

Camp Near Murfreesboro Tennessee

April the 13th 1863

Dear Cosen it is with plesure that I take this opportunity to write you a few lines to let you no that I am well at present an I hope that these few lines may find you injoying the same blessing Well Boy we have some nice wether nou our Camp is nice an dry an in A Bewtiful place We get plenty to eat an nothen to do onley to stan picket ever eight days an I am a geting so fat an lazy that i cant never work any more i dont think i have got the summer grinu so bad that i dont think i ever will get over it

Well Press I would love to be at home a while this spring to help you an Wm Benard plant corn or look at you an William work that would saate me the best Well Boy I have no newes worth writing to you hear is a song (?)lalet that i will sen to you i want you to lurn to sing it so you can sing it for me when i get home we Boys are all well that you know Capt Davis got a letter from the hospital to day staten that George Burchfield was ded the loss (preceeding four words crossed out) death he was wunded at Stone river the day that William H. McGary was killed he died at evansville he was a member in Co. A. give my love to all the friends Write Soon good by John Witherspoon

A few lines to Joseph McGary Well Jo how do you get a long i hope you are all right you must taka good care of the girles till we get home to help you well Jo I my time is was half out to day (crossed out) the 9 of this month an I would be glad if the uther half was out so i could come home to see you all one time more all tho the time passes off out hear fine i have no newes worth writing to you we have been in this camp for better than three month and the talk is now that old rasey will stay hear till the concripts comes in then we will gow down to Caley honey to see if we can fin old Brag an his Bragers i gess we will get a spat at them down thare

i want you to write to me an give all the newes write all you know an if you dont no any thing rite something you dont no so i can hear from home i am fater than you ever seen me my health is (?)wealey so no more this time

John L. Witherspoon  
to Joseph McGary

i received your letter today  
O look what i O

Dear Mr. Garrison  
I received your letter  
of the 11th inst. & was  
glad to hear from  
you. I am well & hope  
you are the same. I  
am glad to hear that  
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Camp near Murfreesboro Tn  
April 26 1863

Wm P Teel

Dear Nephew

I received your kind letter on yesterday and as this is Sunday morning when I was anxious to write you an answer to it, your letter found me in good health except my eyes are still verry weak but they got some better but the improvement is verry slow Andy and Riley are both well Wm and John Witherspoon are both well Andrew Jakes and Ned Gudgel are all well Abraham has never come to the Regiment yet since he was at but I believe he is well George Scott is well Joe Duncan Robert Parker and all the rest of your acquaintances in the regiment are well we are still in camp near Murfreesboro and it is likely that we will stay here some time most of the troops are out on a general scout just leaving enough here to defend this place from gurilurs should it be attacted the troops that went out took ten day provisions with them it is the intention of General Rosecrans to clear the gurrillers out of this section of the country if possible and I think he will do it we have the nicest camp that we have ever had since we have been out all of the streets are thrown up in the center and made as smoth as a floor and each side set thickly with cedar trees so that this camp looks like a cedar grove on one end of the camp is a place made church it is out forty five feet by sixty feet around the out side is set cedar trees about six feet apart and between these trees is a hedge of cedar bushes four feet high then through the center of the square is set two rows of cedar trees about four feet apart at one end is a circle of bushes set thick for a fuel pit then around the square is made a row of seets just in side the out side hedge you see that we have a nice place for preaching and then we have as good a preacher as there is in the army the Rev J J ?ight I believe I have told you all the news I have to write this time so I will bring my letter to a close write soon and let me know what you all are doing tell Mariah that I will write her a letter this week give my best respects to your father and mother and all enquiring friends.

Yours

John L. Whittlesey

To

Wm Preston Teel

no news come to the Regt  
get one all well. Newham  
in New York - 1 Oct

we both well at present  
of your health and the  
but they go on well  
you are in every way  
your health is excellent  
your letter received  
with your love

the news is really very  
I am very glad you  
I want you  
I am  
I am  
I am  
I am  
I am

2nd Boston Regt  
C  
D

your health is  
I am  
I am  
I am  
I am  
I am

all the news of home is  
I believe I have told you  
the army the best of health  
as much as there is in  
them we have as good  
I am  
I am  
I am  
I am  
I am



March the 25th 1863  
Camp Near Murfreesboro  
tennessee

Dear Cosan it is with plesure that I tack this oppertunity to write you a few lines to let you know that I am well at present an I hope that those few lines ma fin you all in joying the same blessing - well Preston we haft to mourn the loss of Brother Isaac. he died last Saturday nite. About 7 O'Clock. William was with him when he died. he said that he died easey. we thout he was better in the eavening. Andy an James B. McCrary lade him out. William an I had him taken to town. i gess he is at home by this time.

now Boy I would lik to no how you an uncle Nick are a geting a long a farming an how mutch Care you an William Barnard are A going to tend an i would likes to no how you an Bill are a geting A long with the girls if they Sack you must try an try them a gain that is the way i am A going to do.

Well Boy i received your kind letter of the 15. i was glad to here that you was all well an all so to hear that my money had got home safe. we are a fixing for A Big fite hear at Murfreesboro. we are A making brest works from fifteen to twenty Miles. they say that the Rebs are Crosing Duck River in forse.

if they com they will get whiped worse than they did at Stone River. i have no Newes worth writing to you now Boy I i want you to write to me ever chance fore i love to hear from home i want to see you the worst kind but i cant for a while yet good By for this time. John Witherspoon to William P. Teel

Well Babe how do you get A long. you must write to me and let me no how you are geting a long. those hard times you must be a good girl an you to School an lurn to writ so you can write to me I would love to hear from you ever day. I am a going to Come home some of these times if ther ant no lies told.

you must safe me some Milk an Butter. for i dont know How mutch i can eat. you can judg for your self when i get A nuff.

