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March the 19, 1865 Oil Creek, Perry Co. Ind.

Dear husband I seat myself to try to write a few lines to you to let you know that we are well at present hoping they will come safe to hand and find you well and hearty and also your comefades Now Clark this is a hard task for a woman to undertake to write to a husband when she has not heard a word from him for 2 months past. I have thought I never could undergo such things but I find the Scriptures true. We must run with th patience the race that is set before us so if it be a hard one it requires the more patience to endure it. The weather is beginning to get warm here but it snows occasionally yet tho the peaches is not killed yet. John is going to begin sowing our oats in the morning. He rented it. I find the seed and get half. They are to be divided in the shock and some by the bushel. I have sold 10 bushel of them oats for seven dollars and a half. The last letter I wrote to you I told you that Nathan Jamison was drafted but just as I had sent my letter to the office he came to our house. I do did not know him. Johnny soon made up with him as he does with every strange man he sees. He give him 5 dollars when he started home. He give Nancy Ellen and Mary Ann 5 a piece. He came off the draft list between the enrollment and the draft. We have just got a letter from Uncle Graham. He is in very bad health mostly caused from trouble I guess. He says he has sacrificed two noble sons on the altar of their country and is willing to give all rather than see a star fall from the old flag. He thinks Sam is with Sherman but he is in the hospital with the small pox. James Jenkins and Sim Shirecliff deaths have come in the newspaper. I am very sorrow to hear of it as he leaves a help-less family. Your pap is able to knock around a little now

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The pigging ridge has gone to
of them passed here this week ~~Settlick~~ ridge is going this fall. The
guerillas are very troublesome in Kentucky. Harten's men are at
Concordy and have been for a week. ^{old} ~~Haden~~ ^{Horton} is married to
a young miss. Pigging corn is worth from 1 dollar to 1 and a half
bacon from 25 to 50 cts per pound hay 1 dollar per hundred oats from
60 to 90 cts per bushel potatoes one dollar and a half per bushel
molasses are selling in Leavenworth at one dollar and seventy 5 cts
per gallon. Having nothing more to write will bring my letter to
a close Hoping to hear from you soon. No more at present but
remain your loving and affectionate as ever Barbra Esarey to
John C. Esarey. Clark we have got the prettiest and the smartest
babe in this state. I am going to wean him soon if I can. He
can break anything a fighting you ever seen.