

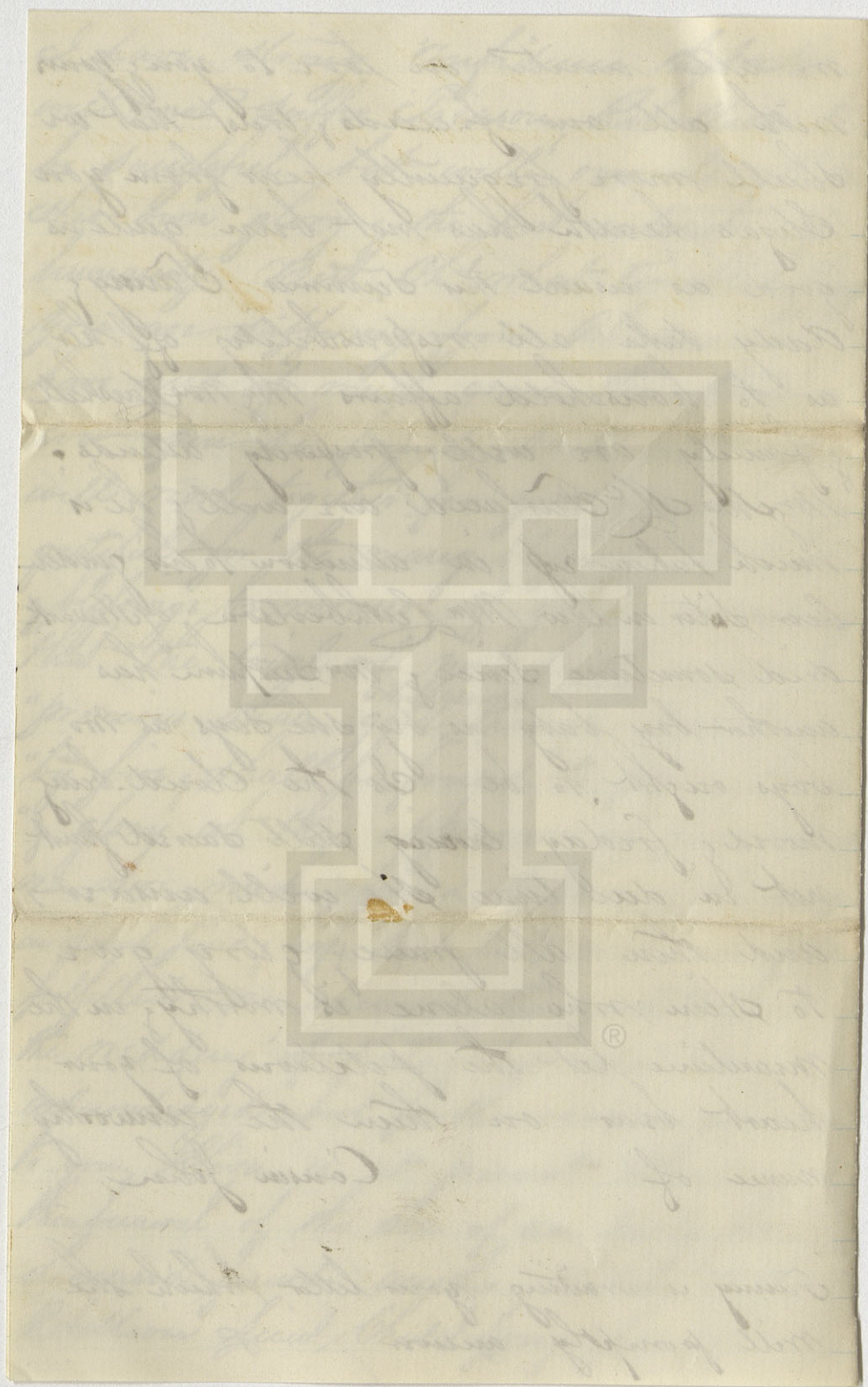
Allegheny City ^{3rd} Feb^y 1864
Dear Louise Margaret