Well Babe all the butter we get out hear we haft to pay one dollar A pound for all we get.

So good By fora time.

Write Soon

John Witherspoon

Mariah D. Teel

you must safe me  
some milk and butter

for i dont know  
thru much i can eat  
you can judg for your self  
when i get a muff

Well babe all the better  
get out here we aught to  
pay one dollar a praind

for all we get  
So good by for time  
Write soon

Sister  
Mariah P. Teel

March the 25th 1849

Camp near Blue Springs  
Tennessee

Dear Cousin it is with  
pleasure that I take this  
opportunity to write you a  
few lines to let you know that

I am well at present and I  
hope that these few lines may  
find you all in paying the same  
blessing well I rest in me

ought to mourn the loss of Brother  
Isaac he died last Saturday  
night at about 9 o'clock  
William was with him when

he died he said that he died  
early we thought he was better  
and James B. Cray  
took him out William and

I had him taken to town  
I guess he is at home by this  
time



now Bay i wouldd like  
to no how you and uncle Dick  
were a getting a long at farming  
and I have mutch Corone  
you and William Barnard

is a going to tend and i  
~~will like to go how~~  
~~to the farm in Bill~~  
is getting a long with the  
girls is they sack you <sup>make</sup> up an  
try them a gain that is the  
way i am a going to do  
Will Bay i received your kind  
letter of the 15 i was glad  
to here that you was all  
well and i all do to hear that

~~you are all well~~  
safe we were a fixing for a  
Big fite hear at Mourpreloro  
we are a making bread  
Yaks famply teen to twenty  
Miles they say that the  
Rocks are Crossing Duck

if they could they will get  
whipped worse than they go  
did at Stone River  
i have no choice worth  
writing to you now Bay I  
i want you to write to me  
ever chance fall i love the  
hear from home i want to  
you the worst kind here  
for a while yet good by  
for this time John Withers go  
to William P Steel

Well Babe how do you  
get a long you must  
write to me and let me  
how you are a getting a long  
those hard times you must be  
a good girl and you to school  
and learn to writ so you can  
write to me i would love to  
hear from you ever day I am  
a going to come home some of  
the times if ther ant no big

Nashville Tennessee

December the 4th 1862

Well Boy as I have a few lesure moments I will drop you a few lines in ansure to your leter you sent in Johns. I would like to see you all the best kind. I think I could injoy my self. well for a while though I dont expect I will gete to come home soon. at the present wee ar laying at Nashville and have been for the last weeke. I dont know how long wee will stay here. wee may leave at any moment.

The Secess ar within thirty miles of here at Murffosborough though when wee start I think they will have to fall back. wee had grand Review to day and General Rosecrans was out to see us. I think he is a good General. well boy I would like to see the girls the best kind. I dont want you to let them all marry till I gete home and I dont want you to marry for I want to wate on you. Give my love to all the girls and write soon. yours as ever W H McGary. To Wm P Teel

Well Babe one Kiss and then I will comence. I would love to see you the best kind. I know I will kiss you the first time I gete to see you. Babe you must be a good girl and dont let them litel home gards kiss you to much. I want you to save some of them for me. Well Babe wee ar having a nice time here. there is plenty of Secess women in Nashville and I dont know but what I will gete some of them for a wife. tell Mother and Pa that I am well and harty and would like to see them the best.

Kind Tell Nick and Mary I am all rite and would like to spend a few more sunday evenings with them. well Babe tell Bill Marnard not hug the girls to much for it will make him sick. I want you to spark some of the prettys women you can find for me. I have no news to write so one more kiss and I will quit. Hopeing to here from you soon.

for a wife tell  
Mother and Bob that  
I am well & at work  
and you'd like to  
see them. We had  
kind tell back  
and Mary & Ann all  
right about a few  
like ahead a few  
more by arriving  
with the my well  
Babe to Bill Howard  
not but the girls to  
much in a while  
make Jim & me  
I want you to mark  
where the party  
at the top part  
in order to have our  
to write to wherever  
kids and I will just  
write to you

Oachville Tennessee

December  
the 4 1882

Well Boy as I have  
a few spare moments  
I will drop you a few  
lines in answer to  
your letter you send in  
before I would like to  
see you at the time  
kind I think I could  
enjoy my day I would  
for a while though  
I don't expect I will  
get to come home soon  
at the present time  
in saying out the time  
and have been for the  
last week & about  
Howard how good see  
will stay in school

the dress is within  
thirty miles of here  
and Charpor is rough though  
when we start I think  
they will have to  
fall back with hands  
Grand Review to day  
and General Cameron  
was out to see us I  
think he is going  
general with my  
would like to see  
the girls the best  
I don't want you to  
let them at it  
I'll get some  
and I don't want  
you to worry that  
I want the children  
with girls my love  
to all the girls and  
write soon your ones  
Wm. H. H.

Well Babe one kiss and  
then I will commence  
I would love to see you  
the next time I know  
I will kiss you the  
first time I get to  
see you Babe you must  
be a good girl and  
don't get nervous  
come and kiss me  
to night I want  
you to come down  
of them for me  
Well Babe we are  
having a nice time  
here there is a lot  
of good women  
in Kentucky and  
I don't think I  
what else I  
get some of them