Samuel Yeaton Letters

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ON THE ROAD TO WASHINGTON.

July 17th, 1861

Dear [Recipient],

I am now, like the time to write, a slave, but I have not forgotten you. I hope this letter finds you well, and that your home is still a place of peace and tranquility.

We arrived in Washington two weeks ago. The journey was long and weary, but the sight of the Capitol and the Lincoln Memorial filled us with a sense of awe and respect.

Our path led us through the heart of the city, past the National Mall and the Reflecting Pool, until we reached our destination. The venue was all that I had expected and more. The speeches and music were moving, and the atmosphere was one of unity and hope.

I must say, the experience was unforgettable. It has given me a new appreciation for the history and culture of this great nation. I hope to return soon and experience it all again.

With warm regards,

[Your Name]
that we have got 800 of their dead, for he helped bury them and say good
and then they went 3 of the Cavalry of 18 of our Company and tomorrow we are going to
the Battle of the flies and 5 Cannons taken by the
Best and we got back are Field. Their was monso
rifle night and Wednesday our Captain was wound
are head of right up the river but the bullet rattled say
was like and stone I have
killed was 7 wounded 35 missing just been down 500
warriors that they blow our wounded men the
Prisoners we had there is one that I think will
whiled one heart they had die but the rest will high
reinforcements and our ammunition gave out
another day I had the
and we had to retreat last I a Big Gun you
they say their defender be killed but a Prisoner

Saw my dears and my friends and my dear wife in Reticular and I will write in more, when I git a chance.

If I don't git killed in Battle.

By Jove, I wish you all

First from Went

South to Deer

Barkfield

Maine
Virginia July 19 1861

Absent tho not forgeton Friend

I now take the time to write a few lines to you to let you know where I am and how I come here. I left Camp Dennison 2 weeks ago. I went on the Marietti Post Road to Hamden then struck on the Irvington (?) Road to Portland and then we camped one day then we marched 2 days to Gallapease (Gallipolis) on the Ohio River then we went up the river 4 miles to Point Pleasant and stopped till the next day then we went up the Kanawha River 12 miles in Virginia and camped one night then marched to Buffalo and camped in a secession Camp and marched to Red House (?) and then they sent 30 of the Cavilery & 18 (?) of our Company over to Barborville after the Ky Regt and we got back Tuesday night and Wednesday we had a fight up the River. Their was 1200 of us, our loss killed was 7 wounded 33 missing some 10 or 12 that they have taken prisoners we had them whipped once bout they had reinforcements and our Ammunition Gav out and we had to retreat but they say their loss was 60 killed but a prisoner that we have got says that their was over 200 of their dead for he helped bury them and any quantity wounded.

I expect we will try them again to morrow. We have now 5 Regt and 5 Cannon two of them are Rifle. Their was none of our Co that was wounded but the bullets rattled round us like hail stones. I have just been down to see our wounded men. Their is one that I think will die but the rest will fight another day.

I have no news to write so Good By

From your Friend

Samuel Yeaton

(12 Ohio Vols)
1861

Captain McD. [illegible]

Albert Friend, I was glad

time to write a few lines

time I wrote a letter on a

wagon on single mountain

It made me think of

Carver's orders to get

Yale Bridge and a little

after I came back as a

wounded soldier. I had a

little battle a week ago and

and 4 times. I still

in single mountain

Now I am just a little

Cavalry and the mountain

Yale Bridge and a little

Manassa Bridge that I wrote

We have had a lot of work, we have to get our food and our clothes and we are not calling any more. They are getting ready, many of our soldiers, but we wish now and then to have them here to Cincinnati to the Tyburn. We have sent our last good wishes and we hope to meet them again.

They have formed us into another brigade, a new one, to the left under Benson. But we had rather be under Gay. Cheer up, the President is a man for one. He is going to Washington, where he is now, and I will finish it in a moment.

You can take our men back to two

South Missouri. The 10th and 13th are still in the camp together. When you write to me, write to me, where Aunt Fiske and

Gaults have gone and if they are in life

to marry Dr. Fiske and the merchant. But

Missouri is done. My best respects
To all of our old schoolmates and neighbors, I would like to see them. Did you hear a cattle show in your vicinity this fall and how to be one of that part of the world they are very good in Ohio. Wheat is worth $5 and $6 a bushel. October 15 and... [rest of text illegible]...wrote in fact. I am not in a place to write my new years with the respect. Give my best to your wife and the boys. To yourself. Yours truly.

