

Filson Historical Society

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Chas. Wolf Cal Comdy 8476 Iowa

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AUG 18  
1864

John Little  
Harrisville  
Boydolph Co  
Indiana

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well we put on the style here more  
there was a chair factory down where  
we were before we moved up here so  
I & G. Metz went out to get some  
chairs for the Col I went to a big  
house & went up stairs & got 5 for  
me & Frank with the bottoms & all  
there was about 150 more up there  
they had been pocket up there to keep  
the Yankees from finding them but  
we did there was a family living in the  
house but they had just moved in  
the owner of the house had left with  
the keys. The woods was full of chairs  
nearly I wish I had a dog at home  
there is some talk that we will  
be paid soon for 6 months. There  
will be 88 dollars for me, corporals  
get 18 a month now private 16. from the  
1st of may. Well I guess I will  
close for this fine write soon direct  
the same  
Yours as ever Agass Little  
C. Mrs Sallie Little  
Clintus Little

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I wont come

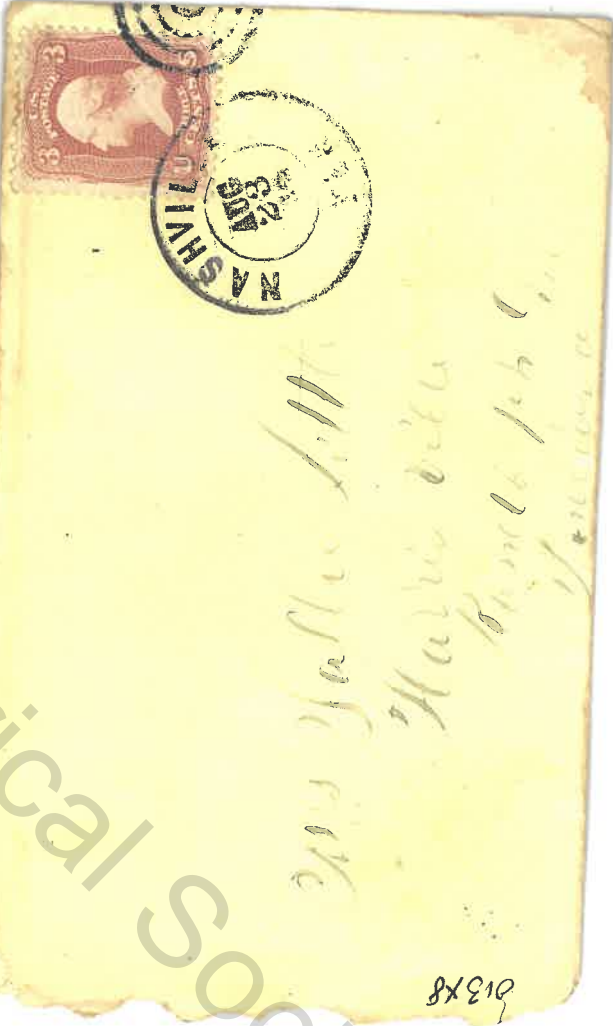
Near Atlanta Ga  
Aug. 3rd 1864

Dear Sallie I sat  
myself this evening to write  
you a few lines to let you  
know where & how I am. I am  
well & hearty & hope these few lines  
may find you well. I recd a letter  
from you a day or so ago I was very  
glad to get it. It was just such a  
letter as I like to get. Well we are  
in a different place from where I  
wrote before we moved last  
Monday night now we are on  
the East of Atlanta & can see some  
of the houses from our works the  
rebs has their works in plain view  
about a mile of we can see them  
on their works plain & their flags  
to they have skirmishers out & so do  
we. I am writing on a our tobacco  
made out of a cracker Box & I cut a

in a shady bush & stuck in the ground so I have a nice cool shade to write in. Well the best news I know is the talk here is that we & all the Indiana troops will get to go home this fall to vote if they don't let the soldiers vote I think that Indiana will go Butter nut & most of the people here think so Gov. Hartson is in favor of it & Lincoln is interested for the president is to be elected this fall. Well we have just 13 months from today to serve if the war lasts & if we have to wait till then to go home I reckon we will take it quietly but if we get to go this fall it will be all right. Well I'll bet there would be hugging & kissing & ... if I was there it is too good to talk about that is being at home. Well I reckon if Demps gets home he will take care & draw his load. Well I got a letter from B Hill & C D Brown <sup>day</sup> yesterday they said your Pop was there after George

