

Camden, Benton County, Tennessee,
December, 15, 1862

Dear Sister,

Your favor of the 18th ult.
was received in due season.

You complain that I do not write often enough. Now, I think, I write very often to some one of you. You cannot expect me to write all the time. You need not go to the P.O. every mail to get a letter from me as sis says you do for I shall not write so often as that. I suppose you have a mail three times a week. don't you? What kind of team do they drive through Hope Corner now? I suppose they drive on runners now. We had about half an inch of snow a day or two ago but it did not last long. I shall not "get to" sleigh ride any this winter. They have no sleighs here. The course of political events will have much to do with my future course. The events of the past few weeks and the uncertainty in regard to the future has produced a very disastrous effect on all kinds of business here. We have experienced very hard times before the present difficulties arose as the crops which have been very light for several years, were almost a total failure this year, and the people are compelled to import those articles which they ought to export. I know ^{not} what the future has in store for us but I shall not be surprised if there is civil war. I do not apprehend any personal danger to myself in remaining here, happen what may as I have plenty of friends who will stand by ^{me} in any extremity. Still I cannot indicate my views as to the future. I closed a five months session. I do not purpose to take up another school at home. W.H.'s school closed the same day with me. I shall go over to Waverly next week. I think

unless H.H. comes over here before I get ready to go

I suppose sis received the letter I wrote to her
I shall expect to hear from some of you soon now. I
shall want to know, what you are doing, how you
passed Christmas &c. I suppose you are all at home
now. Do you and Mary go to school this winter?
I suppose one of you is obliged to stay at home &

Have you ever heard anything from Upland
since he went to California? What do you hear
from California now - from Batis. Seymour, Francis,
Charles Perkins? Is Westby teaching school this winter
If so where does he teach? How do you get along
with your piano? I suppose you can play finely
by this time. Did you get your music teacher
last summer that you partly expected?

I would like to be at home Christmas and New Years -
But I expect we will have great times here Christmas
week they do nothing but frolic then. There will enough
whisky drunk in town to float a ship & we are having
a good many parties now - conversation parties.
We have no dancing & most of the young ladies in
town belong to the church and will not dance &

If anyone inquires about me tell them to
write to me and I will answer it &

Yours truly

E. A. True



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Miss Rosie C. Tru
Hope Maine



I go and must I forget
By those I love so well
Is there no place in the world
Where I can find thee?