William Yeaton

St. E Hogan

Bucktown Mission
Camp McNeal. Oct 26 1861

Absent Friend I now take the time to write a few lines to you I wrote a letter to you when I was on snell (?) mountain but had way of mailing it so I dont know as you got it

I have not been in any battle since I left Snell. I am at Hawks Nest 5 miles above Gauley Bridge and New River their is 4 Brigades of us here McCooks Brigade had a little battle a week ago just above us we have 2 Rifle Cannon and 4 Small pieces that they Pack on a Mule up the mountains they are more dangerous than the others

We have got a Telegraphic dispatch that they are fighting at Manassa. I hope that it is so

We have had a few frosts here this fall and the Chest Nuts are just falling nowe They is a great many of our soldiers that is sick now and they are SENDING them to Cincinnati to the Hospital I must quit now and go on dress parade. They have formed us into another Brigade we are now in the first Brigade under Benham but we had rather be under Gen Cox Their is a chance for him to go to Ky

Knight has come on and I must quit

Oct 27th Inspection of Armes is over and I will finish It is a pleasant day I just saw our men fetch in two Secesh Prisoners the 10 12 and 13 Regt are here in this Camp together

When you write to me write where Clint Fobes and Charles Keen are and if they are like to marry soon and tell me where Albert Mason is/Give my best respects to all of our old Schoolmates and neighbors. I would like to see them

Did you have a Cattle Show in your vicinity this fall and how is the Crops in that part of the world they are very good in Ohio Wheat is worth 75 cents a bushel Potatoes ar 18 and 20 cents

I have no news to write in fact I am not in a place to get any news yours with Respects Give my Respects to your Wife and the same to Your self

From Your Friend

Samuel Yeaton

to

L E Keen
Buckfield Maine
Dear Friend,

This is to write a few lines to you to let you know that I am well and that I received your letter. I was very glad to hear from you. I have heard that you are now 3 miles below the Bridge. The men are fixing their to the Bridge.

Two of our men were killed yesterday. The exact order was to fire a minute to drop the fuse and go in behind the enemy. This has part of our men gone now. We had to move all tonight in the rain and the mud was knee deep. Our men did not all get in until the next day.
over the mountains to find the Rebels and now he was not helping the Rebels. Our men fight will clean the dreck out of this place. I think that we will have to go to Kentucky for the spring is going in. They sent our 1st Lieutenant will be right of Co B in said Rejet Rejet he will leave us next week. It has rained for the last three days but it is clear to day the fire raised 17 feet last night. Where as Joshua Irish Boys broke any of them gone to the war? If John Harris is dead it is a sad thing for his friends. We have 5 men in our Rej. now that was at Balls Run they say the soldiers be at that part of the town to be here for their 15 to every mountain hole for...
for them. We have marched
more than all of the troops
at Washington. Our boys are
making a road through their
groves this morning. I have
no news to write so Saad Bye
for I have got to leave and
so out on a scout for their
party of men engaging
from your friend
Samuel Yeatman
To Sent E. Bein
Nov 9, 1861

Letters sent to P. A. White
Oct 12th 1861

Mr. Scot. E. Lecon
Brockfield

Maria
Absent Friend 

I now take the time to write a few lines to you to let you know that I am get alive I received your letter last knight and was glad to hear from you.

I haved (have moved) back from whare I was when I wrote to you we are now 8 miles below Galley (Gauley) Bridge they are fighting their to the Bridge two of our men was killed their yesterday. We expect an order every minute to cross the River and go in behind the enemy their has part of one Regt gone now We had to move all knight in the rain and the mud was knee deep our men did not all get in untill ten oclcock the next day they were Cold and hungry.

We are in Camp in mud up to our knees We have some Sick now but I am tuff as ever.

I was glad to hear that Deborah was married it is a good time to marry now for all of the rowdeys have gone to the wars an(d) the nice young men have stayed at home.

I will write to Father and tel him what I think of secession men I do not car(e) if it is my Father if he is a trator to our Country he ought to be hung and all the rest who Preach the same doctrin(e) and they would be if they ware in this part of the Country.

our men took 13 Prisoners down the River yesterday one was a traitor that was with us up Galley (Gauley) River he said he was a union man and led us over the mountains to find the Rebels and now he was cot (caught) helping the Rebels. One more fight will clean the devils out of this place.

I think that we will have to Kentuckey for the enemy are going into Ky fast. Our 2d Lautenant will be Capt of Co B in our Regt I expect he will leave us next week.

It has rained for the last three days but it is clear to day the river raised 7 feet last knight.

Whare is Joshua Irish Boys have eney of them gone to the war
If Web (?) Farrer is dead it is a good thing for his friends.

we have 5 men in our Regt now that was at Bulls Run they say they rather be at that part of Va than to be here for their is to(o) meny mountains here for them We hav marched more than all of the troops at Washington. Our boys are making a road through their quaters this morning.

