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## Chas. Bailey letter to the family of Thomas L. Evans from New Orleans, Louisiana, July 26, 1864

Thomas L. Evans

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New Orleans July 26<sup>th</sup> 1864

Friend Evan's

Your Son who was a prisoner in Camp Ford, Tyler, Texas with myself, requested me to write to you. I am one of the prisoner's lately exchanged at Red River landing, but your Son, was not among them he is still a prisoner in Texas. but when I came away was well and hearty he was in the same mess with myself. What the prospect of his early exchange is I cannot say but I can most assuredly say and pray that it may be soon. he has no doubt given you a little of his experience of prison life in Texas. in the letter I brought through for him. But his experience has not been quite so long as my own. It was 13 months the 23<sup>d</sup> of this month since I was captured. I was exchanged the 22<sup>d</sup> so I lacked but one day to fill the 13. You will no doubt get an account in the papers of our treatment. as prisoners of war &c. so I will not attempt it. for I should come far short of doing it justice. Perhaps I will write again when I get home and have more leisure. Hoping that you will acknowledge the receipt of this and write to me as soon as possible. I remain yours Truly,

P.S.

Direct to me when you write. Chas Bailey

Bethel Fairfield County

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