that was the first I knew when he was they said your Pop had gone back but did not get George with him Benoni said he fitted George for he looked so bad I wish he could get home his capt will give him a discharge if he can I was over to the 124<sup>th</sup>, the other evening Eliza was well & Leaty Eli Harris was sick, there is more boys & old men in that Regt than I ever saw I believe there is some as small as Joel there. I believe our Regt would do as much fighting as two such Regts. John Rhodes was here yesterday he had <sup>just</sup> got back from a sort - tearing up Rail Road & burning rebel trains & he said rebel Wheeler drove them in & got them surrounded but he said after a bit Wheeler sent in a flag of truce for them to surrender when our boys <sup>had them</sup> crossed their line & broke out they cut their way out & most of them got out safe I guess the rebels thought the

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Mrs. J. A. Miller  
Harrisville, Tenn.  
Benton Co. Tenn.

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15 of 1 of each other it was not  
but I doubt it, all the night. That  
is it in a way is when one side  
makes a charge & the other side, make  
the charge get the worst of it  
I do not get of it banks report  
up & there is one more to make it  
short all the times in the other  
relates short in to our country  
the best one man in all that  
right shot him through the heart  
I doubt that a man. That  
has been something since  
some Charleston man had left  
some butter & made one page &  
will send it with all the money  
another with 1000 in it of 14  
But you must not get me a shot  
for it will soon be over & I can  
clear you 1-1000 for a month  
I'm the one at home. I'll be  
out that you were made for a  
15 of 1 of each other it was not

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well I want to the same thing  
I would not my friends. But I shall  
you want to buy not me to  
am standing in my shirt tail  
sweeping my front. It is you  
and not and my stamp  
got a one a piece of it  
got it at a fair you can  
I'll be at the  
held 2 years ago yesterday  
it has been a long time but it  
the 12th month to come, we  
then I do what I can for  
I don't want what I have  
the year. Well if you get to  
I've been out a while but it  
I'll be at the  
what you give us now, a  
to say it on I can do it  
will turn out like they  
you'll be dit but never but  
I'm close at our grain to  
some good land I think

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Mr. Sallee  
Wichita  
Kansas

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enough to let you know  
that I am well & all  
right so I will stop &  
write a big letter when we  
get in camp. The mail road  
gets opened I will write soon  
tell all the news

Yours truly  
Isaac Tilton  
So Solly little

I hope you have got  
well of that sprained  
Ankle. I Graces  
pleased you was hurt.

resting on the rebels works  
south of Atlanta near East  
Point Ga. Aug 31<sup>st</sup> 1864  
Dear Wife I sent my  
self this evening to drop you  
a few lines to let you  
know how & where I am.  
I am well & hearty & hope  
you the same although I  
heard you had sprained  
your Ankle badly I hope  
it is not bad as I heard  
I want to hear from you  
the worst kind but I dont  
expect to write far we are on  
a hard row & there is no  
communication now so we  
will have to wait a few  
days for mail we are now  
a little South East of the  
City near the Macon R.R.

MS. A. 9. 2. 10  
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yet not no.



we cut the Mobile & Atlanta  
road for miles it is tore up  
this morning we run on to  
the rebel line our skirmishes  
drown them off in a hurry now  
we are resting along their  
breast works that they made  
last night I saw the 124<sup>th</sup>  
awhile ago there only a few  
of the boys that I know now  
Elihu is dead he was shot  
through the neck & died in  
few minutes he was helping  
carry a log to put on breast  
works he was killed south  
west of the city about 5 miles  
Ab is back sick. It is  
reported that some of our  
forces (the 20 Corps) are in the  
city but I dont believe  
it we are getting around them  
& they will have to get out  
or fight us soon but

it is the general opinion  
that they are evacuating the  
the city. The 36<sup>th</sup> Ind times  
is out & are going to start a  
back soon likely to move  
I will send this by them  
to Winchester. Well it was  
fun to see the Johnnies run  
this morning oh how our  
boys did yell at them we  
got some prisoners I dont  
know how many our Regt  
was in the front line of  
battle & got up good works  
ready for a fight then come here  
there has been troops passing  
us for 2 or 3 hours & I can  
hear them skirmishing some we  
made a line of works last  
night where we stopped we  
are getting the trace pretty good  
but works is a nice thing in  
a fight well this will be