I have no news to write so Good By for I have got to leave and go out on a scout for their is fifty of our men agoing

From your Friend

Samuel Yeaton

To Lot E. Keen
Camp Warren Jan 1st 1862

I have not had a letter from you for two months and I have not been in a letter for more than that we are in Camp near Butler from the Village of Charly
ston on the Savannah River 400 yard on long known how long we will stay here we have the Sibley Tent with a stove and a plenty of food to make us warm and it is a nice piece of ground that our Camp is on We have to drill four hours a day our guard duty is not
very hard now it is but deserting he belong to
five men and a Sergeant or
Temporary�and he warning to go to on the
and a noncommission officer
Bravae Martine and to
written a week ago but as good take the prisoner out to
luck will have at the Order the shot and stand by.
Sergeant don't have to stand him up while they shot and
blood. So I got a clear examinad him. They fired
picket's front in one of Jenkins right guns and four ball
men yesterday morning a
prisoner. Jenkins has got time
10 or 14 hundred men here in
this part of Virginia they
are manvated and armed in
double shot guns and rifles
and go in small parties
and break in on our men
when they can find them
by from their guard.
On the 10th of Dec.
your rest had to go down
a mile and to see one
Enfield shot for
had any snow for sometime.
I have no news to write out.
I would like to have a
Jen I must close here
it has got to the most
dull times.  Yours go
Give my respects to all
enquiring friends and
your wife in particular
from your friend
Samuel Eaton
Write Soon
Write Where Clinton is if you can find out

Monawha Valley Va

Send your love soon

James O'Geiler
Camp Warren Jan 1st 1862

Absent tho not forfoton friend I now take this time to write a few lines to you to let you know that I am yet alive But I have not had a letter from you for two months and I have not been in afite for more than that

We are in Camp one mile from the Village of Charleston on the Kanawha River the Lord onleys knows how long we will stay here. We have the Sibley Tent with a Stove and a plenty of Coal so we live warm and it is a nice peic of ground that our Camp is on

We have to drill four hours a day our Guard duty is not very hard now it is but five men and a Sergeant or Coporal now And it was nine and a non commission officer until a weel ago but as good luck would have it the Ordley Sergeant dont have to stand Guard So I get clear

our pickets brout in one of Jenkins men yesterday morning a prisoner. Jenkins has got some 12 or 14 hundred men here in this part of Virginia they are mounted and Armed with double shot Guns and Rifles and go in small parties, and break in on our men when they can find them off from their Guard.

On the 20th of Dec our Regt had to go down a mile and 1/2 to see one Gateweed shot for deserting he belong(ed) to the first Ky Regt our Co had to go with the Provose Martial and take the Prisoner out to the spot and stand by him while they shot and examined him they fired eight Guns and four balls went through him.

It is warm weather we have not had eny snow for some time I have no news to write but I would like to hear from you I must close for it has got to be most drill time Yours &c Give my respects to all enquiring friends and your Wife in particular.

from Your Friend

Samuel Yeaton

Write soon

Write whare Clinton is if you can find out

Kanawha Valley

Va

Burked Me

Lot E. Keen

Samuel Yeaton
Forward to Victory!

Camp Warren
June 19th 186

Absent

The not forgotten
friends. I now take
my pen in hand
to improve the time by
writing a line to you to let
you know that I enjoy
good health. I received your
letter this morning. It was the
first line that I have had
from that part of the world
for two months. I should like
to take a Sleigh ride we have
not seen a Sleigh this winter
We have wet and mud all
the time, it is not cold. We
do not have to keep a fire all
up the time. It is hard
on the Bay that stand near New Year's night, they were having a good time. We came very near going to Ramona, but the General sent their scout, and the rest of the men that were in hopes of our staying here until spring and that suits me and the rest of the Boys for they are getting acquainted with the Va. Girls, and it suits them for the Va. Boys have been gone too long that they are homesick. I think that will have to find me a woman in this country if we stay here long enough. Perfect that Orlando is still in the army. I heard that Betsy got married. I had to go out and fetch in some wood; they are doing more and soldiers that was traded what Henry Bickel is up to.
I have no need to write. So I must draw to a close by bidding you good-by. From my your friend, Sam, Eaton give my respects to all engaging friends, write again.

Yours with respect,

From your friend,
Sam Eaton.

Did Joshua tell you that they did not write to me any more? I think they have quit.

Saratoga Springs,
Buckfield.

Main.
Camp Warren  Jan 19th  1862

Absent tho not forgotten friends  I now tak my pen in hand to improve the time by writing a line to you to let you know that I enjoy good health. I received your letter this morning. It was the first line that I hav had from that part of the world for two months.

I would like to take a Sliegh ride. We have not seen a Sliegh this winter. We have wet and mud all the time. it is not cold. We do not have to keep a fire all of the time. It is hard on the Boys that stand Guard.

We came very near going to Romony (Romney) but the General sent the 26 Regt in our place and their is hopes of our staying here until Spring and that suits me. and the rest of the Boys for they are getting acquainted with the Va Girls and it suits them for the Va Boys have been gone so long that they are lonesom. I think that I will have to find me a Woman in this Country if we stay here long enough.

I expect that Orlando is still a courting Betsey yet.

I had to go out and fetch in some soldiers that was to a dance on new years night. they was having a good time. I would like to of staid myself with the Va Girls Their is one of our men that has got a fine gal and I am getting on the good side of him so that I can get his Girl when we get home.

