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Killed at Stone's River

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Cemetery in Mis-ape

MALABY -

Grave # 5537

Kurleys Karvings
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Duck Stamp Carvings
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Dr. Gulliford wanted me
to let you get a look
at these. Just copy them,
if you want, and return
them to him.

Morgan

Camp 58th Regt. Ind. vol
Chattanooga Tennessee
May the 10th 1864
Mr Nicholas Teel I received your letter
the 4 Inst I was truly glad to hear from

Written by Andrew Blythe to his brother-in-law, Nicholas Teel, soon after the death of his father, Samuel Blythe.

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

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

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

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Nick I have Bad Papers and Bad Ink and not mutch to write So I will close for this time write soon and if you dont have aney thing to write write that you are all well

if no more it will not cost mutch 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 them
We had a awful storme hear last night all the tents in the
regiment bew down and the boys was as weat
as rats this morning it is still a raining today

Mr Wm P Teel
Dear Nephew

Camp near
Murfreesboro Tennessee
Now June 2d 1863

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 weak although they improve some Andy and Riley are both well Wm and John Witherspoon are both well Andrew Jake and Ned Gudgel 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 bierling are both well the health of the Regiment is verry good at this time, the weather is verry 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

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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 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 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 to capture some prisners every week the news that we have from Vicksburgh to day is still verry 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 as grant takes that place I shall begin to look for us to move 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

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To Mr Wm Preston Teel

your uncle
John Whittlesey

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To Miss Mariah D Teel

John L. Whittlesey

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To Mr Wm Preston
John Whittier

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John Whittier

Camp Near Murfreesboro Tennessee

April the 13th 1863

Dear Cosen it is with plesure that I take this opportunity to write you a few lines to let you no that I am well at present an I hope that these few lines may find you injoying the same blessing Well Boy we have some nice wether nou our Camp is nice an dry an in A Bewtiful place We get plenty to eat an nothen to do onley to stan picket ever eight days an I am a geting so fat an lazy that i cant never work any more i dont think i have got the summer grinu so bad that i dont think i ever will get over it

Well Press I would love to be at home a while this spring to help you an Wm Benard plant corn or look at you an William work that would saate me the best Well Boy I have no newes worth writing to you hear is a song (?)lalet that i will sen to you i want you to lurn to sing it so you can sing it for me when i get home we Boys are all well that you know Capt Davis got a letter from the hospital to day staten that George Burchfield was ded the loss (preceeding four words crossed out) death he was wunded at Stone river the day that William H. Mcgary was killed he died at evansville he was a member in Co. A give my love to all the friends Write Soon good by John Witherspoon

A few lines to Joseph McGary Well Jo how do you get a long i hope you are all right you must taka good care of the girles till we get home to help you well Jo I my time is was half out to day (crossed out) the 9 of this month an I would be glad if the uther half was out so i could come home to see you all one time more all tho the time passes off out hear fine i have no newes worth writing to you we have been in this camp for better than three month and the talk is now that old rasey will stay hear till the concripts comes in then we will gow down to Caley honey to see if we can fin old Brag an his Bragers i gess we will get a spat at them down thare

i want you to write to me an give all the newes write all you know an if you dont no any thing rite something you dont no so i can hear from home i am fater than you ever seen me my health is (?)wealey so no more this time

John L. Witherspoon
to Joseph Mcgary

i received your letter today

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... it is quite all the
... know and if you don't
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Camp near Murfreesboro Tn