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Soldier letter  
from Atlanta Ga

Atlanta Ga  
March 11  
Kearney



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sprained I am sorrow to hear of  
it but I hope you will get over it  
soon I wrote a letter a few days  
ago & sent by one of the 36<sup>th</sup> Ind  
I could not send by mail. we got  
a little mail last night I got a  
letter from Mollie Little I guess  
there is more of the quarters now  
for us likely I will get a letter from  
you. Jim Grace got a letter last  
night from his wife & wanted to  
know if I was a prisoner now I  
tell you if the Johnnies get me  
they will have to be good I guess  
well now we have got Atlanta I  
do think that we stand some chance  
of going home to vote I do hope so.  
B Hill & Frank Hiatt are both sick  
yet the rest of co H are able to march  
well I will stop & if I get a  
letter from you I will write  
more. Yours as ever Ma.

To Sallie

9 miles South East  
of Atlanta Ga. Sept 17<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dear Sallie

I set myself this evening to drop  
you a few lines to let you  
know how I am.

I am well & hearty & hope  
you the same. Well about 12  
days ago Gen Sherman took up  
his army from around Atlanta  
& struck out the rebs thought  
for the rear so next day they  
had a big time there they had  
downed chimneys &c & put out an  
extra paper this day that the  
yonkers had fell back & had a  
great time in general but he  
in a day or two old Hood  
found that Sherman was on  
the Macon R.R. & then they  
cut to head us then left a

colps there to hold the city  
while the rest tried to hold us  
our Brig struck the RR at  
Rough & Ready station & commenced  
tearing up the track & burning the  
ties & looting the rails & bending  
them we took up again 10 miles  
we got in a fight one eve  
near Jonesboro station & killed  
a lot of rebs & got a few  
killed our Regt was in the  
line of Battle the rebs left that  
night if it had not been so  
near night we could take a lot of  
prisoners we had 2 men wounded  
in co I that was on the 1st of Sept  
on the 3rd we got in another  
fight near Lovejoy station  
our Regt & the 84th Ill was on  
the front line & charged & took  
their skirmish line & our Regt  
got 23 prisoners we had to charge  
through an open field waf till to  
it a somewhat place for us there was

45 wounded 1 killed & 3 missing  
Co H did not have a man hurt  
we got 8 prisoners out of one pit one  
of the rebs shot at one of our boys  
& hit his knapsack & then I & 2  
more shot & I guess one of us  
hit him for one had a bloody  
shoulder, the rascals would wait  
& shoot at us till we get right  
on them then they will surrender  
we were in about 40 steps of them  
when he shot at Kegeries. Well  
right before last we fell back  
to Jonesboro & this morning we  
started & are now in about 9 miles  
of Atlanta where we will rest  
for awhile I think we will go  
there tomorrow, Well we have not  
had my mail for sometime I have  
not heard from you for a good  
while I those got a letter that  
told about you getting thrown  
off of a horse & getting your ankle

in Camp a mile

East Atlanta  
Sept 8<sup>th</sup> 1864

Well Yallie I got  
myself this evening to find  
my letter that I commenced  
yesterday we got mail a while ago  
but I got no letter from you  
I do want to hear from you so  
bad but I am sure there is  
a letter for me on the road.

