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Letter from Marshall Blair Clason to his mother-in-law

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2 miles beyond Ringgold, Geo.,
May 6th 1864.

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I have loved Annie with all the fullness of my heart, and have tried to make her happy. I feel that I have succeeded. The misfortunes of our country have separated us since our marriage, with the exception of a few brief weeks.

I ~~am~~ have no special requests to make. I know all will be done that ought to be done.

I will say Good-bye. God bless you, and preserve your life and health for many years ~~to come~~. I hope I may be permitted to see you again. Give my love to Grandpa, Mollie, Velona and Frank. I send my love to Annie in a letter sent by this mail.

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