My Dear Wife

I wish to inform you of our Safe arrival we got here at One OClock this morning & will leave for Louisville at 5 this Evening we had very cold weather down until last night it got hot and today is uncomfortably hot. We had a good freight trip down but poor passenger receipts and took on a company of soldiers at Wheeling and brot them to Gallipolis 25 in all and had but few besides them. I was down this afternoon to see your mother & she and Ella are well and seem in good spirits and Says she had your last letter. and says she is very much displeased at Sarah grey for not showing you the letter she wrote her and as for corrisponding with her she says she only wrote the one letter & that she put inside of one she sent to Liz Daugherty, we feel confident that our boat will prove as good as I expected Bill Whitaker Came home a few days ago naked & bare footed having walked all the way from texas after having all his effects taken from him Sue is clerking in a store on 5 st near Walnut so the old lady says, Boats are loading for Memphis and New Orleans and times are very brisk we are taking on considerable of stuff to day for Louisville I will write you again from there I have been unwell since I left but today am well and hope you and all the pets are. god but I think much about you all but I am after money and think am on the right track now give my respects to all I will stop as I have to go up to the Custom house before 4 Oclock Excuse the paper Joe has the letter paper locked up.

Truly Your husband WB Anderson

P.S. John Joe & I ate the straw berries yesterday above Portsmouth They were beginning to spoil I intended to take them down to the old lady but they would not keep They were very fine for which please accept my thanks

WBA