

Tupelo July 4th 1862

Dear Dear Mother and Sister

I have this opportunity in letting you know where I am and what I am doing.

I am now at staying at the Tupelo hotel, but will soon leave for Mobile where I will see

Georgy and after staying at Mobile a few days I will leave there for New Orleans where

It will likely be before the 1st of next month, I have not heard from either Redd or Georgy for some

time from the former not since Tony last seeing you since which time I have been traveling through the

Confederacy a great deal and have visited a great many of the camps. Through the Country the people

are generally very hospitable especially in Tennessee if I were to go to any of the small towns

I could not remain there twenty four hours without some kind lady asking me to go to her house

in the Country where I would be treated with the greatest care and kindness possible, ~~from~~

Oh dear Mother it makes me think of home and the dear ones

there to be treated so kindly. I will never forget them for it, The people will celebrate this day

as is usually done here, the county girls and farmers are now congregating here for that

purpose,

Remember me to Miss Annie Her
Mother, as well as all my other ~~lady~~
friends up town and Fall when I will
make them another visit shortly, and
now with much love to all I remain your
aff. friend, and Brother
Of Louis's Gracious well, Willy

Willy July 4 1862

Mrs. J. H. Bridges
of "Louis's Hill"
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