

it was dear A's intention to take
me to see them all some day

My dear Sister nothing would give
me greater pleasure than to go with
my children to see you - but I really
cannot afford it so will have to
wait until the War is over and A
can come too - Benny remembers
you all very much and would like
to see you Willey does not appear to
remember you though he does the country
the youngest is just like Willey was - and he
looks like him too - They are all well

Hoping this may find you all in
good health My love to all the friends
My Mother and family wish to
be remembered to you all
as soon as I get another letter or
any news I will tell you -
you need never fear I will not go
away without letting you know
the reason I did not write was because
I was all the time in the hopes of getting
a pass - but now I am afraid to go if
I should get a pass without hearing
from dear A - May God Bless you all

Believe me your loving Sister
M. J. Blakeslee

write soon



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Mrs. E. Stettman

My dear Sister,

Your truly kind
and welcome letter, came to hand yesterday
and I hasten to answer to let you know, I
am here at home with my mother still,
and my poor prospects of leaving - I wrote
you when I received the last letter from
my dear Husband, which is about 3 months
since, when he begs of me to come without
delay, since which time I have been trying
every means to get a pass through the lines
not only here but in St Louis and Fort Monroe
but all in vain, they will not grant passes
to no one, and you know as well as I, that
I cannot well go without one, for the risk of
running the Blockade is too great with the Chil-
dren, for if I was caught I would be imprisoned
and what would become of my dear children,
so this is the way things stand, my friends
all think it a great blessing I did not