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**Document:** letter to daughter from the War July 6, 1861

**Transcript:**

Martinsburg Va July 6<sup>th</sup> 1861

My Dear Little Daughter

I have an opportunity this morning to send a letter to Williamsport (our nearest Post Office) in order that it could be mailed to you. I am still very well. So are all of our Columbia Boys. I have not heard from home since I was at home – and you know how anxious I am to hear from you all. I do hope you are all well. I hope Lillie's foot has got right well. I suppose Mamma has written to me, but on account of us moving to so many different places, the letters do not reach me. We are now living in tents. Our tents are pitched close to the town of Martinsburg. We have so many soldiers and so many tents that they reach all around the town and extend away out in the Country. The town is about as large as Columbia. The Citizens were nearly all Secessionists and run away with the Secessionists soldiers when they heard we were coming here. Consequently the town is almost deserted by Citizens – we have soldiers enough here to whip all of the Secessionists and still more are coming – we will in a few days have 20,000 men – which will be a very large army. Tell Mrs. Hall that her brother Henry is very well. If you see Mrs. Mullen tell her that Amos is very well. The person that is going, is ready to start so I must close.

Give my love to all  
Your Papa  
Thomas Welsh

Write soon

Lieut Col Thomas Welsh 2<sup>nd</sup> Regt Pen Vol  
Via Williamsport  
Maryland

**Analysis: Wiggin**

*Addressee is either Alice, Mary, or Effie.*

*Welsh had been home on furlough for a few days, the third week in June, returning to Funkstown, MD on June 24.*

**Scope and Content:**

Handwritten letter from Thomas Welsh to "My Dear Little Daughter." Letter describes camp life and includes some information about the arrival of his unit in Martinsburg, Virginia. Note: Amos Mullen served with Thomas Welsh as 3rd Sergeant in the 2nd Pa. Reg., Co. F.



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