

19th Ohio
(see ROSTER)
March the 10th 1863
Camp Murfresboro, Tennessee
Co A 19th Reg OHIO.

Sister; I will tell you a story of my Southern adventures on curt nite. I, with some more of my fellow soldiers were standing picket guard and after we got off duty me and one of the brass of Co A went to a Secesh womans' house that stood near the lines. She had two daughters and they were good secesh. Also it was raining like all hell at the time. We asked the old woman if we could stay all nite, and she said we could if we payed her for if we were well fed. It was then 8 o'clock at nite. We told her that we would do that of course. But it was my object to stay with one of the girls. She was willing to stop and talk to me. But the old woman, the devil, told me no Yankey soldier should stay with her daughter. Well it made us laugh to that. I could hardly get my breath for awhile. After that we started afar. It was only fun we wanted and I didn't care for her girls no how. So we went to her barn and in the stable we found a jackass. We tied his tail to the livery, and got several chickens out of the stable and went to the lines. After we got to the camp, we had a nice dinner on the old womans' chickens. Thats the way we use the secesh in fun. Now I shall cut my letter short, only I want you to write me and tell me whether Amy Fox has got married yet and where she is.

Well I feel as thou I don't care how long this war lasts, for hell is to say, all I know. We expect to have another fight before long with the old gray backs of Tennessee.

Now here is a ring for your wrist and think it is a true one. My best regrets to all the gals. Johnny, you must not squeeze old Mercy too hard, for she is old and can't stand it. Be a good boy and write me a long letter and tell me how my wife is, or getting along. No more at present.

YOUR DEAR
But remain sane brother.

Isaac Raubenstine

Amen Short prayer

I wish I had a little Whiskey

Black No. 11. 1843

Dear Sir

With your regards to the family

I am Sir your obedient servant

John Smith

From my office of the 10th of the month

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