Have you herd from Webe Farrer. is he dead or not. I have not herd from Simion Hussey for a long time. he was in Missouria the last time that I herd of him. Write whare Charles Mitchel is and Keen and what they are doing now and what Henry Ricker (or Bicker) is up to.

I have no news to write. So I must draw to a close by bidding you good by. From Your Friend Samuel Yeaton give my respects to all enquiring friends write again.

Yours with respect.

From Your Friend

Sam Yeaton

did Joshua tel you that they did not write to me any more. I think they have quit.

Lot E Keene
Buckfield
Maine
Forward to Victory!
down into Tennessee so their would become excitement our men are getting a kind of racing to and from Fort Donelson and again on the 26 it went the news from Fort Donelson and again on the 26 it went the old says feelbad I think that Char Mitchell has done well he can support a wife if am going to marry when I get out of the army I want you to pick out a wife for me Orlando and Betsy better marry they have been courting long time as for the war I do not know I wish it was over and I was free once marry Delphie that I would like to have a letter from him

I think that Maine has done well in regard to the soldiers where is Canton Kirby now I hope that they will make a grand show soon on the Potomac Shaw Mary Jane Hanson got married yet tell Char Nolen to hang up for he and I will die old Bachelor you ask his mother if she has fished me out a woman yet tell Reilly to remember adding I have no news to write We have not had news enough to make anything this winter. There is a hard of inspecting officers now at Charleston to inspect the officers of this Riet I think that there is several of them that will have a chance to go home but have but
few wish in our family
Give my respects to all of my acquainctance and your folks in particular.
I must close for it has got to be church time that soon I know just had some good news but I cannot say that it is so I heard that Frazie was at church it is so I tried to catch him but could not nor no one else until they surround him and if they give him a half chance he will listen to them write soon and all the new So Good By from your friend Sam Yeaton Co 11 Regt
Hannah Valley Ab
Camp Warren Va March 2 (?) (1862)

Absent Friends

I now seat my self to write a few lines to let you know that I am amongst the living I received your letter and was glad to hear from you. I was sorry to hear that David was sick I would like to see him once more.

Their is not quite as much mud as their was but a plenty now it rains to day their is no prospect of our moving from here. The Regt above here cetch a few Secess Prisoners but we have no chance to do any thing I wish that they would move down into Tennessee so their would be some excitement our men are getting lazy tired of laying round Camp we went down town and had a big blow when we heard the news from fort Deneison and again on the 22 it made the old secess feel sad

I think that Chas Mitchell has done well if he can support a wife I am a going to mar(r)y when I get out of the armey I want you to pick out a wife for me Orlando and Betsy better mar(r)y they have been courting (a) long time as for the war I do not know I wish it was over and I was free once more Tel Josh that I would like to have a letter from him

I think that Maine has done well in regard to the soldiers Whare is Clint Pober now I hope that they will make a grand move soon on the Potomac Has Mary Jane Gammon got married yet tel Chas Keen to hury up or he and I will die old Bachaliers you ask his mother if she has picked me out a woman yet tel Hollis to remember old times

I have no news to write We have not had snow enough to make sleighing this winter. Their is a bo(a)rd of inspecting officers now at Charleston to inspect the officers of this Regt I think that their is several of them that will have a chance to go home We have but few sick in our Co

Give my respects to all of my acquaintances and your folks in peticular I must close for it has got to be church time Write soon

I have just herd some good news but I cannot say that it is so I herd that Floyd (Gen Floyd) was cot (caught) I hop(e) it is so. We tried to cetch him but could not nor no one els unles they surround him and if they give him a half chance he will slip them

Write soon and all the news So Good By from Your Friend

Sam Yeaton

Co H 12 Regt Kanawha Valley Va
about the Widow the last time I heard from her she was in Braintree to work at her old business. You must be someone by now Mary gone so long but I hope that you are in a fine way to how company and I am glad to hear it. You seem to think that I will get a woman I don't know for I am getting old you know and if I have to stay in the Army three years I think that it is a poor chance but I will keep up courage as long as I can and Ed Howard has got a job that gives me courage I may stand a chance they will be some men widows after the war.

grew my respects to Robert he is a good fellow to work with. Mayis Dated so he doing everything for his country. I think at time how does Harrell Bards get along and where is Audrain Howard has been to the war such fellows could go as well as not and I remember me to Daphne when you see her. We have to get out as soon as light and drill we have three drills each day. I had one little sick spell but am all right now we have I sick one in our Co. this is about $600 away in the Rift for duty I am in hope that they will move us where there is some fun for it is dull here I think this will clear this
Summers at least I do.
So did we arm not and
where is Clint? I have no news
to write our men nothing
a few seeking mules
and I am glad I was not
in that cold country this
winter but I would of
like our High Ridge You
must keep the Yong.
willows all八个 until I
get back their offering
in respect to all engaging
friends. So Good by
from your friend
Samuel Atenton
12 Regt O.C.

