

Camp on Live Oak Creek Texas
July 6th 1854

Dear Brother

As I find it quite lonesome in Camp to day I have concluded to write you a few lines, but what I can say that will prove interesting to you is more than know.

Our Fourth of July passed off very quietly indeed, and pleasantly too, excepting a few minutes, just after Reville, when Capt. Arthur insisted on celebrating the the Fourth by firing thirteen rounds with a horse pistol which interfered somewhat with my morning nap, as he took his position immediately in front of my tent.

The horse at present at this Station Andrew R. Smith Asst. Surgeon U. S. A. who is by the way, an old acquaintance of yours, at Gale College. he is a very fine fellow, as far as I can judge from a short acquaintance of two or three weeks standing. He started for Capt. Grangers camp on Devils River (about 80 miles from here) on the evening of the 4th inst. to attend a young man who got shot in the knee with a pistol ball a few weeks ago. But will be back here on the 10th inst. There is very little business here

It is uncertain how long we will remain here. The order releasing us may come at any moment and it may be five or six weeks before it comes and possibly longer. We see a good deal of Company here, more than we used to see at Fort Duncan but they do not stay long with us.

I send by this mail my pay accounts for April, May, & June, to Major McClain Denny at Washington D. C. with a request to transmit to you the amount of them, which is (\$194.50) one hundred and ninety four dollars and fifty cents.

Please let Father have the amount he may require to purchase the horses I have written to him about. And in your next letter let me know how much money if ~~more~~ you have in your hands for I am entirely ignorant of how my accounts stand. I think that with what I send you now I must have about \$1000.00.

I think this will probably be the last remittance I can make you ~~before~~ before I come home unless Congress orders and pay or unless I stay for a long time at this station. I shall have money enough at the end of this month to settle all my little bills and ~~to~~ I will then commence even with the world, and have the satisfaction of knowing that I do not owe

any person a single cent. and I intend to keep out of debt. I have uniform clothes enough to last me eighteen months, and two nice suits of Citizens Clothes. If I stay at this post much longer I shall save about fifty dollars per month.

It is my intention when I come home to get me a nice set of silver ware. And possibly a ~~my~~ wife, if I can find any one that will suit me, which I think is doubtful however, time will show. I am satisfied that if I was married I could live much better on my pay than I do as a bachelor.

I do not think I will be able to get a leave before about next July. one year from this time I will come sooner if I can. At present it is more difficult to get a leave than formerly, as it has to be approved by the Sec. of War.

Give my love to all our family, and to all my friends

To
Mr B. Woods
Newark Ohio

Very Truly Yours Brother
Chas. H. Woods
L. H. 1st Regt

P.D. Direct to Fort-Duncan Texas
as usual