

This is transcribed from a handwritten copy of a letter written by Harris Woods.
(Attempted to leave spellings as written)

State of Ark, April the 5, 1863
Pulaski Co Camp near Little Rock

Dear wife and family I take pleasure in the opportunity of informing of you that I am well and harty at present and I hope those few lines may find you all alive and in good health plenty to eat and wear. Dear father and Mother Brother Sister and relations I hope you are all doing well and are in food spirits. I was sick at vanburen of fever three or four days and then mumps then a hard march to the rock then fever for several days then jaundice. I am able for drill and other duty. I will now inform you of the boys James and Berry Parmley is ded. William Lynn is ded. John Green. John Burnem. James Snow are all ded of your acquaintance. The boys are all fatening up and getting saucey Dec the 27 was the last certan nuse I had from you. A letter wrote to uncle Ben myself and others I would like much to here from you and the children to know how you are getting along arena and what you call your jeb boy Marvel I want you to be a good boy and mind your mother and grandpa Marvel L. was well and harty and about starting to Texas the last I hurd from him I left puss with him he sold her for \$100 confed flower is worth one dollar per pound meal 2 dollars per bu hens \$3.00 turkeys \$7 eggs 2 dollars pr doz potatoes 50 cents per pound sugar 50 cts molasses \$5 pr gal fish one dollar per pound biscuit pies ginger bread pound cakes from one to three dollars apiece and plenty and money plenty I have not drawn any money yet I have not suffered for money I have plenty of friends here wee will make adraw on Jef shortly. Father I went and staid with uncle Joel inlow he has three boys and one daughter living one daughter died when I was their he lives 6 miles from little rock among the swamps iff you have any chance to send a letter I want you to do so and let me kno what is going on in the country Wilson Powers is well and harty evy was well and daughter Wilson is at pine bluff below here William Winters and uncle John went to ft smith with a load of tobacco General Sterling Price is with us and has command of the Mo troops Arena I want you to rite the first opportunity you have to send a letter and let me know how you have for along since I left you and how my little match boys are growing how they favor each other and aword from all the rest of the children iff you can send a letter you must back it to Parsons brigade hunters ridgment Co A and let the bearer designate(unreadable).....where the army is

Harris Woods to Arrena Woods and family

Father Mother and all inquiring friends
I remain yours until death