Manawahe Valley
Pa.

Scott & Ken
Buckfield Me.

Apr 7, 1862.
Mr Scott & Ken
Buckfield
Maine
Absant Friend

I now take my pen to pen a few lines to you to let you know that I am yet alive and surrounded by all the beauties of nature the Peach and Charies Trees are in full bloom and the Trees are all comming out and the Fields are green and it is Warm as summer.

I cannot tell you how long we will be here for sometimes we hear that we have got to move but have not yet We expect Tremont evry day he may be here before you get this.

You wanted to know about that Widow the last time I herd from her she was in Braintree to work at her old business. You must be lonesome to have Mary gone so long but I hear that you are in a fare way to have company and I am glad to hear it. You seem to think that I will get a woman I dont know for I am getting old you know and if I have to stay in the Army three years I think that it is a poor chance. but I will keep up courage as long as M. J. Cammon is single and Ed Howard has got a wif(e) that gives me courage I may stand a chance they will be so meny widows after this war

give my respects to Hollis he is a good fellow to work with How is Decator is he doing eny thing for his country I think (it) is time how does Frank Bard get along and whare is Adniram Howard has he gon to the war such fellows could go as well as not remember me to Deborah when you see her.

We have to get cut as soon as light and drill we have three drills each day I had one little sick spel but am all rite now we have 8 sick enes in our Co their is about 800 men in the Regt for duty I am in hopes they will move us whare their is sum fun for it is dul here I think this fus will clos this Summer or at least I hope so

Did Levi die or not and whare is Clint I have no news to write our men fetch in a few secessins most every week I am glad I was not in that cold country this winter but I would of liked one Sleigh ride You must keep the yong widows all rite until I get back their

Give my respects to all enquiring friends So Good by from your friend

Samuel Yeaton
Co H 12 Regt CV
Kanawha Valley
Va

Lott E Keen
Buckfield Me
Camp Pilot Top
July 18 1849

Absent Friend I now take my pen in hand to write a few lines to you. I received your letter two days ago. It had been here a long time but I had been sick and went to Ripley on furlough for a short time but have got about well now so I can do my duty. It is warm and dry here. The Black Berries are ripe and the Bushes are full. I think it is going to be an abundant plenty of fruit of every kind. When I was in Ripley I had a good time there is a very good leg number of girls there now there is about 7 to one man.
I saw that man Rebb Heart and he is all right on the Gou. The folks are cutting. What it is first rate and so is Grof and I would like to be able to work at it now but the doctor only knows when ever I will do any more of that kind of work.

I was glad to hear that the Widow Warren was getting along well. I suppose that Jussn's arm is about to marry is the nat. You is your cousin this year. This is Earn in the Kanawh Valley that is as he at your head. The boys was glad to see me when I got back. I herd from Jussn he is with Kealock. I saw one of his Co. in Richburg. He said that Jussn had been in the Hospital sick a long time but had got well and was on duty when he left him. He could of had a discharge but would not take it.

I think that our men are having a hard time before Richman but I think that we will whip them but this will be a great loss of life. Our men killed in a prisoner yesterday. He says that they is getting sick far their turn was out last May but they wont let them go home. I have no news to write.

So give my respects to all enquiring friends. You never said whether you had got that woman kicked out for me.
Camp Flat Top  July 13  1862

Absent Friend I now take my pen in hand to write a few lines to you. I received your letter two days ago. It had been here a long time but I had been sick and went to Ripley on furlough for a short time but have got about well so now I can do my duty.

It is warm and dry here. The Black Burries (berries) are ripe and the Bushes are full. Their is going to be any quantity of fruit of every kind.

When I was in Ripley I had a good time. Their is a goodly number of girls their now. Their is about 7 to one man. I saw that man Robt Hart and he is all rite on the Goos. The folks are cutting Wheat. It is first rate and so is Grass and I would like to be to work at it now but the Lord only knows when ever I will do any more of that kind of work.

I was glad to hear that the Widow Warren was getting along well. I suppose that Lucy Ann is about to marry. She not. How is your Crops this year. Their is Corn in the Kanawha Valley that is as high as your head.

The Boys were glad to see me when I got back. I herd from Hussey he is with Hallock. I saw one of his Co in Ripley. He said that Hussey had been in the Hospital sick a long time but had got well and was on duty when he left him he could of had a discharge but would not take it.

I think that our men are having a hard time before Richman but I think that we will whip them but they will be a great loss of life. Our men fetched in a prisoner yesterday he says their Regt is getting sick (of it?) for their time was out last May but they count let them go home.

I have no news to write. So Give my respects to all enquiring Friends.

You never said whether you had got that woman picked out for me or not. I want you to have her courted so I wont have any thing to do but to marry her.

