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M.W. Parris, Petersburg, Virginia, to Jane Parris, July 3, 1862. Parris writes of the battle at Malvern Hill, Virginia, on July 1, 1862, which was part of the Seven Days' Battles (June 25 - July 1, 1862). He lists the names of fellow soldiers from Jackson County killed and wounded in the battle. He briefly mentions the military action and comments on men in the hospital. This is the first page of a letter that was written by W.M. Parris to his wife, Jane, during the Civil War.

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July the 3 1862. peters burg. va dear wife I am
time I am taking my pen in hand to let you
now that I am well at this time hoping these lines
may find you well and bring well the last
letter I received was dated June 24th it gave me great
satisfaction to hear from you that you was well
though I am sorry to tell that some of our brave
boys has got killed and several wounded in the great
battle at rich man which commenced last evening
and is still going yet we have not got a correct
information of all the file neither can I tell all
killed and wounded but I will tell what I have
learned about it. I told long and John B. Queen was
seen fall in the first of the file that is all that we now
of though there was a great many missing & the killed
of or last now I will give the names of what was
wounded Joseph ready got to fingers shot off William
Capital wounded in the neck. Leander Bell in the leg.
Harris Cooper in the leg or leg of Samuel Porter
Stelly wounded in the finger though got his shoulder out
of place and from what he says about the regiment
it is but all up Porter left them yesterday morning
and says that the regiment looks a bout as big as
as four or five companies our Colonel got five or
six holes shot threw his coat and one hit his
face major Frances badly wounded in the shoulder
William heard badly wounded threw the hips

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Transcript:

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