Your esteemed favor of 4th July
was received amid the excitement of
the Rebel raid into our state; I did not
reply as I wished to wait its result
thru the extremely warm weather, my
physical prostration has prevented. I have been
unable to attend to business for the past
six months having broken down with the
constant labors at the office; do not
expect to be able ever again to resume
I have no sickness, or pain, but debility
I can occasionally get to the church
& city. I agree with you that it becomes
us as a nation to humble ourselves in
the deepest abasement & call earnestly on
our Father in Heaven to be merciful
unto us & forgive our sins & transgressions
& lead us to acknowledge His authority
that He may restore peace unto us

I have strong confidence that He
will not suffer Treason, Rebellion to
be successful but will overrule all to
His own glory & the best interests of
humanity. But Oh! what terrible suffering
you are suffering from Rheumatism &
how need of much grace. The throne is
ever open be found at its foot; all
will work together for your good. be very
grateful for the many blessings; let trials
& blessings be means of grace remembering
that the trial of your faith is more
"precious than ^{than silver} gold though it be tried
"by fire & shall be found to praise, honor
& glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ
we were much rejoiced to hear of the change
in Sarah Jane & hope their best wishes may be
fulfilled. we received the invitations to
the wedding of Kate; I should have
acknowledged but for the reasons given
to you. Eliza is at present attending
the funeral of the son of an early dear
deceased friend another victim to the
Rebellion Lieut Chase Long! Campfiver

we all unite in love to you & your
with all our friends; trust that we
shall more frequently hear from you
Eliza's health has not been quite as
good as usual this summer Fanny
ready take all responsibility off her
as to household affairs Mr Marshall
& family are well & prosperity attends.
Mrs McFarland are well & he is
much taken up in attention to his garden
Our sister in law Mrs Luthbertson of Newark
died sometime since & Mr Saffron has
another boy baby as big she says as two
boys ought to be Is the Cloud-berry
moved; Friday Evening still sacred faint
not in due time He will answer
and then all praise & glory give
to Him who alone is worthy; in the
meantime let the petitions of your
heart bear on them the ever worthy
name of - Cousin John

