 7th

Winter is here. A cold rain
and frequent snow fall to-
day. A second batch of sick
and wounded prisoners
leaves to-morrow for the
sunny south. Some special
exchanges are taking place
which has a tendency to
darken the prospects for a
general exchange. Military
affairs are as favorable as
we could expect - and more
soon Mo. Price has possession
of the state

Oct. 19th - Today adds one more to my lovely career and the third to my second year on this Island. Politics North seem to be turning democratic, though few believe McClellan will be elected President. News from Mexico is cheering. Price seems to be driving the Yankees from the State and they seem unprepared to check the invasions.

Oct. 21st We have a regular snow storm today and the weather appears like winter indeed.

Nov. 1st - The war news is unimportant - politics seems to be the topic of the day and apparently there is no war.

going in this iceberg of a country.

Nov. 10th Election is past and Abraham Lincoln is President. Still. All who founded their hopes upon McClellan's election look sad and talk of a gloomy future for us, poor, unfortunate "rebs."

Nov. 26th, Today the 16th month of my captivity finds me still at Johnson's Island.

Things have undergone many changes. Grant's campaign is a failure, Sherman has cut loose from all his supplies & communications with his government. And pitched headlong into the heart of Ga. leaving Hood master

of Tenn. In the Trans-
miss Sept. There seems to be
no war.

Dec. 15th Winter is here but the
fighting is not over. Hood has
had a fight at Franklin, Tenn.
drove the Yanks, and is now
threatening Nashville.

Sherman has it is supposed
reached the coast below
Savannah, but with what
force no one knows. Ga like
other of her sister States has recd
the triumph of the invader and
now lies desolate many of her
pious homesteads. Many of
the prisoners in here say the
situation is "bully" and I
say so too but it is bullying
the wrong way for me.

It is natural for prisoners to
be low spirited at times.

Dec. 17th. Additional from
Ann. Believing Yankee news
Hood and his army has
been wiped out. Mr Stan-
ton telegraphs to day that
Thomas has whipped Hood
in front of Nashville - but no
one believes it, nevertheless it
makes us feel bad to hear
bad news if it is a lie.

Dec. 25th Another Christmas
finds me on Johnson's Island.
Very unexpectedly so. The pros-
pects for an exchange have
"played out" altogether and
I believe now I shall spend sever-
al more Christmas' here if
I should live. Yesterday
Capt. McKibben made his es-
cape and to day Col M L
Wood left on special exchange.

Jan. 1st 1863-

Another new year and I am prisoner of war on this lonely and desolate Island. How many more new years I shall be found here is but a matter of conjecture with us now.

The weather is very cold and the lake is still frozen sufficient for the express to be brought over. Campaigning in Va is over but in Ga the war horse is still at work. Everything in Tenn has returned to usual quiet; some prisoners belonging to the Trans-Miss. Dept. are preparing for exchange.

Jan. 13th ^{prisoners of the}
The departure of the ^{prisoners of the} Federal-
Miss. Dept. has taken place
and the prison is again
quiet.

Feb'y 10th. The "Bull Pen" is
full of excitement over the ex-
change "grape" Some are
sanguine of being exchang'd
while others are doubtfull-
thinking that is all for
effect.

Feb'y 15th. There can be no
farther doubt of the exchange
It is now going on.

Feb'y. 22nd. Three batches of
one hundred each have
left and others leave
to day. Yesterday an ^{old} man
from Sandusky City
tells of the vocations
and burning of

Charleston, S.C., fall of
Columbia, evacuation
of Richmond and de-
moralization generally.

Such news while one is
so much elated over the
prospect of exchange,
brings about an unplea-
sant, sickening & demoral-
izing reaction.

March 1st. The weather has
moderated some and the
ice is melting, so that in
a few days more prisoners
will leave for exchange.

The news is mixed con-
siderably. Sherman is no
one knows where and
many unfounded rumors
extracted from Richmond
papers tell of his defeat
daily, but it has ^{not} ^{been} ^{confirmed} ^{yet}.

Andy Johnson appears
in the Senate chamber
drunk to receive the
oath. Well may the republic-
ans feel ashamed of
their drunken Vice Pres.
Mar. 10 The ice has dis-
appeared from the bay and
we soon got on our way
to Dixie. The news of Gen
Early's capture is untrue,
but Sherman is wading
through N. Car. at his
pleasure.

