

Letter #2 to his father(Farther), Moses Long

Camp Nevin, November 'th 1861

Dear Farther

I received Joseph welcome letter of the 3rd and was very glad to hear from you all that you were all well when he wrote I am well at present and hope that these few lines will find you in the same stat of health for that is one of the greatest blessings that man can enjoy. as regards to me I am getting along very well at present with camp life would not want it any better. yesterday I was along with the team for brick to build a bake oven to bake bread there is a baker going along with the Regiment to bake and the orders were to get brick where ever we could and there was an Seccions house in a small village about a mile from camp and we went and tore down the chimney and that is the way we we have to get things but do not unless tis tis the orders of the Colonnell yester day the nickets took fifteen prisoners and today there was seven more past our tent and I suppose they were prisoners also. I need not tell you how many troops there is here as I did write in my last letter there is very lëttle news comes to the camp only what we get by mail. today while writing this I received a letter from Samuel Hoar and he said that Mr. Rowe was very sick and not expected to live and I also heard by one of our Company that Mr. B. Brackbill was also very sick I was very sorry to hear that but I hope before you get this letter that they may both be able to be up and about. tell mother that she can make my overcoat fit Davy she shall for I have one like you used to wear with the long cape and slit down behind we have firstrate clothing now and as regards to the wages I cannot say but when we get payed off I will send a part of them home and maybe all I do not know yet we get payed the eleventh I think. did you get my carpet bag if you did let me know and my boots I left them in care of Tony Lechler in Lancaster. the fellows are getting along firstrate I received a letter from Uncle Enos, yesterday and he said that they were all well and he said that he received a letter from Aunt Mary and she said that grand Farther was very sick but was very well again and was able to wok I also heard from Leah to day by Samuel Martin he gets letters weekly from her and she states that Mothers was sending me some shirts. that is of know use unless they are flannel ones as we get as many white shirts as we can carry I tell you that our knapsacks are heavy enough with out so many things. if you are so kind as that and want to send me anything why send me a pair of leather legins for they are very useful in the army in a long march and especially in the muddy weather if you wish you may if you please I believe that is all this time we just received a pair of drawers and a pair of

of stockings this evening . it is getting late and I must close my letter  
write as soon as you get this letter and if you send any thing to me  
have it sent to Cantain M.D.Wickersham Camp Nevin Company E,  
Hambrights Regiment Kentucky. that is also the post office address  
that is all this time I remain your affectionate son

R.C.Long

To Mr.M.Long

Reuben Clark Long

was the oldest son of Moses and Eliza Clark Long of Enterprise(now  
Intercouse),Paradise Township,Lancaster County,Pennsylvania,born  
April 17,1843,so that he was 20 years and almost 5 months old when  
he was killed at the Battle of Chickamauga. He had one older half  
sister,Leah and one older sister,Mary;two younger brothers,Joseph  
who was in the army when he was killed,and David;and a younger sister,  
Sarah. His ancestry was mostly Pennsylvania German,his father was of  
Amish Mennonite descent and his mother of English Quaker and German  
Reformed parentage. His grandfather's grandfather,Valentine Lang  
settled in Tulnehocken,Berks County in 1737;the family moved later  
to Lampeter(now East Lampeter)Township in Lancaster County,and into  
Paradise Townshin.

Below is a clipping from his mother's father's genealogy,the  
Palmer-Trimble Genealogy published in 1875 by Lewis Palmer:

*Ch. of Eliza Clark (No. 849) and Moses Long.*

2457. Mary Catharine, b. May 30, 1841; m. Andrew Sullen-berger Sept. 18, 1861. He was b. April 29, 1841.  
Address, Strasburg, Lancaster co., Pa. 274

2458. Reuben Clark, b. April 17, 1843; d. Sept. 20, 1863.  
He was killed at the battle of Chickamauga during the rebel-  
lion, being enlisted in the Union army.

2459. Joseph Henry, b. Feb. 23, 1845. *Marrried Florence C. Holl*  
He is a miller. Address, Soudersburg, Lancaster co., Pa. 12/8/74

2460. David Ezra, b. Nov. 27, 1846; m. Susan S. Trout Feb.  
18, 1873, dau. of John Trout and Catharine.  
Miller. Address, Lancaster, Pa.

2461. Sarah Elizabeth, b. Sept. 7, 1849; m. George Smith 275  
May 21, 1871, son of James Smith and Mary.  
Address, Soudersburg, Lancaster co., Pa.