

Andrew Blythe Letters

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Chattanooga Tennessee

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Mr [sic] Nicholas Teel I received your letter of the 4 Inst I was truly glad to hear from you and family Nick I want you to get What Money there is of mine and tak [sic] care of it for me and if you see aney [sic] thing of mine a going to loss I want you to tak [sic] care of it for me and if Mother needs aney [sic] thing in the way of groceryes [sic] tak [sic] my money and get it for her and it will be all write [sic] with me I want you to see to hur [sic] till I get home I want you to see a bout [sic] geting [sic] a Note from uncle Riley for [illegible] that father Sold to him if he did not pay [illegible] hur [sic] I dont [sic] no [sic] whither pap lond [sic] aney [sic] of my money or not If you see aney [sic] chance to get me a Sow and pigs and let man ang the girles [sic] tak [sic] care of them if I never get home they will be needed on the farm Nick I I know that you have a plenty to do at home and I hate to ast [sic] you fo [sic] so ma[cut off] favors I want you to have your Say so consurning [sic] afarres [sic] on the old place and aney [sic] thing that you want or ordered don [sic] See that it is don [sic] you know what a farm is and I know that you judgment is beter [sic] than mine or aney [sic] of the rest and you have as good a wright [sic] to have your way as me or aney one else I dont think ffat it will hurt feeling and if it dos just let it hurt have your way.

Nick what ever you do see to Mothers [sic] wants and I Will satisfy you fo [sic] it I would love to be at home for a few days but that is out of my pour [sic] I will haft [sic] to be contented

Well We are hear [sic] at Chattanooga yet in the pineer [sic] Brigade and plenty of work to do I have Chrge [sic] of the ferry I was detailed five days a gou [sic] with 10 men it is a purment [sic] detail as long as the Bregade [sic] stays hear [sic] and a Nice place I have moved my squad down to the River I hope that we get to stay hear [sic] all sumer [sic] John L. Whittlsey is my pilet [sic] I got to pick the eyt [sic] or 10 men and you know that I would not tak [sic] one lazy one

Well the music hs [sic] begon [sic] out frount [sic] I have saw the morning papers but no news but I know they are a fighting for I saw the wunded [sic] come in yesterday from Ringgold or Buzard [sic] Rust [sic] just beyond that Well you say grant [sic] can drink tee [sic] plenty but cant [sic] cruch [sic] carne yet cane [sic] he cract [sic] aney [sic] thing if he can I say Booley [sic] for grant [sic] uslas [sic] I am well at the present But I have been vury [sic] un well [sic] I bleive [sic] I have had the samll [sic] pox I dont [sic] know I no [sic] I had a chance to catch them and if I did not have them it is not my valt [sic]

Nick I have Bad Papers and Bad Ink and not mutch [sic] to write So I will close for this time write soon and if you dont [sic] have aney [sic] thing to write write that you are all well if no more it will not cost mutch [sic] I was sorry to hear that you was unwell Good By Write soon

A H Blythe yours

Nicholas Teel

Send on your letters Babe I can Wread [sic] them We had a awful storme [sic] hear [sic] last night all the tents in the regiment bew [sic] down and the boys was as weat [sic] as rats this morning it is still a raining today

Camp near Murfreesboro Tennessee

Now June 2d 1863

Dear Nephew

I received your welcome letter of the date of May the twenty fourth and was glad to hear from you all and you was all well, you letter found me in good health as could be expected except my eyes still remain verry [sic] weak although they improve some Andy and Riley are both well Wm and John Witherspoon are both well Andrew Jake and Ned Tudgel are all well but Abraham has never come to the regiment since we left him at Nashville last December George Scott Josiah Duncan Robert Parker are all well George and John Gierling are both well the health of the Regiment is verry [sic] good at this time, the weather is verry [sic] pleasant yesterday and to day it has showered about half of the time this morning we had one shower this morning that lasted for two hours and rained pretty hard at that before this rainy spell it had been quite dry and warm but there is one feature in the warm weather down here that is the nights are always cool let the day time be as warm as it may be I have never saw a night since I have been in Dixey [sic] but what I wanted one or two blankets over me we are still in camp near Murfreesboro where we have been for five months and there is no prospect of our leaving verry [sic] soon every thing is quiet in this department at this time except our mounted men are out scouting most of the time and are shure [sic] to capture some prisners [sic] every week the news that we have from Vicksburgh [sic] to day is still verry [sic] favorable but by the last dispatch last night Grant had not taken the entire town and fortifications but it is probable that Pemberton cannot hold out much longer assoon [sic] as grant [sic] takes that place I shall begin to look for us to moove [sic] forward, our soldiering is a great deal easier this summer than it was last summer and I am in hopes that we will never have as hard a time as we did last year you said that you had bought you a gun well you must be carefull [sic] or you will shoot your self instead of rabbits and black birds but if you was out soldiering for twenty or twenty five months I think you would get tired of a gun for my part I donot [sic] know wheather [sic] I will ever have any thing to do with a gun aner I get out of the United States service now you have a gun the next thing I expect to hear from you will be that you have been sparking and are about to get married but if such is the case all I have to say is go it while you are young I have not had a letter from your for some time but I am certain that I wrote the last letter wheather [crossed out] whether it ever got to its destination or not so if he wants me to write again before he writes let me know when you write again I will close by saying write soon Give my best respects to your father Mother and Mariah and all inquireing [sic] friends and the same to your self
your uncle John Whittlesey
To Mr [sic] Wm Preston Teel

Dear Neice [sic] well Mariah as I have just wrote to Preston I must write you a few lines too I should of [sic] wrote to you before this but news have been verry [sic] scarce [sic] down in this part of dixey [sic], I suppose that you are going to school this summer you must write and let me know what you are studying and how Parna Andrew and [illegible] gets along at school and if they learn fast or not I told in Prestons [sic] letter how we all are so it is no use to cupitulate [sic] it in this short letter, I should like to step in and see you all some of these days but I think that priveledge [sic] will not be allowed me untill [sic] the war is ended let that be sooner or later so I had just as well be contented with things as they come as any other way write as soon and often as convenient give my best respects to all and the same to yourself yours John L. Whittlesey
To Miss Mariah D Teel

From John Witherspoon

Miss Palie Teel December the 4/62

Well Palie I got your letter yesterdy [sic] and was glad to here [sic] from you I would like to see you the best kind though I cant [sic] at the present I want you to [illegible line of text] let you [crossed out] the [illegible] attract your attention so much and dont [sic] mary [sic] til [sic] the war is over for I want to be at your wedding I think I could have a fine time Palie [illegible] some fine time out with the darkys [sic] tho [sic] I dont [sic] have any of [illegible] I think [illegible]

Well Press you Said you was going to School I would be glad if it was so I could be at home to go with you you must be a good boy and learn and when I write home you [illegible line of text] you would have lots of Corn and that you was nearly done gathering you said that Anderson McHenry was coming to go hunting with you I guess you hade [sic] a fine time [illegible words] I guess you caught lots of game Well Press wee [sic] hade [sic] quite a nice time [illegible] day wee [sic] hade [sic] grand Review and General Rosecrans was out to see us He is quite a comicle [sic] fellow he said wee [sic] must have plenty to eat and wear I think [illegible words] good General well Boy [illegible line of text] [end of letter]

