

I L Dawson Letters

I L Dawson Letter to Lib Benjamin from Camp Pulaski, TN November 8, 1864

Camp Pulaski Tennessee
November the 8th AD 1864

it is with pleasure that I take my penn [sic] in hand to write you a few lines to let you know that I have not for gotten [sic] you. but I expect that you think that I hav [sic]. I wroat [sic] you a letter long ago and hav [sic] not had a answer yet and miller [sic] told mee [sic] that you wroat [sic] to him that you hav [sic] wroat [sic] won [sic] to mee [sic] and I never hav [sic] received it unless it was won [sic] that I received some time since that had no Name to it and I did not no [sic] hoo [sic] it was from so I could not answer it. so if that was yours you wil [sic] pleas [sic] sign your name or some of it so that I will know hoo [sic] the letter is from. it seems to mee [sic] that the folks is getting very Industrys [sic] at home or they do not want to here [sic] from lke any more and if that is the Case I would like to now [sic] it. and if you wil [sic] answer this pleas [sic] let mee [sic] now [sic] how it is. and what is the reason that they dont [sic] write any more. and I think that I now [sic] the reason that you dont [sic] Care anything about writing to mee [sic] since I was at home and it is a very good reason to take it as you do but I did not think any thing rong [sic] so I beg to bee [sic] pardoned for the first offens [sic] and I wil [sic] Try and Do Better Know [sic] and For ever. so that is enough [sic] of that the wether [sic] is very bad here it has bin [sic] wraining [sic] for several Days and is likely to for several more wee [sic] hav [sic] bin [sic] in Camp here for about a week and I think that wee [sic] wil [sic] stay here for some time but it is hard to tell what General sherman [sic] wil [sic] do for a solger [sic] is like Christ he has no whare [sic] to lay his head. the helth [sic] of the army is very Good Consideran [sic] the exposure they hav [sic] went threw [sic] with on this somers [sic] Campaign Miller is well and harty [sic] and I think that he wil stand solgering [sic] very well this time and I am in Grate [sic] hopes that he wil [sic] for and want him to Get home when his time is out. wee [sic] hav [sic] not had any pay since I was at home and that is very my won year but I Gess [sic] that wee [sic] wil [sic] Get pay in a few Days now and some of Abraham Lincoln money wil [sic] bee [sic] very Acceptable [sic] At this time

Well Lib if you think that this is worth answering I would bee [sic] very Glad to here [sic] from you and if you answer it Giv [sic] the News in General. and the Drafted Names that I am Acquainted with. and how the election went in that County. the Deaths of that settlement and wether [sic] Uncle John is Dead or not for I have not heard from him since I left thare [sic]. if he is on the land of the living I would like to know it and sim and famely [sic]. Wee [sic] hav [sic] som [sic] of the Names of the Drafted men and a mong [sic] the rest if Wm [sic] Burns and I would like to now [sic] if he is a Coming. or is he is

a Going to hyer [sic] a substitute to Go in his plase [sic]. and I was in Grate [sic] hopes that the Draft would take some of the Close Naibers [sic] thare [sic] for I beleive [sic] that it would bee [sic] a Grate [sic] benifit [sic] to them and thar [sic] friends. if you pleas [sic] keep this letter to your Self for thare [sic] is sirton [sic] wons [sic] that I would rather they would not see any letters from mee [sic] for they dont [sic] want to here [sic] from, lke any how and if they see a letter they will make light of it and if you wil [sic] forgiv [sic] mee [sic] and ar [sic] willing to Corispond with such a scholer [sic] as I am let mee [sic] know in your next letter if you pleas [sic] and if you do not want to write to l(ke) let me now [sic] and I will saw [sic] no more a bout [sic] it. so No More At this time for the wind is Blowing very hard and the Candle is Gon [sic] excuse this Porley [sic] Composed and writen [sic] and speld [sic] letter if you pleas [sic] so Good Night Miss Lib Benjamin

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Write soon if you pleas [sic]

I L Dawson to unknown recipient January 1, 1865 Pulaski Tennessee

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it is with plesure [sic] that I take this presant [sic] time to write you a few lines to let you know that your letter Come to hand a fiew [sic] days a go [sic] and I was very Glad to here [sic] from you once more. well it is Just now year a go [sic] to Day that I was on the road home but I wil [sic] go the other way this time for wee [sic] hav [sic] orders to Go to huntsville [sic] Alabama to morrow [sic] and I do not now [sic] whare [sic] wee [sic] wil [sic] stop for the winter the weather is very Coald [sic] for this part of the land but I expect that it is Colder thare [sic] than it is here. but I would like to bee [sic] thare [sic] this Day to spend New years any how miller [sic] is well and harty [sic] and he is a Good solger [sic]. the helth [sic] of the boys is Good and they are in Good spirrits [sic] for they think the wore [sic] wil [sic] not last long and then they will get to go home to stay with thare [sic] friends and families. the rebbels [sic] has giv [sic] up al [sic] hopes since Abe was elected for they know that he wil [sic] fight them as long as thare [sic] is a man left

well you Can tell Ant [sic] that I hav [sic] not had the Phthisic [sic] for a long while and Giv [sic] my best wishes to sims [sic] and uncle [sic] John and hamp [sic] and tom [sic] and Bill and the folks in general

well thare [sic] is nothing that I Can think of that wil [sic] interrest [sic] you to read for the presant [sic] so you wil [sic] excuse this short letter if you pleas [sic] and when I Get in Camp to stay a while then I think that I Can write a more Interresting [sic] letter than this is

so no more at presant [sic] but remain your friend

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write as soon as this Comes to hand I will send you some Coten [sic] seed and you must plant them next spring