Mar. 14th Three hundred
prisoners left for exchange
to-day and leaves me ^{more} ~~well~~
hopefull. This day three
years ago I was in the battle of
Newburne.

Mar. 26th

This is the 19th month of captivity and 19th on Johnson's Island.

Apr. 1st - While Sherman is marching and fighting in N.C., Grant has commenced active operations in Va. We anticipate the fall of Richmond.

Apr. 3rd

Richmond is gone and oh how jubilant the Yanks are over it. They claim a great deal.

but we believe that Gen. Lee has made a good retreat. Many of the prisoners are low spirited and apparently are sulking. I say go on, Lee, while Gen. Lee sticks to the helm.

Apr. 5th

News from Va continues to arrive and very unfavorable too, but we have only Yankee accounts. They claim several thousand prisoners.

Apr. 7th Another fight has taken place in which Genl Ewell, Kurshaw, Curtis Lee are made prisoners. The news is very heavy but we must still hope for the best - the worst can but come. The fall of Richmond affects us in two ways, first we know its fall will have a bad moral effect; and the next, and most important too to us is that it will temporarily

if not finally stop the
exchange. The thoughts
of having to remain in
this miserable prison, and
Sherman desolating
my home is too bad. Oh
how long, how long!

Apr. 9th. The weather
is changing - snow is fall-
ing quite fast - though
not unexpected in this out-
of the way place. The news
from Va is still heavy.

They have captured Carter
and H Lee, and killed
W H Lee - quite heavy on the
Lee family certainly. At
Burkeville they claim
to have whipped Lee
beyond all redemption
on the strength of the

"going up" of Richmond
many of our border state
prisoners are calling
out for the Cumest. "Go
on Top"

Apr. 10th. Gen Lee has
surrendered the A. N. V.
to Gen. Grant. The "Bull
Pai" is badly demoralized,
and we all expect to have to
swallow the eagle before we
can get out of this prison.
Now did I expect to see a
time - when our gallant
armies would surrender to
the enemy that they have
whipped on so many
bloody fields of battle.

Apr. 13th

I am sick with Erysipels
and feel awful beyond
description. Sick,

whipped, demoralized and
shall have to take the oath!
Oh what a time! I want to
go home.

Apr. 26th Gen. Johnson has
surrendered the remnant of
our army to Gen Sherman
in No. Ca. So ends the
rebellion. To day is the
twentieth month of my
imprisonment. Oh how
much longer! Among
many other officers, and
many of high rank too,
I am an applicant for
the amnesty oath. Little
did I ever dream of this.

May 1st. I am convalescent
and hope to be well soon
and on my way home.
Mobile is captured and
every command surrendering

May 19th. Ocean out of prison
and are very good friends.

Have good 2000 lbs. of flour
sent to the prisoners this afternoon.
The company I have Capt.
Norman, Ensign W.C. McDevall,
2nd Lt. W.C. McDevall, 2nd Lt. Ryles
and 2nd Lt. W. Reese. 600 lbs. of flour.

About 40 prisoners were
released from prison to-day
and are now speeding their
way home on the different
salt roads leading from
Sunderland.

May 20th. This morning we
went to the prison at Newcastle, &
after paying was six lbs.
The prisoners at Newcastle
were taken to the prison at

We are having a fine
time generally.

May 21st yesterday afternoon
we arrived at Ballou
Ohio where we are waiting
for B. O. train.

10 o'clock and we are
off - The wife of Gen
Sherman is aboard. We
are travelling through a
very hilly and mountainous
country West Virginia.

May 22nd we have to wait
~~at~~ at Cacapon creek high
water having washed away
the bridge. At noon
and we are in box cars
and travelling towards
Harpers Ferry where the bridge
is also washed away.

May 23rd

We left Norfolk Ferry at 5 o'clock this morning, and reached Baltimore at noon and am now on board the Steam Boat Louisiana for Port-au-Morue. The weather is fine and pleasant and as the distance between us and our horses lessens, so our anxiety to reach them increases. Already we feel the Southern breeze.

" 24th

This morning we find our selves at St. Morue. Every thing seems free of life about here and the grain

It in which our late
Pres. & C. C. Clay are now
miserable captives, with
her bristling guns
looking out upon the bay
apparently bid defiance
to the world.

May 23th Today we are
at Norfolk, Va. and have
to day our visit to
Norfolk, Norfolk is quite
a large and busy city.

