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Document: *Letter to Effie January 27, 1863*

Transcript:

In Camp January 27th 1863

My Dear little Effie;

I have just received your letter with one from Mamma enclosing stamped envelopes. I am very much pleased with your letter. I only read part of it this evening but expect to read the other part in day light tomorrow. The next time you write, Mr. Blanton must not tease you so much, as it is pretty hard to write a good letter when a chap like him keeps teasing one so much. I believe that you write to me to send you my likeness for Miss Jones's Album. If that is so, I herewith enclose one which if you choose, please hand to her – with your Papa's compliments. You said in your letter that I wrote to all the rest and not to you – well, all the rest wrote to me and you did not, and all the time I love you as much as I do any of the others. And what am I to say because you did not invite me to your birth-day party?

I wrote to Mamma today, please tell her to reply to it without delay.

It is raining tonight, and will be very disagreeable for our poor soldiers who are out on Guard. Michael Collins is out to night and a good many others with him. I wish the poor fellows could all be at home tonight instead of being out in the rain and mud. I wish too, that I was at home this evening – wouldn't we have sport for a while? I suppose you are learning to read and write very good. I hope you are a very good little girl, and that you will strive to be good – and to learn very fast. You will please me by obeying your teachers as well as Mamma.

Colonial Curtin will start for home early in the morning, and perhaps he will call at our house before he returns to the Regiment.

Mr. McClure has not yet returned. I suppose he was so glad to get home that it seemed hard to get started away.

When you see Mrs. Mullen tell her that Amos is quite well. Tell Aunt Lizzie that Howard is well – so is Henry Wike, and John Hinkle and all the others boys that you know.

Give Blanton a French Kiss. Lillie a Scotch Kiss, Mazie a Dutch Kiss, Alice an English Kiss and all the rest a righty Kiss for me.

Tell Blanton that I know he is a good boy and that Papa loves him so much. I am very well, and although it is raining and very disagreeable out of doors, I have a good warm



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tent, and a good bed to sleep in. I would much rather be at home. Give my love to all your little friends and playmates, and tell all of them to be good children.

Good night my Dear, Dear little girl

Your loving
Papa

To
Effie Welsh

[envelope addressed to]	Miss Effie Welsh Box 192 Columbia Lancaster County Penna
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[return address]	COL. WELSH, 45th REGIMENT, PENNA. VOLS.
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The envelope and the letter are not matched. The envelope goes with an earlier letter from Port Royal, May 19, 1862

Scope and Content:

Handwritten letter from Thomas Welsh to his daughter, Effie. From In Camp. Letter discusses the exchange of correspondence between various family members and encourages Effie to write more often. Answers Effie's request for a photograph for Miss Jones's Album. Letter describes the weather and reports that all are doing well in camp. Sends love and kisses to all, including Effie's "little friends and playmates. Note: Envelope and the letter are not matched; the envelope goes with an earlier letter from Port Royal, May 19, 1862.