Well I am well & hearty &  
hope you are well & good in the

We started this morning & got  
to the city of Atlanta about  
11 o'clock & marched through the  
city & out on the East side  
& are in camp about a mile from  
the edge of town it is larger than  
Richmond wayne Co about the  
size of Dayton I guess the 20<sup>th</sup>  
I.C. is in town I think our Div  
will go to Marietta 18 miles

towards Chattanooga on the R.R.  
I hope we will go there it is a nice  
place. Well it is a sight to see  
the ruins of the trains that the  
rebels burnt when they left. I guess  
there was about a hundred cars burnt  
& all engines we got a report that there  
was 80 car loads of ammunition burnt  
I believe it is for the uttermost the  
sides of the tracks are nearly full of  
shells & bolts & there is several hundred  
gun barrels there that has been  
burnt. Well the Campaign  
is over now for the present &  
I believe we will get to rest & be  
paid off I sold a ring for a dollar  
the other day so I have a little money  
I am going to have something good to  
eat if I can get it. Well we  
begin to think now that with the  
land soldiers will get to go home to  
vote now. Well I wrote a sheet yester  
day & told you all about our march

& getting Old Hood out of Atlanta  
& I have told you about our march  
back to the city. Well I got a  
Winchester paper & a Pockett Book  
& a day book to day by mail that  
Nate sent me but I cant see  
why I dont get a letter from you  
Well 2 years ago today we left  
Camp Wayne & today we march  
through Atlanta.

Well Capt. you come to me  
now he is about well the boys  
are well. Well I will quit for  
the present & write again when  
I get a letter from you which  
I think I will soon for we have  
not got the books mail yet that  
we are for a while on the march  
Well write soon for I want  
to hear from you. So Good Bye  
I hope you are well  
To Wallie Little  
I guess I spend this ring now!

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Mrs. Sallie Little  
Harrisville  
Randolph Co.  
Tennessee

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Well I must stop for  
I cant help see how  
write soon & often  
Direct to Atlanta Ga

Kiss for Sallie

From Ike to Sallie  
This is a new kind of kiss  
I dont know how to send  
it you must send me  
one or something else as good

about Dark good night  
mail goes out at noon  
in the morning

Atlanta Ga  
Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dear Sallie

I set myself this evening to  
drop you a few lines in answer  
to your kind & welcome letter  
which I reced this evening.  
I am well & hearty & hope this  
may find you well. Well I  
wrote a few days ago & I dont  
remember all I wrote so I will  
write over if I do write the  
some again you must excuse  
me. In the 1<sup>st</sup> place we have gone  
in to camp for to rest awhile &  
I am sure we needed rest for it  
was over 4 months since we left  
Blue Springs & started on this  
Campaign & done some hard fighting  
to I dont know how long we  
will stay here but I think we will



stay here & get paid off I don't  
believe there will be any regular  
fall campaign for it is getting  
to late now it will soon be  
raining & the roads will get to bad  
to move Artillery. Some of the men  
think we will get to go home to  
vote but I am afraid we will  
not. Well I guess we our Div will  
not get to be train guards for  
other Troops have left & we has  
orders to fix up regular Camp we want  
& got lumber & have got good bunks  
with shades over them I have made  
me a chair & have been showing some  
I have got about 5 dollars looked now  
for shoes at 5 cts apiece. Well I  
sent that ~~W.K.E.~~ King in the last  
letter I sold one I had made for  
Vote for one dollar with USA in  
Well I got a package of paper that  
Manoh sent me I got 12 sheets & 12  
envelops I got a pocket book & day  
book that Note sent me

Well we drew clothing today  
I got pair pants socks.

Well now we are not year's  
men now every month counts  
fast I wish it was out.

Well I am going to get a fox  
& go to town on Monday tomorrow  
we are to have inspection of our guns

Well there is an awful sight  
women in Atlanta now I mean  
the 20th Corp will have a good  
time but I would rather kiss  
you than all them I heard  
that Gen Sherman had issued  
& orders for all the select women  
to go South through our lines  
there is to many to feed I guess  
Well it is getting dark so I will  
have to stop soon. Put stamps  
on your letters when you  
can for this one I got this evening  
had been stopped at Chattahoochee  
& marked Dec 14th but it come  
through

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Case of James Cook

Mrs. J. Lindell

Spencer Co

Franklin Co Indiana

By order of Capt. W. P.