May 24th

We are now on board
the big Gazelle bound
for Newberne through
the Canal via Roanoke
Island. About 9 o'clock
met the Steamboat Liberty

and boarded her for
Branche Island.
Reached the Island at
No. 10.00 and boarded
the Pilot B. of Foxburn.
May 27th

Reached Foxburn
all safe and sound.
and will be at home to-
morrow

May 28th. Dree were
I am home! And
gave all a pleasant
surprise indeed. Now
I shall spend a few
weeks among my
friends and relatives
and then enter the
Army because of civil
life. J. J. L.

July 10th

Today I take charge
of this school for a
trialhood. Quite a con-
trast presents itself. A few
months ago I was a pris-
on guard inside the prison
walls of Johnson's
Island. Now I am called
a country school teacher.
My school is small - only
24 scholars.

July 12th

My little school is
progressing finely. In a
log school house with
fourteen little "brats" all
in their 6's, 8's & 10's. I feel
like I am monarch of
all I survey.

July 17th

One work of my school is taught - and I am still at work with fourteen scholars.

Dec. - My school is out and I am but little better off in the money line than I was before commencing. However by Mr I was enabled to while away the time very agreeably Dec. 26th. Christmas morning finds me at Uncle Isaac Brown's taking eggs. Quite a contrast between this and the last - Christmas night finds me at J. S. White's party where I am no longer soliloquy-

giving over sad realities but
basking in the sunshine
of love. Woman, Oh
Woman! your charms
are sufficient - at times
to cause the poor mortals
men, to cease to bow, worship
and adore our God with
that innumerable-duty, lie
down at the shrine of love
and there resolve to die
drinking of its pleasures.

Jan^y 1st 1866.

This new-year finds me
no longer a prisoner of War
on Johnson's Island which
was almost as miserable
me as I imagine Pluto's
dark regions ^{or} ~~are~~ but pur-
suing a peaceful, but lazy
avocation for a livelihood.

And while considered
a lazy calling it generally
required a smart
man to do it justice.

My acts in the future, must
say whether I am a fit
subject for the undertaking.

I speak of Shore Master
and although I am not-
teaching now I expect to
be in a few weeks -

Feb. 10th I am now spending
a few weeks with my old friend
and Capt W. Byrd, studying
surveying.

Feb 10th

Today I found myself in a right
respectable looking shore-house
up for from Mr. Koonce a
with English scholar-master
little brats, though generally

of a larger caliber than those
at the Mrs. Lorchams.

Some called me Mr. Kinsey
while the others called me
cousin Joe. I was some-
what surprised at so many
claiming kin with me.
March 1st.

My school is progress-
ing finely - have 21
scholars - all rec'd.

March 10th.

Everything moves on-
ward - none of those tri-
vial irregularities
that country country
school-teachers generally
have yet, beset me in my
"professional duties".

March -

Yesterday, the third Sun-
day, I attended a wedding

at Mr. J. Smith's—
Mr. Wm. D. Jones and
Miss Turnage^{were} united
in bonds of matrimony.
After the matrimonial
pymances were over we
attended preaching at
"Whit" Turners, where Rev.
Rhodes ~~shorted~~ for some
time. This I guess, after
which we returned to Mr.
Smith's, and after drink-
ing twice around some
of his "old" "Kaintie" Whiskey,
we replenished the wine
man by taking on a
supply of his turnips & cabbages
and ham—finally the
"deport" fullers and
honey &c. It was ex-
cellent—
IX.

Apr. 1st

Windy and disagreeable
March has left and the
pleasant morning breezes of
Apr. as they sweep gently by,
awake our latent ^{energies} ~~sensibilities~~,
and for the tender buds of ^{the} trees
just expanding their ^{green} ~~tender~~
leaves and tender foliage be-
neath the genial rays of the
resplendant sun, that appa-
rently glides so smoothly through
the blue and azure vault
of heaven.

Apr. 23rd This morning dark
clouds float hurriedly
through ^{the} ethereal regions,
occasionally giving us a
heavy shower. Yesterday,
Sunday, I spent the day
viewing one of nature's feminine
"beauties" Oh how delightful!

