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That they are citizens of Griffin Spaulding Co. Ga. left that place on Sunday Mch. 27. There are 5 Bros of us one is now in New York City, one is still in Griffin in the Drug Business. All of my Bros are union men and none of them have ever been in the Rebel Service.— Fear of Conscription forced us to leave. We left Griffin on Sunday and passed through Atlanta to Kingston from there to Rome was in Rome on 29th March, obtained a pass there for the County for 10 days, from Rome crossed the Mountains near Head of McLamores Cove just below Shinbone Valley, came to upper Chickamauga Bridge, at Rome there was a Provost Guard of about 50 or 60 guarding Bridges &c. Two Trains run in each day from Kingston one baggage and two Passenger Cars. Freight trains are attached to them when necessary— from Rome to this place we met but two Soldiers. The Confederate Army is considered in better condition now than ever before. The army and People feel more

confident than ever before that ultimately they will be successful. This accounted for by the recent success of their arms. From our understanding Lee is being reinforced from the Lower Country and Johnson from the Army of the West. The lower and Middle Classes live about as well as they ever did - the latter are drawing Rations from the Govt. In our section of Country and South of there corn is plenty and sells for $3 @ 4 pr bushel. Bacon is worth from $ 2½ @ 3.00 pr. lb. the supply is sufficient. All able Bodied men from 17 to 18 years old are conscripted for Police duty. from 19 to 45 for field duty, from 45 to 55 for light duty.