

William Smith Letters

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Miss Nancy Smith

Boxleytown

Hamilton Co Ind

DUE 2

Soldiers [sic] letter

[illegible name] Comd'g [sic]

Detachment at Redoubt Johnson

[stamp: NASHVILLE TEN [illegible date]

Murfreesboro Tenn [sic]

December 3. the. [sic] 1863

Dear Sister

I take this a rather glorious oportunity [sic] of riting [sic] you a fiew [sic] lines in anser [sic] to the letter that I just resieved [sic] the other day hit [sic] bore the date of November 24 the [sic] I I [sic] was [illegible] glade [sic] to here [sic] from you and to here [sic] that you was giting [sic] well) I was sory [sic] to here [sic] that you hade [sic] ben [sic] so sick I hope you will recover soon) now I am truley [sic] hapy [sic] two [sic] tell you that I am well and doin [sic] well and I do hope when this letter comes to hand hit [sic] may find you enjoying the same grate [sic] blesing [sic] now my dear Sister I am truley [sic] glade [sic] to here [sic] you talk the way you dide [sic] about that that [sic] green [illegible] now all I want you to do is this I want you to tell me all you here [sic] that he sayes [sic] about you and when I come home I will settle hit [sic] with him I hant [sic] a fraide [sic] to tell him what I have sede [sic] about him I have tolde [sic] you the truth about him so no more a bout [sic] that at present) now then you say that you wolde [sic] love to see me I am Shore [sic] I wolde [sic] love to see all of my folkes [sic] that is union men and wimen [sic] and them that hant [sic] union I hate them as bade [sic] as a rebel for they are worse than a rebel god for bide [sic] that I have aney [sic] I hope I hant [sic] I am too good a union man too [sic] be disgraced that way and I now [sic] this is harde [sic] to take this [illegible] but hit [sic] is the truth and I will holde [sic] up for the [illegible] as long as I live and more than that the [3 illegible words] teles [sic] me that I am fiting [sic] for the [3 illegible words] he will sease [sic] to live under this glorious union that I have fought for three long years [illegible group of words] hant [sic] I right yess [sic] a union man or woman will say with three harty [sic] cheares [sic] that is all I have too [sic] say on the union at present now right [sic] and tell me if you dont [sic] think hit [sic] is just right I hant [sic] tired of fiting [sic] for the olde [sic] stares [sic]

and stripes which have waved over me ever since I was a infant and now I have grew up too [sic] a man and I intend too [sic] defend hit [sic] as I wold [sic] my father So no more about that at present)

now dear, you went too [sic] chool [sic] any since I left home if you have tell me and if you hant [sic] you hade [sic] better go too [sic] school as much as you can for hit [sic] is a grate [sic] thing to be a good Scholar and a good scribe now tell me if you rote [sic] that letter that you sent too [sic] me if you didnt [sic] I now [sic] you can right [sic] if you will take holt [sic] that is all you want is to take holte [sic] and Say that you will learn too [sic] right [sic] aneyhow [sic] now I will right [sic] you out some copies and send them too [sic] you in this letter I dont [sic] [illegible] aney [sic] body aney [sic] diferens [sic] in riting [sic] when I am a ming [sic] to [illegible word crossed out] try there I made a [illegible word crossed out] blot I have one the finest gold penes [sic] a riting [sic] with that you ever saw now you must excuse my braging [sic] for I will brage [sic] I little now I will tell you something that hant [sic] gass [sic] and hit [sic] is this old grant [sic] has took over 20 thousand prisners [sic] and sixty pieces of artilery [sic] I can see the dirty prisners [sic] [illegible] north evey [sic] day I have seen over fifteen thousand prisners [sic] go a long [sic] here in the last too [sic] or three dayes [sic] I think olde [sic] grant [sic] will give the rebes [sic] all they want before he is threw [sic] with them the olde [sic] 57 has ben [sic] in the last harde [sic] fight I hant [sic] hered [sic] from the company Since the fight and I dont [sic] now [sic] [2 illegible words] if aneybody [sic] So no more about that at present) now when you right [sic] tell me all the nuse [sic] that is goin [sic] and I will the same in return now I will soon come too [sic] a close for hite [sic] is giting [sic] late I still remain your tru [sic] brother until death riten [sic] by Sergt [sic] William Smith to his Sister

Nancy Smith

Please right [sic] Soon and I will in return

excuse me for I hant [sic] aney [sic] postage Stampes [sic] at this time So good by
yours with respect Nancy Smith

Sined [sic] Sergt. [sic] Wm. Smith this is in fun I Surtify [sic] that the above sined [sic] is right

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[stamp: [illegible]VILLE TEN OCT 22 63

DUE 6

Miss Nancy Smith

Boxleytown Ind

Hamilton Co. Ind.