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Camp near Atlanta Ga  
Sept 16<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dear Sallie I set myself this morning to drop  
you a few lines as Col Neff is going to start home this  
morning he having resigned. I am well & hearty &  
hope this may find you well. We are having good times  
now a nice camp & duty light. Well if we get to go home  
to vote we will have to start now in about 3 weeks. I heard  
that one fellow in <sup>2<sup>nd</sup></sup> <sup>11<sup>th</sup></sup> Ky offered to bet \$50 against one that  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> soldiers would get to go & vote. The Col thinks we will  
to I guess it rests with Sherman if he thinks he can spare us  
we will get to go. If we do get to go at the apples I  
will eat I have not eat an apple for near 2 months  
& then they were green. I have eat 3 peaches that were  
beginning to turn some. But we have had more scurvy  
this summer than altogether before we got a lot of pickles  
Onions & a lot of fresh ones & we got a lot of potatoes to  
I tell you they were good some times we get dried apples  
but I guess they are scarce now. Well our mess & Dick  
Kemp has bargained for 25 <sup>lb</sup> of meat in the morning then  
we will have corn cobs. Well I manage to keep a little  
money all the time by showing I made 2 sets in on hour last  
evening I showed Col Neff for nothing besides some times  
I show 8 to 12 men at a set. Well I want to get a  
pass & go to town some of these days & see where we  
were shooting so much. Well we had a vote taken  
in our Regt to see Lincoln & Morton stood. I will give  
you a list the 7<sup>th</sup> and voted & all went for Lincoln  
& Morton but one. We are having some of the prettiest  
weather I ever saw such nice mornings a little cold at night

well it has not been but a few days since I wrote to  
 you & I have no news to tell you now but tell your  
 Pa that I will be very thankful if he will say that  
 wheat for me Col Buff says he thinks the war will be  
 over in 6 months any how I hope it will but we have  
 only 11 1/2 months till our time is out & the most of troops  
 that their time is out start home a month before their  
 time is out Well 4 ~~more~~ days will be a year since  
 we were in the Battle of Chickamauga I think we  
 will not have such a time this fall well I will  
 have to close for Col is going to start soon

Write soon direct to Atlanta Ga &c  
 Yours as ever, ~~From your Pa~~  
 To my Sallie & boy.

Votes of 84<sup>th</sup> Regt vol Infy.  
 for President for Governor  
 A. Lincoln B. McCalon C. P. Morton McDouglas  
 216 36 239 4

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Mrs. Sallie Little

By purchase of Andrew M. D. G.  
Co. H 97th Ind. Inf.

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Atlanta Ga 1864

Sunday morning Sept 25<sup>th</sup>

Well Sallie I forgot  
to put them rings in that package  
so I will put them in this letter  
Well <sup>not</sup> Brooks is going to start at 8  
o'clock. Well it is quite cool this  
morning & I expect you had a big  
frost up there last night.

Well I cant write worth a cent  
it is so cold my fingers are numb  
so good bye Isaac Little  
To Sallie Little

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Nothing but  
kings  
in this  
now send me  
a present.

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Miss J. Miller, N.Y.  
Harrisville  
Canaan  
Vermont



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Pine Mountain Ga  
Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 1864

Well Sallie as I  
have not heard from you for  
a long time or wrote to you I  
thought I would drop you a few  
lines this morning as some of the  
40<sup>th</sup> Ohio that did not go out  
Veterans are going to start home  
to day. I am well & hearty  
& hope you are to the boys are  
all well we left Atlanta  
on the 3<sup>rd</sup> & marched back  
this far the rebels have been here  
& tore up the RR from Big Sho<sup>rt</sup>  
to near Acworth but Gen. Thomas  
gives them a thrashing at <sup>Altamaha</sup> ~~Big Sho<sup>rt</sup>~~  
& yesterday they were 10 or 12 miles  
from here we could hear the noise  
of what we thought was their  
ammunition train being blown up

