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**Document:** *Letter from Thomas Welsh to daughter Lillie Welsh, dated February 21, 1863*

**Transcription:**

Newport News, Va.  
February 21<sup>st</sup> 1863

My Dear little Lillie,

Mr. McClure has just arrived in Camp, he handed me a box with some collars and postage Stamps in it. also a letter - from Mamma.

I am glad to hear from home, and to hear that you and Blant – and all the others are right well. I hope you are a good girl, and that you are trying to be obedient to Mamma and kind and affectionate to your little Brother – and Sisters as well as to Ann, Maggie Jim, and every body else. Howard is right well – you can tell Mrs. Mullen that Amos is very well. So are all of the Columbia boys. I am very well too and would like very much to come home to see you. Wouldn't we have fine sport if I was at home?

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I often wonder - if Blant wears pantaloons yet – or if you are the little fat girl that I used to see sliding down the Hill. Do you go to school? do you learn very fast – can you read and write? and all such things frequently come into my mind. Mr. Roath has not come to Camp yet. I suppose he will be here in a day or two.

We have a pretty Camp near a large River – the boys have a great deal of fun. I would like if Mamma would come to see me and bring you along.

Give my love to every body. kiss Blant, Effie Mazie Alice Jim Maggie Ann & Mamma for me.

Write soon.  
Your Affectionate Papa  
Tho<sup>s</sup> Welsh

**Analysis: Wiggin**

*Lillie is a month short of turning 5 years old at this time.*

**Scope and Content:**

Handwritten letter from Thomas Welsh to his daughter, Lillie. Newport News, Virginia. Letter describes his happiness at hearing from home and reflects on health and well-being of various family members. Expresses hope that Lillie and his wife might visit and asks Lillie to give his love to all and to write soon. Note: Lillie is a month short of turning 5 years old at this time.



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