

[Transcribed on 9/21/2022]

[Black and white image of a feather pen with a banner in front of it. The banner reads "HOMEWARD". To the right is this text: "The U.S. CHRISTIAN COMMISSION furnished this Paper for the brave Soldiers and Sailors, that they may Write to their Friends at Home."]

February the 22<sup>nd</sup> 1865

Camp of the 1st NY. Dragoons

Near Loveits Ville, Va

I take my pen in hand to answer  
your letter dated Feb the 14<sup>th</sup>  
I read it last Eve. it found me  
usualy well and I hope that this will  
finde you all well I was glad to hear  
that the neighbors had turned out  
and cut sum wood for you for I was a  
morreying about you for fear that you  
would suffer for wood this coalde winter  
tell Francis that I doe not think  
that he made much in tradeing sheep  
with Arvin for the olde bucks fleace  
is worth more than the lamb fleace  
and all he cheated you as bad as our  
folks did when they traded axes with  
you the buck was worth three dollars  
more than any lamb that Arvin  
had you must stop tradeing for they

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will cheat you every time. I doe not kno  
when I can send you any money for  
the paymaster does not cum around  
yet. there is two men here in Co I  
that was taken Prisoners at the same  
time that Charles was they were perolled  
and left the prison about the middle  
of October and they say that Charles  
was there when they left and was well  
with the exception of skurvey in one

leg they say that he has not been sick  
nor in Hospital since he has been  
Prisoner or had not when they left  
the Prison on the 15th of October  
they were bothe well acquainted with  
Charles they were in our squadron  
more than one year. try and borrow  
the money and pay the taxes on the  
land for I shall get my pay  
before long and then you can pay  
the Debt I doe not get much time  
to write so you must exkuse me if I  
winde up prety short

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when you write tell me how  
all of your folks and my folks gets  
along for there is not any of them except  
Lorenda Caroline and Waity that  
is able to pay the postage on a letter to  
me and I want to hear from them  
all Sephaniah promiced to write to  
me but I guess he has forgotten it for  
I have writen to him and get no  
answer and the same by Anson  
Arvin and Nelson. you must write  
as soon as you get this. this is  
from your friend and Husband  
Daniel Hall