

John McCabe Letters

Camp 1/2 mile of Murfreesbrou [sic]

March 26,/63

Dear wife I take my pen in hand to let yo [sic] no [sic] that I am well at present hopin [sic] yo [sic] ar [sic] all well at present I rote [sic] yo [sic] A few lines this morning by Mr [sic] Cabe we ar [sic] going on A scout tomorrow morning I thot [sic] I wood [sic] rite [sic] yo [sic] A few lines we ar [sic] going on A 3 days scout I expect we will find som [sic] rebels an [sic] we ma [sic] find A good meny [sic] of them tho [sic] when tha [sic] hear of the 84 tho will scekadel [sic] wife when we clean out the rebels from hear [sic] I will be home that wont [sic] be long

now wife I think I will be home the 1 of may [sic] if I live an [sic] keep my helth [sic]

Dear wife now keep in good Spirits dont [sic] git [sic] the bloos [sic] the war will sone [sic] beeone [sic] them [sic] we will live the balance of our [illegible] in peas [sic] an [sic] quitute [sic] if we live [crossed out] never meat [sic] in irth [sic] A gain [sic] lets [sic] us meat [sic] in heaven [sic] whare [sic] thare [sic] is no more hurting or troble [sic] my dear trust in the lord [sic] an [sic] keep in good Spirits good by [sic] my dear wife an [sic] children remember me in yor [sic] prars [sic] from yor [sic] hosben [sic] to his wife

John McCabe

Mufreesboro tene [sic]

May 4 /63

My Dear Wife an [sic] Childron [sic]

I take this present oppertuni [sic] of rite [sic] yo [sic] A few lines to let yo [sic] no [sic] that I am gitinge [sic] A good deal beter [sic] I have bin [sic] sick for A week I was taken sick one week A go [sic] yeisterday [sic] I comenst [sic] A giting [sic] beter [sic] on Saturday yeisterday [sic] I was abel [sic] to walk A round som [sic] an [sic] today I feel A greadel [sic] beter [sic] the doctor ses [sic] I will git [sic] A long now I am very thankfu [sic] that I got A long [sic] as well as I did an [sic] was no wirs [sic] than what [crossed out] was tho [sic] I was prity [sic] sick for A few days I never wanted to be home wirs [sic] in my life I was ver [sic] home sick an [sic] I thot [sic] I was gon [sic] up the spout after lazing on the ground for 3 or 4 days the ground comenst [sic] giting [sic] very hard the ground is all the beds we have hear [sic] I wood [sic] role [sic] over an [sic] over than [sic] wish I was home if I cood [sic] have just had the privilige [sic] of lying on yor [sic] carpet how much beter [sic] it wood [sic] have bin [sic] the armey [sic] is A very poor place for A sick man if A solger [sic] ever aught [sic] to be thankful for eny [sic] one thing he aught [sic] to be thankful for good helth [sic] I am proud an [sic] very thank [sic] that I have had such

good helth [sic] sence [sic] I have bin [sic] in the sirvis [sic] I never had beter [sic] helth [sic] in all my life than [writing on right side margin illegible]

I want yo [sic] to tell me hoo [sic] rites yor [sic] leters [sic] now when yo [sic] have A leter [sic] riten [sic] the [crossed out] let the one that rites [sic] it sine [sic] ther [sic] name sose [sic] that I can tell ho [sic] dos [sic] the most of yor [sic] riting [sic] tell me wheth [sic] yo [sic] have eny [sic] body living with yo [sic] or not or have had eny [sic] body staying with yo [sic] an [sic] if s [sic] bo [sic] yo have live [crossed out] had living with yo [sic]

I want to no all the noes [sic] all A bout yor [sic] bisnes [sic] we have just herd [sic] good war noes [sic] the Solgers [sic] are all in fine sperits [sic] this eavning [sic] thinking that the war will son [sic] be over I dont [sic] no [sic] of nothing els [sic] to rite [sic] of importens [sic] I want yo [sic] to tell kirk [sic] that I want half of the [illegible] tols [sic] back when I com [sic] home tell him that I will be thare [sic] to help him move houses this fall tell him to git [sic] all he can do for I will be [illegible] [illegible]

yo [sic] at [sic] to se [sic] warens [sic] hed [sic] it is all most white as his fathers he is well

I have had the bloos [sic] for severel [sic] days tho [sic] to day I feel in beter [sic] sperits than I have for severel [sic] days how dos [sic] old man case [sic] like the reselutions [sic] Co A sent him

I am out of postage stamps plese [sic] sent [sic] me som [sic] rite [sic] son [sic] as yo [sic] git [sic] this good by [sic] my dear remember me in yor [sic] prars [sic] if it is the lords [sic] will that we never shod [sic] meat [sic] A gain [sic] on irth [sic] letus [sic] met [sic] in heven [sic] yor [sic] loving husbend [sic]

[On paper's margin: I was very glad to hear of yo [sic] doing Such A bigs [sic] weeks wirk [sic] glad to hear that yo [sic] was abel [sic] to do it yo se [sic] that this is a A large leter [sic] John McCabe]

[Note at top of page: Jimey How did yo [sic] like yor [sic] [illegible] fel [sic] A good dead [sic] let this [illegible] Sord [sic] yo [sic] never red [sic] A wurd [sic] A bout it yeit [sic] god [sic] bles [sic] an [sic] Save the children]