A. B. Kinsey

W. A. Cox

Jos. B. Cox

Mrs. M. Noble

Mrs. E. Nason

Mrs. B. Nason

Jos. M. Nason

Laura & Cox

Mary B. Cox

Cora C. Cox

Sue J. Cox

Laura E. Fox

Lizzie Beeton

Sarah Small

McClendal Ward

Nedham Small

Jos. Kinsey

Jos. H. Kinsey

David F. Fudham

Fannie A Kinsey
Martha A Kinsey
Sallie A Fox
Berrietta E. Keaton
Addie Kinsey
Dorrie Kinsey
Robt. B. Kinsey
H. F. Brown.

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Jno. E. Kamm	XU XU XU XU XU XU
Wm. B. Kamm	XU XU XU XU XU XU
Jos M. Kamm	XU XU XU XU XU XU
Jesse L. Ballard	XU XU XU XU XU XU
Amos L. Simmons	XU XU XU XU XU XU
F. McE. Simmons	XU XU XU XU XU XU
Jos C. Simmons	XU XU XU XU XU XU
Wm. McDaniel	XU XU XU XU XU XU
Josiah McE. Ward	XU XU XU XU XU XU
H. Fr. Brown	XU XU XU XU XU XU
Chas. Brown	XU XU XU XU XU XU
Job Kinsey	XU XU XU XU XU XU
Jos. H. Kinsey	XU XU XU XU XU XU
David T. Fordham	XU XU XU XU XU XU
Nathan Small	XU XU XU XU XU XU
Roth-B. Kinsey	XU XU XU XU XU XU

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Bernadette Hatch	III III III III
Chas. Davis	III III III III
Mary Beek	III III III III
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Corra C. Cox	III III III III III
Laura E. Foy	III III III III III
Lizzie Beaton	III III III III III
Sarah Small	III III III III III
Addie Kinsey	III III III III III
Jas. M. Franks	III III III III III
Roberta Cox	III III III III III
Laura Franks	III III III III III
E. L. Franks	III III III III III
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A. B. Kinsley
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M. A. Kinsley
Chas. Brown
Hannah Hoffman
Wm. A. Cox
Geo. B. Cox

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Harrietta Hatch	III III III III
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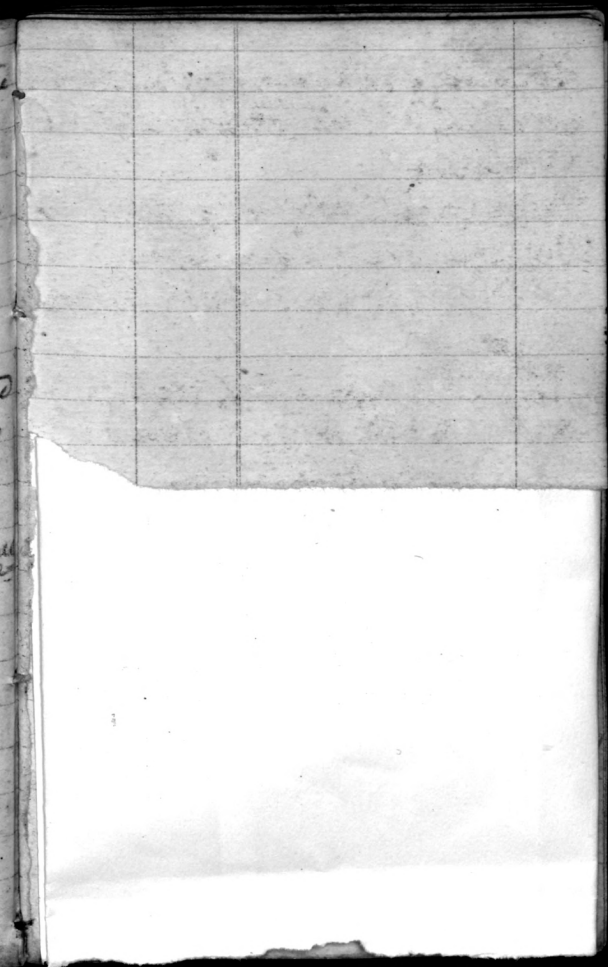
Roman - second only to the
press in the dissemination
of news.

Woman - the edition is
large, and no man
should be without a
copy.

Two things were intended
to be cast; viz.: sinners
and umbrellas.

And where his prison of hatred darkly fell
Hope withering fled - and Mercy sigh'd ^{vain} for

Lacustrate study by night.



Whilome

Prodigious

A cheery man has made
his sleeping thoughts.
The lady that we miss not
we have no right to be kind to

Priori

Chrysification

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Pegasus (Imagination)

Children should be made to breathe the free air of honest inquiry, and to inhale the sweet spirit of truth and charity.

