

Brunswick County Va Feb 16th 1862

Dear Brother

I seat myself to write you a few lines to let you know that, I have not forgotten you. We are well at present, Hoping when these few lines reach you they may find you enjoying the same great blessing. Pa has been very sick since he wrote to you last with the yellow jaundice, which lasted him about a fortnight. There are several of the Brunswick Grays in the country at this time.

Ma says you must get a furlough as soon as you can and come home to see us once more. The people seem to

be very much excited in this part of the country about the Yankees taking Roanoke Island.

The time is very near at hand when the militia will be drafted, and some of them are scared nearly to death. They are trying every scheme they can think of to get out of the war.

We had a great deal of bad rainy wether this winter. It is hailing and snowing at this time. There has been two or three

deaths in this neighbourhood lately. Mr Massey and, Norborn Braswell. Alfred talks of coming home beforelong if he can. He wrote word that he was going to try to get the Dr to give him a discharge.

Ma and all the children send their love to you. Ma says dont you reindist yet, hold on a while longer and see what the chances will be.

Lark was at a quilting at Mrs Braswell last night
He said they had a very lively time Give my love to all
inquiring friends received a large portion your self

I must close by asking you to excuse bad writing and spelling
I remain your affectionate sister until death

Amanda J Rawling

Dear M^{rs}

Brunswick County July 16th 1862

I have again taken this occasion to answer your letter of the 12th & 13th of January which come to ^{hand} on last Thursday and was very glad to hear from you and hoping this letter may find your health still improving. I have seen several of the Brunswick Grays since they arrived home and told me that you looked very well when they left the camp. Some of the people are getting very much alarmed owing to the Yankees landing a large army on the coast of Carolina they have taken Roanoke Island Elizabeth City & Edenton and can land as many men there as they want the Yankees are threatening Willdon Newfreesborough & Norfolk - the militia have been called out in Southampton in a Mass and some of them in Brunswick are tramping in their boots expecting every day to be called out - The spirit of volunteering have been revived considerable within the last few weeks in this County Maj J. E. Buford have made up a company & have organized and will be ready to start off to the seat of war in a few days & a nother company from Greenville & the lower edge of Brunswick will organize in a few days - I have understood that one or two new companies have been formed in Mecklenburg lately and have gone into the Simms Col. Gillman called by the other day and handed your Ma twenty five dollars which he said you sent by him some and he also deposited eighty five dollars with your Ma or Mr. John S. Wrights wife and have been delivered to her the Farmers are very backward with work owing to the bad weather are nearly done ploughing corn land

I have Just commenced taking the test of Property & the weather keep so bad I am getting along very slow

I understand that several of Robinson Company have Reintested for two year longer I suppose agreeable to the late Militia Law passed by the Legislature If a volunteer recruit he will have to serve two years more if I was in your place I would not recruit yet a while If you get the chance to come home we would be very glad to see you

If you dont want to recruit dont ^{let} them scare you into by telling of you that you will ^{be} thrown back with the militia If you have to go with the militia you will have credit for the one year that you have served I had rather take my chance with the militia than to under go what you all have

The neighbours are all very well so far as I know Tell the King Boip that there Ma Family are all well & also Mr Wrights Family are well

I want you to write to us every chance you have you ma get very impacient when she dont here from you often I have nothing more at present to write
only remaining your self
J. H. Rawlings