From Your Friend
Sam Yeaton
Co H 12 Regt
O V I
Fayettville Va Jan 27, 1862

Absent the not forgotten Friend

I now take this time to write a few lines to you to let you know that I am yet amongst the living but have not had a word from you for a long time. I have written to you since I received a letter from you. I have been in Ohio on recruiting service for two months but recruits are being cut but as men can recruit as many women as he wants. I had a great notion of enlisting one for three years or during the war. I have just got back to the Regiment it has moved about 40 miles since I left them and we are about 40 miles from where we wintered last winter but there is some talk of our going down to Charleston again to stay this winter for this has ten Regiments gone out of the valley since we came up here, and there is three Regts here and one Battery of Artillery and the 16th of Cavalry. It is much up to the rear of the regiment now. We have had quite a down East Snow Storm but it has all gone now and it rains to day and our
So is out on a scout. They were out all night and it has rained steadily all of the time since they started. I happened to be lame so I did not half to go so I was looking out for being lame. We have had no fighting to do since I wrote to you and I don't think that we will have any to do as long as we stay in this part of the country but they may take us down south this spring but I hope not. I have not heard a word from home since I heard from you and when you write to me write all of the news and let me know where Orlando is and if she is married yet and let me know if you have seen my Deborah or one of the rest of my old chums. I am still in the market and think that I shall be for some time. And I want to know what he has become of. Chaddy been has he gone to the war or has he got married or has he died off and blown away. Who lives on the old farm now and when you write let me know if any of our old friends have been killed in battle. I would like to be in that country and take a slight ride. I have not had a good one since I left there.
I have no news to write only I had a good furlow in Ohio and that made me sick of laying here in the mud but I am in hopes that we will drop back on the River then we can see a Steam Boat and it will look a little more like home So I will close by bidding you Good By hoping to hear from you again From Your Friend Sam Yeaton Co 712 Regt C.V.P Kanawha Valley Va

Give my respect to all enquiring friends and tell them that I will see them when the war is oer

Samuel Yeaton

Scott & Elen Backfield Mains Kanawha Valley Va
Fayetteville Va Jan 27 1862 (probably 1863)

Absent tho not forgotten Friend

I now take this time to write a few lines to you to let you know that I am yet amongst the living but I have not heard a word from you for a long time I have written to you since I received a letter from you.

I have been in Ohio on recruiting Service for two months but recruits are played out but a man can recruit as many women as he wants I had a great notion of enlisting one for three years or during the war.

I have just got back to the Regt it has moved about 40 miles since I left them and we are about 40 miles from where we wintered last winter but there is some talk of our going down to Charleston again to stay this winter for their ten Regiments gone out of the valley since we came up here. And their is three Regts here and one Battery of Artillery and two Co of Cavalry it is mud up to the axeltrees now.

We have had quite a down East Snow Storm but it has all gone now and it rained to day and our Co is out on a scout they were out all knight and it has rained stiddy all of the time since they started. I happened to be lame so I did no half (have) to go so I was lucky by being lame.

We have had no fighting to do since I wrote to you and I don't think that we will have any to do as long as stay in this part of the Country but they may take us down south this Spring but I hope not.

I have not herd a word from home since I herd from you and when you write to me write all of the news and let me know where Orlando is and if he has married yet and let me know if you have seen my Deborah or any of the rest of my old chums I am still in the market and think that I shall be for some time. And I want to know what has become of Charles Keen has he gon to the war or has he got married or has he dried up and blown away. Who lives on the old Farm now and when you write let me know if any of our old friends have been killed in battles I would like to be in that Country and take a Sleigh ride I have not had a good one since I left their.

I have no news to write only I had a good time in Ohio and that makes me sick of laying here in the mud but I am in hopes that we will drop back on the River then we can see a Steam Boat and it will look a little more like home.

So I will close by bidding you Good By hopping to hear from you again From your Friend Sam Yeaton Co H 12 Regt O V I Kanawha Valley Va

Give my respects to all enquiring friends and tell them that I will see them when the war is over

Samuel Yeaton
Kanawha Valley Va

Lott E Keen
Buckfield
Maine

Samuel Yeaton
Co H 12 Ohio Reg
Kanawha Valley Va
Waggettville Va. March 8

Cousin Friend, I now take
this time to write a few lines
to you. I received your letters
to day and was glad to hear
from that part of the Count
try for it had been a long
time since I heard from you.
We are here in the mud just
where we were when I wrote
to you before. We have 345 men
in our Regiment duty one man
died to day he was sick about
fifteen minutes. I am sad
to here that so many of our
old friends are dying off
since I left their. You
wanted to know if I had enough
to eat I do and I will give
you a bill of fare at our hear
it is Salt Brood and meat
Coffee for Breakfast
For dinner it is beans, Soup and Bread & meat and for supper the same as for Breakfast only a little Rice when we went it we get fresh Beef about one day in three and that is as much as I think of it. Our Major Gen is Geo. Cos. and our Brigadier Gen's Scammem. I don't think there will be any work for us to do here but they may move us where they will be work but I dont care if we never get into another battle for we have met there seven times Bart Hart is at Mystic I saw him several times when I was there. You tell Mary that I am in as good courage as ever I was and I am gay and festive and I had a good time when I was at Chid and when I got through with Uncle Sam I will take a trip home to see you for I think that I have been away most long enough. I am glad that they talk of conscripting the Negroes that suits me for I am willing that nobody should do his part to gain his liberty. He is not so nice that I am willing for his to do all the fighting and have him at home. I have no news to write give my respects to Alden and the Widow and let me know the Widow Warren is getting along and who works for her and if Lucy Ann is married yet and who is sitting to her now. I would advise all of the young folks around their for to marry before they get to be all like me. I was surprised to hear
that the Cays run on the BBR but that is a fine thing I am always glad to hear of improvements.
I heard that Ellen Bartlett was married. I think that I shall keep a log book until you have got the women kicked out for and Remind me to all enquiring friends. M. more the same.

