Sir,

I received your kind letter of the 11th instant. I pray you to forgive me for not writing sooner, but I have been too busy with other matters to find the time to do so. I am well and in good health, I hope you are the same.

I am glad to hear that you are getting along so well. The weather here has been pleasant and the crops are growing well.

I am looking forward to hearing from you soon. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help.

Yours sincerely,
[Signature]
After I think this is a wise occasion where I need to board you about a thing. You will have to bring a little something to eat. That thing you call baking bread, I see but one. But what I have learned to do without is better than well or bad to make out. I think better than well, do the old well. But you may bring a little flour, cath, and milk. The little of want to make out, the old well. Only, I have learned to do without is better than well or bad to make out. But what I have learned to do without is better than well.

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Mount Pleasant, S. C. Oct 10th 1864

My dear Wife,

I received your kind letter of the 2nd inst - I was glad to hear from you & to hear that you were well. I am glad that you are getting my letters more regular. I get your letters tolerably regular now. Sallie went down to Savannah last Saturday to get shoes boxes that Lieut. Dardin started with. I did not get more than half of them the balance of them are lost I reckon. Dick has a peck of potatoes they are lost the reason why he could not bring them on he had Mrs. Dawson along with him and the train was behind time and they would not give him time shift of his freight and he had to get in on to Savannah could not get here on the account of having Mrs. Dawson. Sallie there is a good deal of yellow fever Charleston good many have died. Lieut. Jones of Company E died with it and some two or three of the company. it is reported that we have got it over here in the Hospital but they say that it won't spread over here. When I was in Savannah last Saturday ( P. ? . . . ) stood that they had it over there but I don't think its all yellow fever that they say is yellow fever. I think its the same sort of fever that William had - it killest about one fith that has it. Sallie I heard of the deaths of Dick Erwin I herd that the Dr. through a mistake gave him stricnine for Quinine. I was truly sorry to hear it he has left a helpless famlie. I don't think he could have done it a purpose. Sallie I have been in Charleston two or three times since they have had the yellow fever there I am in hopes that I will not have it. I don't think there is much danger of it over here they say its getting to late for it to do much now we have got some cool weather now and I think that will stop it we have had some little frost.

Sallie I think this is a very good place where I want to board you at. I think you will have to bring you something to eat that thing you call eating has played out here. I believe I have learned to do without pretty well or at least I make out a great deal better than I use to we have drew know meat now for the last week and I don't know when we will draw any more we drew syrup and lard in the place of meat I make out tolerable well Sallie you may bring a blanket two tin plates couple of knives and forks and some candles. We can get a bed but I can't say how much cover so you had better bring one blanket and just such things as you think you will need. I recon you will have to do your own cooking though I can do it for you if you will eat my cooking. Sallie you must get you a Passport or they will not let you come - get William or your Pa one to get it for you. If William gets well you can come along with him he will come back the last of this month when you answer this letter let me know when you will start what day of the month so I can meet you at the depot but it may be so that I can't get over into Charleston but if I don't William can bring you over and I will have you a room ready. You must be sure and get a passport. Sallie I want you to bring me a quart of whiskey I have got the itch and I want to get some sulphur and put it in the whiskey to make it will cure it and I know it will for I have seen it tried. Dick wants William
to bring to him. Tell him to get and bring it to him and ask William if he shipped his salt from Savannah through to Morris Station and where he paid the freight at Morris or Savh. some of the boys that got salt to ship wants to know. Sallie I recon there was considerable excitement with you all when you herd that the Yankees was in site of Fort Gaines I am in hopes that they will never get through to our potion of the country. Tell William that Lt. Jones Jackson and old man Roberson are dead. Sallie this leaves me well hope you and the children the same. Let me know if you have your box and your brush let me hear from you soon.

Good bye Sallie

Your Husband

J. H. Jenkins

Note: From the reference to Fort Gaines and "down to our 'potion' of the country" I believe these people lived in Clay, Early or Miller County in the southwestern part of Georgia or adjacent counties. Census records of 1860 might show them.