They should not study their books as the end of learning, but as a means of knowing.

So benignity and love forever beam from their countenances, and does ecstatic joy perpetually enrapture their hearts!

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"He who every morning
plans the transactions
of the day, and follows
out that plan, carries
on a thread which will
guide him through the
labyrinth of the most busy
life."

Reading makes a full
man; ciphering a ready man;
and writing an exact man.

"Savage and civilized" 1863.

On the 26th ~~of the~~ day of August 1863, I was taken prisoner, and kept in Fort Smith Ark. until 19th of Sept, and removed to Gibson, and to St. Louis by the way of Fort Scott and Leavenworth Kansas, I was often asked by the Federals, whether the Choctaws are living in huts or houses or pursuing the habit of hunting or Farming. In that I am 26 years of age - but never saw any Choctaws - live in huts or follow after game for living - I was raised in the habits of Farming and agriculture. And many Choctaws - I will say a majority live in good houses - fine buildings just as well as any white men - on being time asked of me - if the Choctaws

have any Schools Academies
or Churches, in reply I told
them - Yes Sir - and at St.
Louis I was asked if I can
read or write my own name; I
said Yes Sir; On and on I
went - till I got to Johnsons
Island - where I see many of
ficers holding high rank in
the Confederate Service - all sur-
prise to see me - Indian some
wild, wild Indian I thought -
strange, and lonesome - no
friends - no acquaintance to
help for any dependence what-
ever. no friends to write to. I
thought and felt myself very
poor; and when Sunday came.

I went to hear the preaching;
and went in and hear very
attentively; but I was surprise -

to see and hear many things going on dur-
ing meeting and preaching - while
preaching is going on in the lower room
some knocking or hammering some-
thing going on in upper room - At
evening prayer will be very few in at-
tendance while reading Scripture
some laughing going on some
whispering some playing
cards; and some dancing and
some uttering a profane language
and every kind of noise going
on; that strike me with great
surprise - astonishment - and
amaze. - I thought to see every
man listen and attentive but
we all and altogether another
way; Savage Choctaw Indians,
what they are termed, atten-
dance on Sabbath day
preaching is quite different.

in some meeting there be hundred and fifty or two hundred persons attending; when the preaching ^{ing} is to commence, every man take their seats - children as well as old men and women - while congregation is silence - No laughing nor giggling whatever - all sit there till the preaching is over - only preacher will speak in congregation. Silence prevail in the assembly; that sound of falling pine could be heard; Choctaws is not savage in preaching; and not living in huts; or making their living after hunting Buffalo & deer; they live in good log

Houses and majority in fine
buildings They live on
farming raise corn - raise
wheat - raise potatoes -
and everything that civil-
ized people raise for
their living - They plant
cotton - spin and weave
clothing of their own man-
ufacture etc, etc, etc, - My
Father raised me in farming
and I am now a prisoner
on this Island.

Simcoe C Hamilton
Capt Co B Ind Chetow Car.
Georgetown
Cherokee County -
Choctaw Nation

Oct. 16th, 1885.

Almira B. Fordham	171
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Gas. Kinsey, Teacher.

No was very much made on all October

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July 10th, 1865.

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David J. Fordham	
Laura E. Fox.	
Princy E. Gorton	
Mal. F. Westbrook	
Jas. B. Westbrook	
Latha Westbrook	
Hannah Westbrook	
Sue Fordham	

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Very red dark red hanker-
chief
Pink Hill.

Promiscuous Ex

I shall never do ^{any} more.
He acted bolder than was
expected.

She expected to have gained
more by the bargain.

She is the same lady who
sang so sweetly.

Page 137
His associates in wickedness
will not fail to mark the
alterations of his conduct.
next one.

Those sort of dealings are
unjust.

Page 138 - 100th.

Their being forced to
their backs in an "glad"
summit.

Rule V 1. End

They or he is much to be
blamed.

Page 139 1st Sentence
12th S

Had I never seen yr, I had
never known yr.

13th -

Not only the counsell's and
attorneys, but the judge's
opinion also, favored his cause.

Page 140 - 15 - All of it.

" " 16

Many persons will not believe
but what they are free from preju-
I will lay me down in
peace, and take my rest.

17th - They admired the
counsellors, as they called him,
candor and uprightness

July 18th, 1885.

