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Document: *Fragment of a letter from Thomas Welsh to Alice Welsh, no date*

Transcription:

Evening

We are to start from here early tomorrow morning Col. Fisher, Lieu^t. Evans, Dr. Rohrer, and Henry Mullen dined with me to day. The Penn^a Reserves pass'd through this afternoon. I am still very well. I would love dearly to see you. I am thinking so much about my dear children that I am getting homesick. I do hope something will transpire soon that will enable me to get home, if only for a few hours.

Do not [let] Blant forget me— I suppose there is no danger of Lillie – Effie – Mazie and yourself forgetting Papa. During the Battle of South Mountain I captured a Rebel Soldier. he asked implored me not to hurt him. I asked him if he had a family at home he said yes. He had a wife and five little children in Georgia— I told him then he was just like me that I would protect him, and I did. I thought of my own dear home and felt for him.

I must stop.
good night.
Your affectionate Papa
Thos Welsh

[Back of letter]

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Analysis: Wiggin

The South Mountain reference suggests that this was written shortly after the Battle. Although no date is indicated, it may have been written on Alice's 11th birthday.

Scope and Content:

Handwritten fragment of a letter from Thomas Welsh to his daughter, Alice. Marked "Evening" at top, most likely page 2 of a letter. Letter includes thoughts about his family; fear of being forgotten by his kids; story of capturing a Rebel soldier at South Mountain and how he identified with that soldier having a similar family situation.



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