

Grand Junction Tenn. Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 1831

Dear father Mother Brothers & sister

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I was glad to hear from Andrew I wrote to him yesterday and hope to hear from him before a great while. we have a cheerfull fire to sit by here the weather is quite cold and has been so several days. Lieut. Scott is sick yet I think he is a little

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write as often as convenient  
and I will write every  
few days.

Your wellwishing Son S. L. Mills  
P.S. I believe letters come quickest  
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Your well wishing son Jno. Mills

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