## Family Home Page

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*{Page 1:}*Bradfordsville, Kentucky, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>, 1862
23<sup>rd</sup> Regiment, Michigan Infantry

## Dear Brother {Sanford Keeler},

I suppose you would like to hear from me so I will improve the little time that /// have in writing. Today is Sunday and we are resting from the march we have had all the last week. Within the last week we have marched over one hundred miles. One week ago last night we started on a forced march after {General John Hunt} Morgan and his guerilla band. Marched all night without resting at quick time, arrived at Lawrenceburg (KY) at daylight, but just two hours {too | late } to catch the rebels and all we got for our march was 27 of Morgan's men and 20 horses. Marched back to Frankfort (KY). Arrived there at dark with our prisoners. So much for the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Then Tuesday we got marching to join our brigade and have marched 5 days and reached this place yesterday and are quartered on the town in different buildings. Our company is quartered in a large dwelling where we are very comfortable. It was a lucky thing for us for it snowed last night and would have been a bad night to lay outdoors. Last night I slept in a bed in the house for the first time since I left Saginaw (MI). It was a luxury that I have not experienced in some time and I caught cold by the experiment. I have {not} sat down at a table

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to eat a meal of victuals since I left home. And also I have not been off duty since I left home one day, so you see that I stand it first rate. It is more than a great many can say. I have tended to business right up to the mark and by that means have gained the confidence of our commander. I am now acting Lieutenant and probably will hereafter sometimes at battalion drill a division. Perhaps I am boasting, but I am not. Modesty forbids me mentioning the compliments that I have received from the officers. Time will show what will I shall do. If I can only give a good account of myself I will be satisfied. You must excuse me for not writing a full sheet for I have not got it. I could fill a full sheet if I had it. Answer soon and send me a postage stamp to answer it; they are hard to get. We may march from here tomorrow, perhaps to Nashville, Tennessee. It looks like it now. You must direct as before to Louisville, KY, and it will find me out wherever we go. I do not have to carry my knapsack any more. All that I burden myself with is a sword and a revolver, so I can march as easy as can be expected. Give my love to Lucy {Lucy M. (Nelson) Keeler, Sanford's wife} and all of the rest of the folks. How do the children get along and also Susan? Tell her that I am well and can hoe cake with anyone. No more at present.

From Your Brother, D. D. Keeler

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