

Peoria March 1st 1862

Dear Mrs Patterson

I received your welcome letter I was so glad to hear from you and all the family we are all rejoicing over the great victories of our Armies and we All expect to have peace soon.

I have been on the Tennessee River where Fort Henry is and also on the Cumberland where Fort Donnelson is. It is the most mountainous place except Harpers Ferry I ever saw, how our troops could fight an enemy entrenched there unless an Almighty power helped them, I cannot tell. I believe god is on our side and that our cause is just.

I have had a touch of rheumatism this Winter for the first time Mr Shaffner is as well as usual you write you are going to make sugar we have no sugar making in this country Indeed we have nothing so good as there is in Ohio. And I sometimes wish that I lived there for years back I never thought about Any place but this for fortunes are made here in a few years. But now since we do nothing and travel about I see other places I would like to live at and none more than Ohio. But I suppose I must be satisfied here as every thing we have is here and whin I am tired staying at home take A trips as usual.

I was glad to hear that Robert got home safe but sorry the Willie was sick and hope he is well by this time. I excuse Katie for not writing for I know she is much engaged with her studies but as I feel interested in her I should like to see what A good scholar she is. Excuse this blotting for I have such A mean pen.

Remember me to all inquiring friends. Mr Shoffner wishes to be remembered to your kind Husband and yourself my love to all the Children and Accept a double portion for yourself.

Your Sincere Friend

L. K. Shaffner

Write soon you know I am always glad to hear from you.