

HEAD-QUARTERS MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI.

Chattanooga
~~Atchafalaya~~, Tenn., May 3 1864

Rev. E. Davis,

St Marys Academy, John Wamsland
 Dear Sir,

Your of April 25 is received. I cannot
 even hope for the pleasure of being
 with this summer. I have no doubt
 your Examination in June will attract
 many visitors and had I a chance it
 would afford me pleasure to be among
 them.

I have reminded myself
 as well as possible of the death of Billy
 Tom Roy was a promising a child as parents
 could ask, and we must submit to his
 loss as one of those inevitable accidents
 of God beyond our power of comprehension.

I wish you would be kind enough to say
 to Sister Anglen that I promised my
 Chairman to write her in explanation of
 my plain Mission at the School in
 Cincinnati. Whether I have ~~done~~ so
 written
 is not my memory fails to recall, but
 it was my act. I wanted Mission

at school constantly. She is very fervent
for her years, and should not lose a
day to acquire the knowledge which she
should possess at maturity. I wanted
her near enough her Grandmother, as
I never shall come by permission
to see her before death. And I also
wanted her near the Route by
which I may have one chance in a
thousand of seeing her, which I could
not hope for were she so far off
my Sister or St. Marys. Please say
to Sister Angles that I never was one
to whom I would rather intrust Miss
than to her, but the above reasoning
controlled me in my choice. After
two years at Cincinnati if I live I
will have Miss at New York for
another year, which will complete her
16th year, after which I doubt if she will
travel or mean to continue her.

All our children are now well and
healthy and we look upon the memory
of Willy as a dream, a beautiful vision

about which Cluster and will see Cluster
our warmest feelings, binding us all together
on this Earth in Chain ties of love
and affection. For your heartfelt
sympathy and remembrance: be assur-
ed of our lasting remembrance
with respect & affection.

Yours truly,
W. H. Sherman