I guess Old Hood is trying to  
get back to Alabama now.  
Well I dont know where we  
will stop at but I think we  
will stop on the RR some where  
& stay awhile well I guess we  
would got to went to the Election  
if this trouble had not come around  
& I would not be surprised if  
some of the soldiers would get  
to go to the Presidents Election yet  
well we have not had any mail  
from north of Chattanooga for  
about 2 weeks the road was cut  
there between Chattanooga & Nashville  
but I guess the road is clear now  
Well we are on a high ridge called  
Pine Mountain <sup>rebel</sup> Gen Polk was  
killed about a quarter from here  
we can see as far as 50 miles some  
places Well I will not write  
much for Capt is going to take  
this to the 40<sup>th</sup> & will soon  
go so I will

not write much just to let  
you know that I am all right  
& I want to hear from you  
to but I dont expect I will  
til G. Meigs come back.

Well Good Bye.

Write soon Direct to  
Chattanooga for I dont know  
whether we will go back to Atlanta  
or Towards Chattanooga Direct to  
Isaac Little Co H 84<sup>th</sup> Ind Inf  
3<sup>rd</sup> Brig 1<sup>st</sup> Div 7<sup>th</sup> A.C.  
& I will be shure to get it

I'm to Sallie

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Mrs. Dallis Little  
Hallowville  
Nov 24. 63  
Indiana

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Cherokee Co.

Camp near Galesville, Alabama Oct 25<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dear Sallie I seat myself today to write a few lines to you. I am well & hearty & hope these few lines may find you well. It has been some time since I got a letter from you & a long while since I wrote to you I sent the last I wrote by a Col of the 40<sup>th</sup>. This we have been raiding around here in Georgia & Alabama & driving Hood out of here. We are 59 miles southwest of Chattanooga & 25 miles west of Rome Ga which is the highest R.R. Road point & so mail is scarce we get mail once at Kingston & once here I guess we will get mail in a few days again I am looking for Frank Metz every day I think I will get a letter there there goes a train of waggons went out the other night & they sent mail out but I had none wrote & I had not time to write so I will write this & hope it ready well we are foraging all through this county I was out yesterday with Dick Kempf & Butterworth & some we killed 2 sheep & 2 hogs & come in to camp. C. S. Brown got a lot of sweet potatoes so now we have mutton hog & potatoes okras & some molasses to there is lots of molasses in here & the boys just go for them we got a lot of dried peaches the other day at 20 cts a pound oh but they were good come & get dinner for me will have fried mutton & sweet potatoes well we did not get to go home to vote but Mortons is all right any how & I hope old Abe will be to well there will be 10 months pay due us now in about a week & I guess we will stay here & master for pay again, well all finish after dinner.

MS10

Well I have just eat my dinner & feel full as a tick,  
& we are fixing to make some hominy we have got  
the corn & I am going to get some ashes to make  
the size of them we will founder I expect well I must  
go now & get ashes for they are ready for them.

Well now I will finish my letter I heard  
that Phavilla Metz, fainted when Cronk went  
home well I would like to get a long letter from  
home I want to hear the news from there.

Well I sold a wotch the other day for 22.50 in  
green back I give 7.25 for it I wish you had  
some of the money if I was sure it would get  
through now I would send you ten dollars

Well I would like to know this wondrous name  
was that wanted to rent our house & I would  
like to know whether the north sill of the house has  
been fixed up yet it ought to be fixed up.

Well I reckon B.A.P. looks funny she is as short as my bow  
but I reckon she dont care now.

Well I am going to learn the wotch trade this  
winter if we go in winter quarters & I expect we will  
winter near Romega this winter we have had a few  
big frosts this fall & the Persimons are getting good  
so they are sh. when they fall off well I must  
quit soon & I will send this the first chance  
I get you must write soon & after & you must  
excuse me for not writing sooner for we could not  
get to send it out. I remain as ever Yours

Isaac Little To Sallie Little &  
Children

Filson Historical Society



Mrs. Jallie Little  
Harrisville  
Randolph Co  
Indiana

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we will soon be 9 months men  
I guess when I get out I'll bet  
high I'll stay out & stay at home  
I dont mind it till I see some  
houses where the folks are living so  
mine & I away out here from  
home just wait till next sept  
& if you catch me in the series  
again till a lot of them fellows  
go that are at home I will  
be fooled shure I dont think you  
need be uneasy about me a going  
veteran if I had the chance

