

A LETTER SENT TO LOIS GLEAVES, FEBRUARY 27, 2001, BY ANITA HENSLEY OF DYER CO., TENNESSEE

THE LETTER WAS WRITTEN ON OCTOBER 12, 1883 BY THOMAS BENJAMIN (T.B.) GLEAVES TO WILLIAM COLUMBUS BURNHAM.

Oct the 12 1883

Dear brother and sister an all in () friends I write these lines to night 1/2 past 10'Oclock in order that you may here from us We are all well We hope you enjoy the same good blessings, We wished to answer your letter sooner but could not I want you to take this to father and let him read it () I live in a roughe country but helth is good here and we have made a good crop this x (time) of corn and tobaco and potatoes yam and navy beens and cane. I bought me a cane mill and I have made molases ever since the first of August and I am still making I want to get done this week I have made about 4 hundred galons I would like it if you can come out here and see us I want you and father and some others to write me an afidavid and state whether you believe I was sound and clean of tumors of the bowels or not when I () I enlisted () and when my doctors was Tenant and lamb They are bothe ded and give the dates of their deaths some where about 71 I left then and state how you know my helth was after the time of my enlistment state tumors or piles or something after that form that will comes paid with my discharg and it will help me very much and when I get the money I will pay you all the charge then you must go before some sworn officer who does administer the oathe and () send it to me in haste I am going before the board to be examined on next Wednesday and I want your afidavids to go with them papers now if you can do this do it quick and as many as two three or four if you all can add this as an official 10 regiment Co. G US Army or infantry.

Yours respectful

T. B. Gleaves to William Burnham

(My note: I have tried to write this letter as close as possible to the way he wrote it. Some words were left out and "()" put in their places. T. B.'s father died in 1857 so I believe he is talking about his wife's father. T. B. were either in Arkansas or Missouri at this time by the Federal Census records.) (Lois Gleaves, wife of his great grandson, Earl W. Gleaves.)