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Thy stars shall glitter o'er the brave.

New Albany Ind July 1861
Miss Mollie.

The mouse I pro-
mised to send you cannot be
had here. But I have sent to
Louisville for it also a piece call-
ed Bonagine they are both
particular favorites of mine pleas-
ing them occasionally for my
special benefit. They will be
there in a few days. The City is
the very essence of dullness no hear
of war and war alone. There
are two regiments encamped here.

one Indiana regiment at the fair
ground and one Ky. just below
Jeffersonville this regiment was made
up up in Louisville by one of the
citizens. Col. Ruseau. Secretary Hall
of Ky is to be there this week to
make a speech to them such
loyalty as this is worthy of the
highest praise. But enough of this
as you are by no means partial to
the war topic.

~~Don't~~ tell you something of
my travels since I left Spencer
and especially of that grand Ky
scene of which you heard me
speak. Though after riding until
13 Octber the night before you may
know I felt just right to enjoy it.
Oh it was a grand affair notwithstanding
some unfavorable cir-
stances the first was a rainy day
the second there was none.

They postponed it until the 23^d.
I suppose some one sick. After hear-
-ing this I resolved to start for
New Albany. And on Monday
morning at 7 O'clock got on the
Diligent where I found many of
my acquaintances and friends
who belonged to Capt. Abate's Company
and were coming to here to
encamp. We had a fine time.
The soldiers were amusing
themselves by play in cards and
singing. Deary and the Girl I
left - He kind me this last name
ed him brought many sweet
memories to my mind, and
of my recent visit to Spencer
which was so very pleasant - though
we were disappointed concerning
the premises all this did not
hinder me from enjoying my
self in the highest degree



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I must tell you of a grand
Military Reenact which went
off here yesterday. The ground
was about 2 miles from the city
and I think the loveliest place
I ever saw. The ground was
perfectly level and beautifully
shaded by tall hickory trees.
I suppose there were five or
six hundred people there they
commenced dancing at 4 O'Clock
and danced until 6 in
the evening. As I am very

previus I did not dance very much. Commenced at 10 O Clock in the Morning and danced every set until 6 in the evening. There were from six to twelve set dancing at a time you may know by this that it was a grand time. I wish some of my Spencer friends had been here then my pleasure and happiness would have been unspeakable. Perhaps I am overpassing in good nature by writing this letter and certainly am by writing it so long and irksome for which please pardon me.

I am thin & rather hasty in writing it being but a few days since I saw you. Here ~~engaged~~ ~~in~~ and very closely confined in the office surrounded by duty.

books. Time passes slowly by. This
makes me anxious to hear from
you for no time is more pleasantly
spent than when reading one
of your very interesting letters.
In the future I hope to read
many of them. Should you
feel enough interested in
my pleasure to honor me thus
highly. Please write soon.

Remain your sincere friend
Henry.

P.S. Did you receive a letter from
me a few days before I was
down there. requesting you to direct
the answer to Fredonia Ind. The reason
I make this inquiry is I have some very
kind friends there who some way are
very much interested concerning my
letters. If you wrote the letter failed
to reach my hands Henry



*Our Union and Our Laws we must maintain
And drive foul treason from our land again.*



*Wife Mollie Emmett
Grandview
Indiana*