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No., 12

Mrs. Andrew Upson
Plantsville, Conn.

(Pre-stamped envelope postmarked Banks Division. Printed inside the envelope is "Pat Nov. 20, 1855". Letter is in pencil on one sheet of lined stationery and is written on two sides.)

Starry's Ford
7 miles above H. F.
on the Shenandoah
Oct. 5 – 3 ½ P.M.

My Dear Wife -

I have just recd yours of the 30th & 31st - & have only five minutes to reply – We have been on the move thus far all the time – Our present business is watching & guarding the crossings of the Shenandoah – The rebels are watching the other side – Have lain out of doors the last three nights & enjoy it much – Still it ain't like sitting down at home with wife & children – You may believe they seem dear – The further we get from the Ferry the more difficult is transportation - The mails will also be very irregular – Don't be surprised at not hearing from me – I have not been where I could send had I time (**Pg. 2**) but once before since Sunday & Monday – Was sent this morning on a reconnaissance with a man of my own selection up the river & as I returned met our post master with the mail – But I can't fill this for the mail bag is about to be shut –

Health never better – Upson is good for a march or anything else to be done down here – Secesh people here close by –

Ever Yours

We heard heavy cannonading all day Sunday only a few miles off but we don't know any more – You probably do – Tell father the county over the river looks enchanting – The farms are beautiful – Hope to hear from him soon – Don't send anything more unless the individual is coming through with it – Tell Mr. Smith I like his idea (**upside down middle of page**) about Thanksgiving but it is very doubtful whether we shall be situated so as to make it possible for me to carry it out -