

Corpus of American Civil War Letters
TN5-06, Jesse Coble

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Jesse Coble (b. ca. 1836) was a Hickman County, Tennessee farmer. He served as a private (later sergeant) in Co. H, 11th Tennessee Infantry. His letter was transcribed as part of a WPA project in 1939, and the typescript was the basis of the transcription below.

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Jesse Coble to Adam Coble

August the 26 – 1861
Carters Station, Tenn.
Carter County

Dear father and mother.

i take the pleasure of righting to you a few lins to let you no that i am in good health at this time and i hope when these fiew lines comes to hand tha will find you all enjoying the same good blesing.

the boys is jenuarly well in hour Company. hour mess is all well and in good spirits. i fiel as happy as a judg just now. i have just come don off a mountain that is with my hamper sack full of the best kind of peaches. tha mountain is about three quarters of a mile high.

i dont no that i have any war nouse to right to you at the pres-iant time that i no to bea so.

times is about like tha have bin for some time as ni as i can tell. we hear tha air preparing for fighting on boath sides. we have bin expecting a little fight here with the union men. tha say tha talked of coming in on us and therashing us out, but i learn tha air about to give that out.

i was in a spree the other night with 7 more of the boys and hour Captain. we run 4 of the union men about a mile and took them prisoners and fetch them back to camps and kept them under gard too days and knights and tha reliest them with thought punsing them. that was throw-ghing rocks at the cars as tha past along.

i will say to you it was fun for me to make the union devils walk before at the point of my baonet. we air listning for auder for us to leave this place whar we will go i do not no.

tell Betsey Shipes Denver was in Noxvill last week. he was well then so i herd.

father, i have not received a letter from you since George and

James was at Camp Chatham, tho i have herd from you all. G.D. Leeper
rought in Johns leter you was all tolarbel well. i was glad to here
from you and mother and all of the rest. i want you to right to me
ever chance you can.

tell Charley Cagle to hury and git well and come back and fetch
me some good nouse. tell him my weight is 165.

i would like to sea you all and talk with you but it is out of
my power at this time. so nothing more at presiant.

i remain your affectionate sun untill death.

From Jesse Coble

to Adam Coble

Direct your letters to Carter Depot, the 11th. regiment of Tenn.
Vol. in care of Capt. Weems [Capt. Philip Van Horn Weems]