[2 illegible words]

Fort Rosecrans Redoubt Johnson

Murfreesboro Tenn [sic]

Oct. 20 the. [sic] 1863

Dear Sister I agin [sic] sit my self down to right [sic] you afiew [sic] lines to let you now [sic] how I am giting [sic] along I am truley [sic] glad to tell you that I am sitll [sic] alive and on the land a mng [sic] the living and all right now I do hope this letter will find you Injoying [sic] the same grate [sic] blesing [sic] now sister I wold [sic] be truely [sic] glade [sic] to here [sic] from you and here [sic] how you are giting [sic] along I hant [sic] hered [sic] from you for some time and I would love to here [sic] from you again hit [sic] makes my harte [sic] glade [sic] when I git [sic] a letter from my friendes [sic] I got one from David the other day hit [sic] is a harebell letter hit [sic] paned [sic] my harte [sic] to read hit [sic] I sent hit [sic] to father and you can here [sic] him reade [sic] and see the hand right [sic] I now [sic] that he dident [sic] right [sic] hit [sic] he can right [sic] better than that is rote [sic] the sheat [sic] is tore intoo [sic] I gess [sic] they hant [sic] much paper I dont [sic] like for aney [sic] body to tare [sic] a sheat [sic] of paper in too [sic] when they right [sic] to me for hit [sic] is the hith [sic] of ill maners [sic] to send a letter in that Stile [sic] I gess [sic] he dident [sic] now [sic] aney [sic] better when he sent hit [sic] now I can tell you that I give him gos [sic] I rote [sic] a big fool [sic] cap of paper plum fool I can give them goss [sic] when they right [sic] Such a latter as that I think david [sic] has got more Sentes [sic] than to right [sic] such a letter as that I think the man that rote [sic] that letter had better study his a b c des [sic] before he tries a nother [sic] letter spesily [sic] a buternut [sic] letter for I dont [sic] care how good they are rote [sic] they hant [sic] fit for a decent man or woman to look at Nancy I can tell you that I am a union man I will fight for you till I die if hit [sic] is nesenary [sic] to I dont [sic] care what the buternuts [sic] sayes [sic] I am for the old flag right or rong [sic] I gess [sic] I wont [sic] dwell longere [sic] on this subject now hit [sic] has struck too [sic] Oclock [sic] in the night and I must retire soon I am on garde [sic] till [illegible] to this time and now I can go to bed if I wish hit [sic] is a pore [sic] bed but hit [sic] is better than thousandes [sic] has I keep warm and sleep well I cant [sic] grumble for a maney [sic] a time I have laid down right in the water and slep [sic] and hit [sic] a raning [sic] rite [sic] down if I hant [sic] don [sic] a nuff [sic] to make a man hate the sight of a reb [sic] I dont [sic] now [sic] hoo [sic] has I wold [sic] drother [sic] kill a reb [sic] than to eat when I am hungry or one that will uphold them they are worse than a reb [sic] I hate them worse now Nancy dont [sic] git [sic] afended [sic] at this letter for if hit [sic] hant [sic] in for the union rite [sic] or rong [sic] I dont [sic] now [sic] where you will finde [sic] one I dont [sic] now [sic] when to hush talkeing [sic] when I git [sic] to talkeing [sic] about the union they has so maney [sic] brave men that have fell in this mity [sic] sin curst [sic] rebellion [sic] o that the time may soon come when this sin cursed rebellion will come to a close o mothers pray for your brave sones [sic] that has went in the defence [sic] of that sweet old flage [sic] that has waved over them from the cradel [sic] o hoo [sic] is hit [sic] that wold [sic] not defend hit [sic] I will anser [sic] for one I will defend hit [sic] till the last if

they shoot hit [sic] down I will rase [sic] hit [sic] a gain [sic] if I di [sic] by hit [sic] I love
my native land I love my famley [sic] and my friendes [sic] now I have Sed [sic] enough
for this time So I will hasten to a close now Nancy be a good girl obey your father and
mother for hit [sic] is right riten [sic] by your tru [sic] Brother until death

Sergt [sic] William Smith to Nancy Smith

pleas [sic] right [sic] soon excuse bad riting [sic]

I wish you would git [sic] this letter printed if you can

And excuse me for I hant [sic] No postage stampes [sic]

good by I will come a gain [sic]

[illegible] Lovell