April 26 1863

Wm P Teel

Dear Nephew

I received your kind letter on yesterday and as this is Sunday morning when I was anxious to write you an answer to it, your letter found me in good health except my eyes are still verry weak but they got some better but the improvement is verry slow Andy and Riley are both well Wm and John Witherspoon are both well Andrew Jakes and Ned Gudgel are all well Abraham has never come to the Regiment yet since he was at but I believe he is well George Scott is well Joe Duncan Robert Parker and all the rest of your acquaintances in the regiment are well we are still in camp near Murfreesboro and it is likely that we will stay here some time most of the troops are out on a general scout just leaving enough here to defend this place from gurilurs should it be attacted the troops that went out took ten day provisions with them it is the intention of General Rosecrans to clear the gurrillers out of this section of the country if possible and I think he will do it we have the nicest camp that we have ever had since we have been out all of the streets are thrown up in the center and made as smoth as a floor and each side set thickly with cedar trees so that this camp looks like a cedar grove on one end of the camp is a place made church it is out forty five feet by sixty feet around the out side is set cedar trees about six feet apart and between these trees is a hedge of cedar bushes four feet high then through the center of the square is set two rows of cedar trees about four feet apart at one end is a circle of bushes set thick for a fuel pit then around the square is made a row of seets just in side the out side hedge you see that we have a nice place for preaching and then we have as good a preacher as there is in the army the Rev J J ?ight I believe I have told you all the news I have to write this time so I will bring my letter to a close write soon and let me know what you all are doing tell Mariah that I will write her a letter this week give my best respects to your father and mother and all enquiring friends.

Yours

John L. Whittlesey

To

Wm Preston Teel

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there we have as
a teacher as there is in
the army the Rev J. H. H.
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all the news I have in mind.

This time I will bring
letter to a close while
down and let me know who
you all are doing. Let me
know I will bring her a letter
This week give my
to your father

Dear Tom

Dear

Yours
Whitney

Dear
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trees is a hedge of cedar
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is set two rows of cedar

one end is a circle of
bushes set thick for a
is made a row of
inside the outside hedge
you see that we have

March the 25th 1863
Camp Near Murfreesboro
tennessee

Dear Cosan it is with plesure that I tack this oppertunity to write you a few lines to let you know that I am well at present an I hope that those few lines ma fin you all in joying the same blessing - well Preston we haft to mourn the loss of Brother Isaac. he died last Saturday nite. About 7 O'Clock. William was with him when he died. he said that he died easey. we thout he was better in the eavening. Andy an James B. McCrary lade him out. William an I had him taken to town. i gess he is at home by this time.

now Boy I would lik to no how you an uncle Nick are a geting a long a farming an how mutch Carene you an William Barnard are A going to tend an i would likes to no how you an Bill are a geting A long with the girls if they Sack you must try an try them a gain that is the way i am A going to do.

Well Boy i received your kind letter of the 15. i was glad to here that you was all well an all so to hear that my money had got home safe. we are a fixing for A Big fite hear at Murfreesboro. we are A making brest works from fifteen to twenty Miles. they say that the Rebs are Crosing Duck River in forse.

if they com they will get whiped worse than they did at Stone River. i have no Newes worth writing to you now Boy I i want you to write to me ever chance fore i love to hear from home i want to see you the worst kind but i cant for a while yet good By for this time. John Witherspoon to William P. Teel

Well Babe how do you get A long. you must write to me and let me no how you are geting a long. those hard times you must be a good girl an you to School an lurn to writ so you can write to me I would love to hear from you ever day. I am a going to Come home some of these times if ther ant no lies told.

you must safe me some Milk an Butter. for i dont know How mutch i can eat. you can judg for your self when i get A nuff.

Well Babe all the butter we get out hear we haft to pay one dollar A pound for all we get.

So good By fora time.

Write Soon

John Witherspoon

Mariah D. Teel

March the 25th 1849

Camp near Blue Springs
Tennessee

Dear Cousin it is with
pleasure that I take this
opportunity to write you
a few lines to let you know that
I am well at present and I
hope that these few lines may
find you all in joying the same
blessing - well I feel sure we
ought to mourn the loss of Brother
I was sad last Saturday
when I was with him when
he died he said that he died
and we thought he was better
and I was with James B. Cary
and he said that he was better
and I was with William and
I had him taken to town
I guess he is at home by this
time

