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Letter from Roxanna Lobdell (Stanton, Kans.) to
her mother-in-law, Betsey (Lobdell) Thew, June 26,
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Stanton June 26th

Mrs Daniel Thew
Gen N.Y

Dear Mother

Your of the seventh was received last evening and pleased indeed was I to hear from Mother Thew and the rest of our N.Y friends It had been so long since I had received a letter from you that I had almost given up all hopes of ever hearing from you again but I should not complain for in looking back I cannot remember having written to you for more than eighteen months this is to bad but Mother I must plead illness for the most part of the time as my excuse When Dennis was at home to write I felt as though you heard from me and that was sufficient but I well know that you felt differently Last summer I was hardly able to do my work and after my babe was born I was not out of my room for four months and now my health is very treacherous but so much better than I ever expected it would be that I have no reason to murmur I suppose the chief point of interest to you is to hear from Dennis He has not been at home since the first of May but I hear from him frequently The head quarters of the fifteenth

is at Ft Scott but his company at present are on
escort duty, down through Arkansas if you wish to write
to him direct to his address Ft Scott and he will be sure
to get it you use of Post Office boxes to be a soldier I can assure
truly that I think he does the wife he some times his
delight and this far he has proved himself worthy the
uniform he wears he bears the name of a true man and
brave Soldier this much I would not write to any other
but his Mother to give the knowledge that your boy that
left you so long ago to struggle alone with the world has
made a good and noble man will be a satisfaction You
ask me if I love to have a Soldier this is a
much harder question to answer I love to have him
do that which he thinks is right and not for all I chose
most sacred would I stand between him and duty he felt
that he must go and I gave him up but not without
a struggle yet I try to realize that I am not all the
one that has given their all to there country and
within the last three years how many thousands have
given to this unnatural war their dearest bravest and
best I am living with my mother and am not
quite as lonely as I should otherwise be the children are
well and Charlie talks a great deal about going to see his
Grandma There he is a fine little fellow the very counter
part of Dyer all except his eyes they are large and black
as midnight Adda I don't ^{think} is quite as good looking
as Charley she looks more like her Mother she is darker
complexioned with the same large black eye she is to

alone has two teeth and is as quiet as a kitten I want
you to see them very much you could hardly discern
them if you chin your nose so far they both bear
a great resemblance to their father as soon as I feel
strong enough to ride eight miles on an ox team I will
send you these pictures but at present it is so very
warm it looks like a great undertaking my principle
way of conveyance is on horse back but I cannot go
that way and carry the children remember my love to
Sis and tell her that it was not my fault that I
did not see my little girl Katie We are having
very dry weather this summer and without rain
soon our crops will be very light my parents wish
to be kindly remembered to you and mother say tell
Mrs Thew that if she has her only son in the army
she has her youngest a boy not yet twenty he is a
messenger from fort Scott to fort Smith 350 miles through
the enemies country I have already written a long letter
and I fear have tired your patience so I will close
with much love ever the same

Peranna C. Sublett

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Mrs. Daniel Thew.

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