Fanny is waiting your letter which she
will promptly answer



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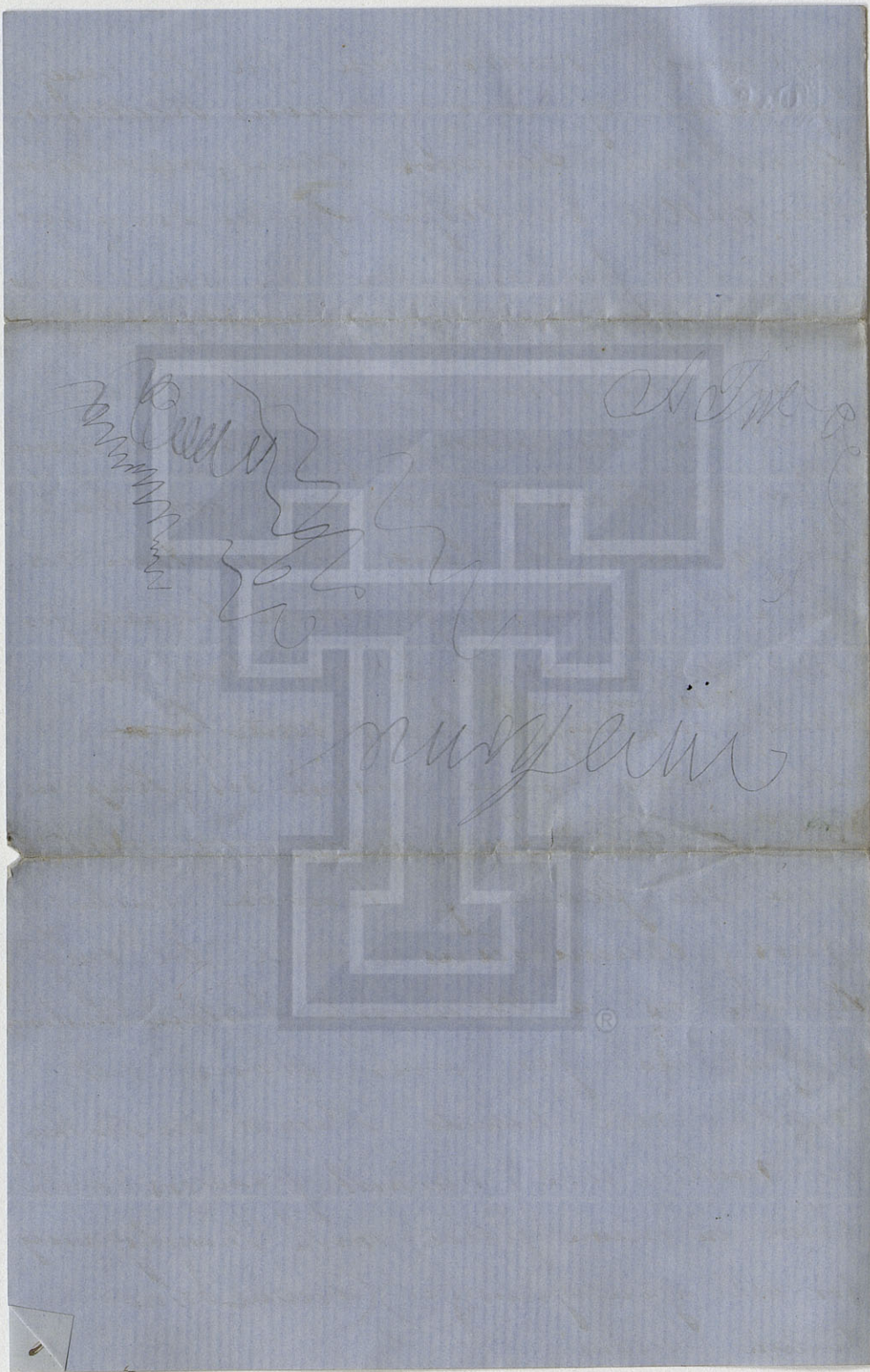
I am at last seated
at a table in my own room, and
writing to your own dear self, about
two hours since, Eliza got all ready
for me to commence when Mr. McNeill
(Adda) Marshall drove up to the door,
and of course the writing was put
off, the time past pleasantly, and you
occupied a share at least, of our
conversations. Is the Friday evening
still kept sacred, and has faith increased
the promise is, be it unto you according to
your faith. all things are possible to
him that believeth. said I not unto thee
"If thou wilt believe thou shalt see the
glory of God. The word has gone
forth & it is for ever sure so
that we may adopt the language of

the poet "Faith, mighty faith the promise sees
And looks to that alone
Laughs at impossibilities."

And cries It shall be done

Oh! Lord increase our faith and
speak as of old, and say, I will be
it unto thee according to thy faith
5th Other friends called after I had
written the above and I had by some
cause contracted so severe a cold as
to put me to bed with a racking
cough that prevented sleep until
Saturday. yesterday I was better, to
day feel somewhat like myself. Eliza
has gone to Mother Sarah's. her daughter
Eliza Patterson has lost her youngest
son Chas Hays Patterson aged 14 years & more
with that scourge to children scarlet fever
How many Oh! how many young
middle aged & aged have passed
away. Who next shall be summoned
away. Oh! that to us the future may
be bright with the prospect of a

glorious resurrection in the image
& likeness of our gracious Redeemer
there all sorrows cease, and every
tear shall be wiped from every eye,
& in our fathers house we shall know
even as we are known. Let us
struggle on, the prize in view
and in the name of Jesus "coming
"off more than conquerors. we shall
be prepared to sing "Worthy Him who
hath loved us, and given himself for
us and washed us from our sins with
"made us, Kings & Priests unto God
May His grace sustain us, keep us
till round His Throne we meet
& in the peace of Heaven Earth's
wars & commotions will be only
known as a Heavenly Father Christening
to fit us for our House not
made with hands eternal in the Heavens
our united love, earnest prayers with
yours in return filled with thanksgiving
for all you yours, &c. &c. &c.
& Cousin Susans' &c. &c. &c.