you must save me
some milk and butter
for I don't know
how much I can eat
you can judge for your self
when I get it myself
Well take all the doctor
get out here we must do
for one dollar at present
for all we get
Do good by for time
Write soon
John W. Herd
Morrah P. Seal

now Bay i would lik
to know you an Uncle Nick
are a getting a long at farming
an I have much care
you an William Barnard
at going to tend an i
at looking to my brother Bill
an getting a long with
worlds is they sack you Pagan
try than a year that is the
way i am at going to do
Bill Bay i received your kind
letter of the 15 i was glad
to here that you was all
well an i all do to hear that
you are all well an i
hope we are a fixing for a
Big fite hear at Mourfreeloro
we are at making Great
Wicks foramply twenty
Miles they say that the
Rat is a Crasing Duck

if they come they will get
whipped worse than they
did at Stone River
i have no News worth
writing to you now Bay I
i want you to write to me
ever chance for i love to
hear from you i want to
you the worst kind but
for a while yet good by
for this time for Withers
to William J Steel
Well Babe how do you
get a long you must
write to me an let me
know you are getting a long
those hard times you must be
a good girl an you to school
an I turn to writ so you can
write to me i would love to
hear from you ever day I am
a going to come home some of
the times if ther ant no lies

Nashville Tennessee

December the 4th 1862

Well Boy as I have a few lesure moments I will drop you a few lines in ansure to your leter you sent in Johns. I would like to see you all the best kind. I think I could injoy my self. well for a while though I dont expect I will gete to come home soon. at the present wee ar laying at Nashville and have been for the last weeke. I dont know how long wee will stay here. wee may leave at any moment.

The Secess ar within thirty miles of here at Murffosborrough though when wee start I think they will have to fall back. wee had grand Review to day and General Rosecrans was out to see us. I think he is a good General. well boy I would like to see the girls the best kind. I dont want you to let them all marry till I gete home and I dont want you to marry for I want to wate on you. Give my love to all the girls and write soon. yours as ever W H McGary. To Wm P Teel

Well Babe one Kiss and then I will comence. I would love to see you the best kind. I know I will kiss you the first time I gete to see you. Babe you must be a good girl and dont let them litel home gards kiss you to much. I want you to save some of them for me. Well Babe wee ar having a nice time here. there is plenty of Secess women in Nashville and I dont know but what I will gete some of them for a wife. tell Mother and Pa that I am well and harty and would like to see them the best.

Kind Tell Nick and Mary I am all rite and would like to spend a few more sunday evenings with them. well Babe tell Bill Marnard not hug the girls to much for it will make him sick. I want you to spark some of the prettys women you can find for me. I have no news to write so one more kiss and I will quit. Hopeing to here from you soon.

for a wife tell
Mother and go with
I am July 1st not back
and you'd like to
see them the best
kind Tell Mack
and Mary I am all
right I would a few
like to spend a few
more days as usual
with the boys when
back to the Dilworth
not but the family
much for it will
make them like
I want you to share
some of the profits
it is near 3000 per cent
in stock I have no more
it adds to no more
than and I will quit
share of the business

Oakville Tennessee

December
the 4 1862

My dear Boy as I have
a few spare moments
I will drop you a few
lines in measure to
your letter you would in
fact I would like to
see you at the time
kind I think I could
enjoy my day I would
for a while though
I don't expect I will
get to come home soon
at the present I am
laying out the house
and have been for the
last week I do not
know how long will
stay in the house
I will be home soon

the ^{sees us within} thirty miles of here
said Murphy was rough though
when we ^{part} ~~part~~ I think
they will have to
fall back well back
Grand River to stay
and General Cameron
wags out to see us I
think he is going
General will try I
should like to see him
the girls the last time
I don't want you to
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and I don't want
you to ^{see} ~~see~~ ^{see}
I want to see them
you give my love
to all the girls and
write soon your own ^{name} ~~name~~ ^{name}

Well Babe one kiss and
then I will come
I would love to see you
the next time I know
I will kiss you the
first time I get to
see you babe you must
be a good girl and
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Well Babe see us
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