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**Document:** *Letter from Thomas Welsh to Lillie Welsh, dated October 10, 1862*

**Transcript:**

Camp Israel Md. October 10th 1862

My dear little Lillie:

Mamma writes me word that you are sick, and I feel very sorry. I do hope that you will soon get well, and that the next letter from home will say, that, Lillie is well and can play as lively as ever, out front. I want you to write me another letter – it is a long time since I received a funny letter from you or Master Blanton. If you are well enough to go to Sabbath School, tell Mrs. Mullen that Amos is quite well, and so is Henry, who comes to see us some times.

You must take a walk up to see Aunt Lizzie and Uncle Peter and tell them that Howard is very well and full of fun. And you must tell Mrs. Wike that Henry is well. And if any-body asks you how your Papa is, tell them that he is well, but is very anxious to see his dear little children.

And now I want you to tell Mama to hurry and send my Box with overcoat watch &c. to me, directed to Harpers Ferry. It will then come right straight to my Camp without any trouble – and I will be so glad to have an overcoat particularly when I may have to sleep out of doors at night. Please tell mamma to hurry and send it now while there is a good chance for one day lost may be too late.

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All the boys that are with us are well, and when any of the friends ask about them, you may tell them that Papa takes care of the Boys.

Now I would wish you to get well and be the best little girl in Columbia. So that when Papa comes home every body will say what a good little girl, little Lillie Welsh is. You must kiss all the children and Mamma – Ann – Maggie and Jim too for me.

Your Papa  
Thos. Welsh

Tell Mamma  
to address letters  
To Col. Thomas Welsh  
45<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> Penn<sup>a</sup> Vols.  
(Burnsides) 9th Army Corps.  
(Via) Washington City.

The Box if sent by Express  
within a very few days Should  
be marked.  
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**Analysis: Wiggin**

*Aunt Lizzie Vache is a sister of Annie (Young) Welsh*

**Scope and Content:**

Handwritten letter from Thomas Welsh to his daughter, Lillie. From Camp Israel, Maryland. Letter expresses concern for Lillie's recent illness, how much Welsh misses his family, and his eagerness to receive expected items from home. Inquires about health of the family and to give his wife and each child a kiss from him.

