I will tell you how I got exposed to this infernal disease. On the 4th of this month, the glorious Fourth, which saw the fall of Richmond, I was detailed to drive an ambulance, and soon after sent on ahead of our battalion to bring the sick to this place and among the sick one case proved to be the small pox. As soon as the doctor found it out he was sent off by himself and I have been taking care of the sick ever since. The company I had gone with from here though I think not far and we will join them as soon as the physician thinks it is safe. We had exact measures for it but have seen will not do to get any other sickness. Pleasant place but know that there has been more luminous or a discolored swamp and back swamps they ate swimming brothers to the fever and ague and I think directly related to all other diseases small pox among the rest. Bloomfield the town we are in has been quite a pleasant place but has been burned and destroyed one time and another by our forces and the rebels mutiny. There is little left but ruins. There are the most widows in this country of any place I ever heard of. Sometimes we find fifty or sixty of them at a house. Their husband being in the rebel army they think it safer to live widows, supposing of course we will believe it