



Pickensburg Feb. 9th 1864

Dear Mary I again
take my pen to write
you a few lines we
arrived in Pickensburg
on Friday evening
but did not get out

to camp until last evening we found
but few of the Regiment here the most of
them having gone out on an expedition
toward Jackson Miss. Col. W. being one
that was left we found very comfortable
quarters here and I feel better satisfied
than I have since I left home now if I
could hear from you (which I hope to in
a few days) I feel entirely satisfied.
The Regiment has almost all requisited and
expect to go home as soon as they get back
but I cannot tell whether we will ^{go} with
them or not. I have not seen out much yet
and therefore have not seen much so I

will not try to describe any thing this
time. but we will have nothing to do until
the regiment returns so I expect to walk
round and learn the fashions then
perhaps I will have something to ^{write} about
that will interest you. for you know that
I cannot write unless I have something
to write about.

you wanted me to get my likeness taken
and send it to you but I have not had
the opportunity to do so yet. but I can
have it done here at any time but if I
go home with the regiment I do not think
I shall get it taken here.

Tell Mamma that she must be a good girl and
mind her mother and take care of Theresa
and papa will write a letter to
her. Tell mother I will write to her
before long. I will close for the present
excuse my short letter. Yours truly
G. H. Coates