Well I will quit for this time  
& write you a big letter when  
Hronk comes back

Write soon Direct to  
Nashville Tenn Co H & C

Yours as ever

Isaac Little  
To Sallie Little  
& the rest

Pulaski Tenn  
Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dear Sallie

I seat myself this morning  
to drop you a few lines to let  
you know how I am, I am  
well & hearty & hope these few  
lines may find you well, Well  
we got to Chattanooga & camped  
at Rossville then next day marched  
through town & camped at the  
foot of Look Out Mt, Well Monday  
morning we got on the cars for  
Decatur Alabama but went to  
Athens got there just before day  
& went out to the fort & found  
it evacuated the 93<sup>rd</sup> Ind & the  
181<sup>st</sup> Ohio was stationed but got  
a dispatch that Hood's whole force  
was in 4 miles of there & they  
was skedaddled & burnt a lot of

clothing & notions. We went  
in the fort & went for the  
things they had left we got lots  
of crackers beans peas sugar &c  
so we had a fine time. The rebels  
captured a lot of our men  
& a lot of niggers at this place  
a while back well before  
yesterday we left & struck out for  
this place we crossed the Elk river  
at Elkton Tenn it was up to  
my pockets & cold to we went  
about a mile in a field & camped  
& burnt more rails than there  
is on one farm there well yesterday  
morning we started in the rain  
& got here lost our & camped  
here on a hill we can look  
right down on the town. The  
<sup>7th</sup> Ind Cavalry is here. All. Hoffer  
is at Cops tent now he is Greedy  
sergt. we are 15 or 20 miles south  
of Nashville & on the pike that

through Franklin to Nashville  
It is about 60 miles to Franklin  
where we stayed so long our  
our waggon train has gone to  
Nashville. We mustered for 10 months  
pay at Chattanooga & some of  
the officers has gone after the pay  
rolls the pay master is here & come  
with us from Chattanooga so  
I guess we will get paid soon  
there \$160 dollars coming to me  
from the Government I want to  
send \$50 home. Well I got  
a letter from you a few  
days ago I wrote to you at  
Chattanooga there has been the  
poorest arrangement about mail  
lots of never saw but now  
they say we will get mail every  
day I hope so. Well I wish  
Mets would come far I want  
to hear from you again.  
Well 10 months more from  
yesterday & we will be out



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Mrs. Sallie Little

Harrisville  
Randolph Co  
Indiana

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Pulaski Tenn  
Nov 14<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dear Sallie I sent  
myself to drop you a few lines  
in answer to your kind letter the  
trunk brought me last evening  
he brought me a pair of socks a  
towel & a little con of butter  
which I am very thankful for  
them. I am well & hearty & hope  
these few lines may find you well  
Well I have wrote several letters lately  
to you but I guess the mail has been  
stoped there was two bridges washed  
out between here & Nashville but  
now the road is in runing order & we  
got mail last evening I got a  
letter from Coffins & one from  
Demp well we are in a good  
camp with good quarters we are fixed  
for living got brick chimneys &

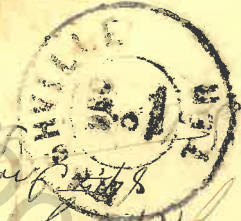
good beds, we have got a lot of  
meal & have some of the best  
fried corn cakes going we will have a  
good supper to night of cakes & that  
butter you sent me that is a  
bully towel & a good pair of  
socks to now if I had a new  
pair of shoes or boots for I threw  
my shoes away they were wore out  
& I will get shot of duty till I  
get some shoes I guess we will  
throw clothing in a few days & I  
guess we will get paid this week  
& months pay there is ten due  
us well we did not get to go  
home to vote I would like to a  
been there the best kind but  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> of next mo will be 9 months  
more for us it will soon roll  
around I guess I'll not try to get to  
go home of furlough this winter  
for there is some of the rest want

to go that have not been  
yet so I guess I'll wait  
well I told you all the news  
in a letter I wrote a few days ago  
Oyes Frank started with some apples  
for some of us but they got messed  
but one I got half of one good  
smith cider apple it was good  
well I wonder what times old  
Mose Mroning & Charlotte has  
these cold nights I would like to  
see them in bed together I expect  
they make a strong time of it  
well I have wrote all that  
I can think of now that would  
interest you you must write  
soon & often & I will do the  
same Direct to Nashville Tenn  
Yours as ever, He to  
My Sallie & Alistus