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Pittsburgh, Pa. 23^d Aug 1859

Dear Cousin Margaret

Mr McFarland and Mrs
Marshall leave by the 4 O'clock
train this afternoon and will be
in New York on Friday or Saturday
I have requested them to call on
your Brother Alfred in Water Street
to ascertain all about you before
they call on you. I did not expect
them to go so soon but they are
ready & wish to be off hoping you
and they with Aunt Susan will have
a pleasant & safe arrival to our
home and that all will be well
in your absence I am truly

Cousin John

I did expect a letter from you before
they started & therefore delayed writing

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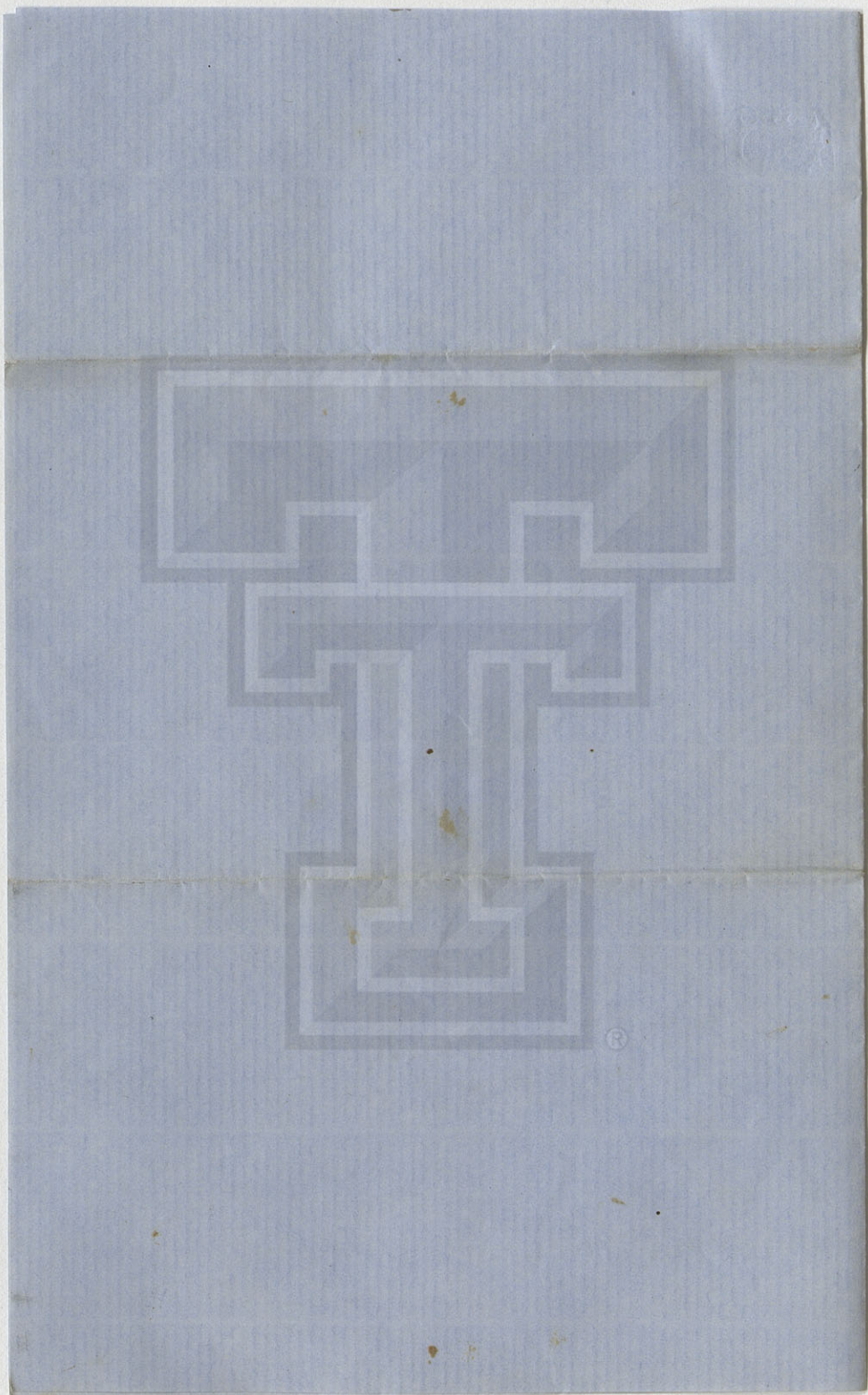
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