Yours etc.
Sam Meaton
Co. A 1st Reg. O.V.T.
Hannibal Valley

Ps. If you ever see Deborah give her my compliments. I am sure he is buying shoes for the Government now and.

St. EKck.
Fayetteville Va March 3 (1863)

Absent Friend I now take this time to write a few lines to you I received your letter to day and was glad to hear from that part of the Country for it had been a long time since I herd from thier.

We are here in the mud just where we wer when I wrote to you before we have 315 men in our Rest for duty one man died to day he was sick about fifteen minutes I am sorry to here that so meny of our old friends are dieing off since I left their.

You wanted to know if I had enough to eat I do and I will give you a fill of fare at our house it is Soft Bread and meat & coffee for Breakfast for dinner it is beans Soup and Bread & meat and for Supper the same as for Breakfast onley a little Rice when we want it we get fresh Beef about one day in three and that is as much as I will draw of it.

Our Major Gen is Gen Cox and our Brigadier Gen is Scammon I dont think that their will be eny work for us to do here but they may move us where they will be work but I dont care if we never get into another battle for we have met them seven times

Robt Hart is at Ripley I saw him several times when I was their. You tel Mary that I am in as good courage as ever I was and I am gay and festive and I had a gay time when I was at Ohio and when I get through with Uncle Sam I will take a trip home to see you for I think that I have been away most long enough.

I am glad that they talk of conscripting the Negros that suits me for I am willing that cuffy should do his part to gain his liberty he is not so nice that I am willing for to do all the fighting and have him at home.

I have no news to write give my respects to Alden and the Widow Keen and let me know how the Widow Warren is getting along and who works for her and if Lucy Ann is married yet and who is sitting to her now I would advise all of the young folks around their for to marry before they get to be old like me.

I was surprised to hear that the Cars run on the BPRR but that is a fine thing I am always glad to hear of improvements

I herd that Ellen Bartlette was married I think that I shal keep old back unless you have got that woman picked out for me Remember me to all enquiring Friends no more this time

Yours &c
Sam Yeaton
Co H 12 Regt OVI
Kanawha Valley
Va

PS if you ever see Deborah give her my complements Han (?) Farrer is buying Horses for the Government now and mules also

L.F. Keen
Grogg Hill, Va. May 24

Dear Friend,

This is the time to write a few lines to you to inform you that I am out amongst the living Rebels come in here and tried to drive us out of camp as we had to rest camp in Chick VA but we did not scare worth a cent so we fought them they will never bring down a large force is they want to take the party we have here they shield us for two days then the started back and we followed them 48 miles but they had the height the start of us so the height out of our
way we only come on to them twice and then only onto their rear. Guard and they would not fight but run and left us our line in the rear was one Sergeant killed and one Lieutenant and 6 men wounded but this is lucky that they all will get well. So far this list we don't know what it was we found one of them men that they had left wounded. I received your letter written on the 15 of March on the 15th of May and Mr. Bishop left Hart is in Ripley and that I was glad to see him is about the nearest or was him and that you old acquaintances had not forgotten that he was so kind and I had better write you till I get back there. I expect when the war is over that
May 24, 1863

Mr. Scott & Keen
Buckfield
Maine

Not here this time

Samp threaten

Get well

Think of you

Samp

Wm. Keen

West Pa.
Absent Friend

I now take this time to write a few lines to you to inform you that I am yet among the living

the Rebels came in here and tried to drive us out of camp as we had the best camp in West Va but we did not scare worth a cent so we fought them they will have to bring down a large force if they want to take the Forts we have here they shelled us for two days then the(y) started back and we followed them 28 miles but they had the knight the start of us so the(y) kept out of our way

We onley come on to them twice and then onley onto their rear Guard and they would not fight but run and left us our loss in the Rept was one Serreant killed and one Serst and 6 men wounded but their is hopes that they all will get wel. As for their loss we dont know what it was we found one of their men that they had left wounded

I received your letter wrote on the 25 of March on the 18th of May Tel Mr. Bicknel that I was glad to hear from him and that my old acquaintances had not forgotten me. Where is Orlando and has he found one of eves fair Daughters that is in favor of the union to to a man if he can not find one their tel him to come out her(e) for their is a plenty of that kind here but I have not engaged one yet but I have thought(t) of taking one for the war but they have issued an order aginst any more marrying that way.

