

well father I must
send you a few lines to
hear you think that I have
not got you but I think
more than I say you must
must right to me if I
do not to you for some
of the time I have a bad
place to right I am now
seated on a barrel and sitting
on a box in the sun I

have seen more steam
boats since I started from
maretta than I ever saw
if frank has not moved to
vinton I want you to send
her letters onto her

So fare well
ill
andrew J. Nickel

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Memphis Tenn see

My dear loved Wife I have
taken my pen in hand to let you
now that I am well and have been
ever since I was at home and hope
that these few lines may find you
in joying the same blessing I have
riten to two letters and sent to
vinton Co and sent my picture
also to swan post office in the
care of father I received your letter
of the 23 yesterday and was glad
to hear that you was all well
and you said that your mail
was in a day or so and that if they
plow and the gears did not fresh
what you thought they ought to
that david denis was a going to
bid them of that is all right but
did not say whether you was
a going to move to vinton or not
but I will direct my letters this