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Mrs. Gallie Little  
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to Franklin, then night before  
lost we were awake till we left  
Franklin then did not sleep any so  
we went 2 nights without sleep  
& marching to, well I dont know  
where we will go next I think  
Hood will go around here & try  
to get in to Kentucky but  
its no use we would stand at  
Franklin only they could flank  
us to easy, well if you get the  
letter I ~~wrote~~ that was lost  
you will get the news up to the  
fight & I have give you some of  
it since the 124 lost 2 men  
killed & a few wounded one  
was J. Thompson from Winchester  
the other was Wm Linkatoffer  
from Winchester both in Capt Tees  
Co, well J. H. B found a good  
over Coat some body had thrown  
away I give him 200 for it it is a  
new one I would not take 5 for it  
20 I sent 125 dollars home

Tenn  
Camp near Nashville  
Dec 2nd 1864

Dear Sallie

I sent my self this morning to drop  
you a few lines to let you know  
how & where I am, I am well  
& hearty or was a few minutes  
ago at breakfast, well we are now  
camped about 2 miles south of  
the city of Nashville but I guess  
we will move some where to day  
likely to a different position  
so as to fortify, well I wrote  
a letter day before yesterday while  
at Franklin & put it in the  
mail sack & Billy Way lost  
the mail sack & all but I expect  
some body will find the letters  
& mail them I put in a 50 cent  
for you & one for Alistus & I put  
in 6 buttons for Alistus Coat or

vest but I don't know where  
you will get them, well I will  
give you a history of the fight at  
Franklin we left Columbia on  
the night of the 29<sup>th</sup> & marched  
all night got to Franklin about  
10 o'clock next morning got breakfast  
& went to fortifying got done about  
2 o'clock I wrote my letter then  
& about 3 o'clock our skirmishes  
was drove back then it commenced  
& one of the hardest kinds of  
fights come of the 23 corps was  
on the left where we use to  
stand picket the rebels charged them  
9 times & got repulsed every time  
it is reported that we took some  
from 2 to 4 thousand prisoners  
& I have heard no estimate of  
of the killed but Capt. Seal  
said they advanced the skirmish  
line after night some time.

& they said they could walk  
a good ways & step on the dead  
& wounded it is thought they were  
drunk one thing certain they lost  
an awful sight well the fight  
commenced about 3 o'clock & lasted  
till 10 or 11 o'clock that is the rebels  
would try to get up & charge  
the works, our Regt had 2  
wounded I believe one Frank  
Bragg of Co. C, & one in Co. I,  
we were south west of town &  
were not in the fight much we  
fired some on the rebel skirmishes  
some & drove them back, well about  
midnight we left our works  
& fell back to Brentwood &  
got breakfast then come here  
& went in to camp & put up our  
tent & got a lot of dried bones  
& oh but we did sleep so good  
we marched from Columbia to

by allotment roll but I dont  
expect you will get it till near  
christmas I wrote to you how  
to do it & I have got 37 dollars  
yet I have a notion to send 25<sup>00</sup>  
more but I will wait till we  
get paid I think we will get paid  
in Jan for 4 months there is 3 months  
due as now Oh yes now we are  
9 months men now & one day over  
well I am out of stamps & I dont  
know when I can get any please  
send me a quarter worth,  
well I bet that charlotte  
fibed when she told Margaret tho!  
about you, well I am about out  
of my thing to write so I will stop  
& write the more next time

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You must write soon & Tell  
all the news

Yours as ever

Lead Little

To Mrs Galkie Little  
Alistus Little

Boys, of, Co, H, all, well

Sam is going to send a  
letter home to boy

too