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Document: *Letter from Thomas Welsh to Lillie Welsh (daughter), dated June 19, 1862*

Transcript:

James Island S. C. June 19, '62

My Dear little Daughter Lillie

I received the letter which you wrote to Papa and was so glad to get a nice little letter from you, and I do wish that you would hurry and learn to write so that Papa could read your letters if they were ever so long – Now you must try and be the best little girl in Walnut Street, so that when Papa comes home every body will say that little Lillie Welsh is the good little girl – Please tell Mama and every body else that your Papa is right well and that he wants to see you and your little brother & sisters very much and that he is going to hurry home as soon as this war is over. I send you money so that you can take Effie for Ice Cream—Kiss Blanty & Jim – and all the girls for me – tell them all to be good you must kiss Mamma for me too—

From your Dear Papa

T.W.

Analysis: Wiggin

Lillie was age 4 at this time.

The family had moved to Walnut Street in 1860, shortly before Thomas Welsh went back into the service

Scope and Content:

Handwritten letter from Thomas Welsh to daughter, Lillie Welsh. From James Island, South Carolina. Letter thanks Lillie for writing, tells Lillie how much he misses her and her siblings and intends "to hurry home as soon as this war is over." Encloses money to take Effie for ice cream. Note: James Island is located near Charleston.



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