Elmira B. Fordham 1

Edward S. Fordham 1

Oscar M. Fordham 1

Minnie Fordham 1

Walker Fordham 1

David Troy Fordham 1

Mrs Murray Fordham 1

Laura C. Ford 1

Pruney C. & Beaton 1

E. C. Fordham 1

Virginia C. Fordham 1

Mr. F. Westbrook 1

Gas. B. Westbrook 1

Bella A. Fordham 1

Fatha Westbrook

Benjamin S. Westbrook

Sue Fordham

Jos. Kinsey
Teacher

Rule 1 Gr. R. V

The crown jewel is peace
and honor

R. 2 Analysis & Prac

^{adv} much does human pride
and folly require correcting

A man is being ^{do} such or his
being poor ^{do} does not affect
his character for integrity

R. VI B. 9

Learning, how much more
it may be despised by some, yet
men know it to be an acquisition
of great value.

R. VIII B. 9

^{this} ~~There~~ sort of people find nothing
There is six feet of water in the bay

We do according

Gr. 1st obs. Page 64
R. 2 Grammar

Rule XIX B. Grammar
would like a review.

Rule XX. And Sentences
A.

First under Rem 1st -
Rule XXI S Rule Rem and
Eve was the fairest of all
her daughters.

Rule XXIV B. G.

First four sentences,
The city is near, O let me es-
cape there.

Rule XXVI 6th & 7th Sentences
Wish to parse the last sentence
under promiscuous exercises.

Rule XXVII B. G.

I was rejoiced at the news.
Est

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Rule VI

How much we ever some
may despise learning, yet
men know it to be an ac-
quisitum of great value.

I will do my friends no
wrong, for I have none
to resent me. =

I ~~will~~ have no enemies,
and will do my friends no
wrong.

The multitude eagerly pursue
pleasure as their chief good.
Smith's Grammar

Rule XXIV They hoped for a
speedy & prosperous issue to
the war.

Rule XXV I am resolved
(not) to comply with the pro-
posal, neither at present nor
at any other time. —

I have received (no) infor-
mation on the subject, neither
from him nor his friend.

My W^m D^r
He was the late ²³adopted son-
in-law whom Margaret was
possessed. —

Page 41 — 18th

To despise others on account
of their poverty, or to value
ourselves for our wealth,
are ^{all} dispositions highly
culpable.

Riches are
Riches is the love of human
happiness.

I had written
to my brother before I
rec'd his letter.

Page 141 - 19th

Shall the throne of iniquity have
fellowship with ^{you} ~~thee~~, which fear no
mischiefs by a law?

The public ^{are} respectfully informing
that &c.

10th She uttered such
cries ~~that~~ ^{as} pierced the heart
of every one who heard them.
Though he ^{is} ~~This~~ ^{Thomas' brother} ~~is~~ ^{as} that is James.

Fare ^{you} ~~thee~~ well, James.

George was the most diligent
~~scholar~~ ^{Nothing} ^{wrong} ~~at home~~ ^{James knew}.

I have observed some children
to use deceit.

Page 143 - 21st -

Of a brother or sister be naked,
and destitute of day, food,
abst. in 22nd - at least
The Last Two.

23rd - 1st -

1st. No. of 25th.

Last of 26th. Page 144.

Page 144 - 27th

And they said among
themselves, Who shall roll?

Page 145 - 28th

The first can of Aurelius

Let = The Father

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$$x = 38$$

James
Virginia
Thomas
Frank
Joseph
George
B. D.

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N. Y.

Shall I not by the strength would I have
Shall I not by the strength would I have

Shall I not by the strength would I have

From such wine, you are dead;
Make the wealth small, and the want great

Neerun a ambition, or
by the storm of life, the of
feelings of man may rise;
but we change and un-
changing is a true heart
in nature. "The force,
and force forever!

Distance sometimes crush
leaves, as well as cheerful
ready to the view
Station, around the great of
of the and make things the work
much and unpleasant - yet and
agreeable.

In the heart that heart
in the quiet world of heaven
an unending certainty
How, perhaps, of heaven
dear means and goodness

James E. Webb

Handwritten cursive letters: B, A, M, C.

1500

Pink Hill, N. B.

Johnson's Island

Mar Sandwich Is

Ohio

your friend
W. H. H.

John Quincy

York Hill.

No Ca

Dr. Brewster

Cable

Reference

Exhibit 2

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Elmer

E. C. W. M. B.