What has become of Charles Keen has he dried up yet I would like to see him in the armey it would be fun for me. Robt Hart is in Ripley and is about to mary or was when I was their and I herd that he was so Elvira had better weight untill I get back their.

I expect when the war is over that their will be lots of marrying for the fair damseis will never look so sweet as when they first get home their has some of our Boys gon home on furilough and som have married and the rest have sweet hearts but that is the way with (the) world

I have no news to write only we hav got our Camp fixed up again we are having delightful weather now and the woods is full of wild flowers and the Country look fine No more this time

Yours &c
Sam Yeaton
Co H 12 Regt OVI
Fayettville West Va

Lot E Keen
Yazooville, Sept 20th, 1863

Absent Friend,

I now take this time to write a few lines to tell you that I am yet among the living and enjoying good health. We are having an easy time now once in a while we have to make a raid after some rebel bushwhackers but there is no force near us. She was gotten ready to come on to us here but Gen Burnside's men were on that rail road stopped it. We have had fine weather for soldiering it has been cool and dry we have had but two or three showers this two months. The farmers are laboring very hard and I think that the war must
come to an end before long and I hope to see peace and prosperity remain once more. Mr. Rose was not very lucky but the other boys were lucky. Does Albert Mason get clear or does he have to pay this $500 or dollar? I would like to see Ad. How and his family out in the field with a large knapsack on their backs. I think by the time that they had marched 80 miles in that way they would be tired. I am in hope that we have men enough in the Guild now for all times. I think that the English have been very busy in meddling in our affairs and if they do not quit it I hope that our Government will call them to an account for it. I have no news to write.

only we are having a cold snap and have to have fires in our tents to make them comfortable. How is what few of our old friends that are left getting along and what has become of Coll and Betty are they about to marry or not and where is Charles. When I wrote to him last Spring but have not had a word from him. What has become of Clara. Warner is she married or not where is the Heeding family and how are they getting along and is Emily waiting for me yet. I hope that she will be there when I get out of the war.
The crops in Ohio are good this year and what little was put in the ground here in Va looks well. How are the crops in Maine and who have you elected for Governor this year in Maine. This time how does the Widow Warren get along this summer from your friend. Your son.

Sept. 20, 1863,
Mr. Scott E. Keen
Buckfield, Maine
Fayetteville  Sept 20th 1863

Absent Friend

I now take this time to write a few lines to you to let you know that I am yet among the living and enjoying good health.

We are having an easy time now once in a while we hav to make a raid after some Rebel bushwackers but their is no force near us. They was getting redy to come on to us here but Gen Burnside's move over on that Rail Road Stopeed it.

We have had fine weather for soldering it has been cool and dry we have had but two or three Showers this two months.

The knews (news) are faboral (favorable) evry day and I think that the war must come to an end before long and I hope to see peace and prosperity rain once more.

Steph was not bery luch but the other Boys ware lucky does Albert Mason get clear or does he have to pay his 300.00 dollars I would like to see Ad Shaw and Hiram Gammon out in the Field with a large Knapsack on their backs I think by the time that they had marched 30 miles in that way they would be tame.

I am in hopes that we have men enough in the Field now for all purper (proper) occasions I think that the English have been very busy in medling in our affairs and if they do not quit it I hope that our Government will call them to an account for it.

I have no news to write onley we are having a cold snap and have to have fires in our tents to make them confortable.

How is what few of our old friends that are left getting along and what has become of Orland & Betsy are they about to marry or not and where is Charles Keen I wrote to him last Spring but have not herd a word from him. What has become of Elvira Warren is she married or not where is the Hussey Family and how are they getting along and is Emily waiting for me yet I think that I will have to take her in out of the wet when I get home unless you have got one courted for me I herd once that Simeons Wife was in Ohio I hope that she will be their when I get out of the Armey.

The Crops in Ohio are good this year and what little was put in the ground here in Va looks well How are the crops in Maine and who have you elected for Governor this year

No more this time how does the Widow Warren get along this Summer

From Your Friend

Yours &c
Sam Yeaton

Lot E Keen
Buckfield Maine

Absent Friend

I now take this time to write a line to you. Yours of the 13th of last month came to hand and I was glad to hear that you are all getting along fine. But I was sorry that I had lost Elvira but I had one hope their is a few left in Ohio and they are in for the union to a man.

I am glad that Mr. Lande is still in the lowest bed and in hopes that he will move they fell bury up. Charles Keen tell him he is most to old now.
I am unhappy that Maine will have to draft her number with a draft Ohio will have to draft her number.

Their way three of the 89th Regt O.V.P. came into our lines last Monday they were taken prisoners on the 20th of Sept and had been at Bushman and were present there to Danville when they run away and trouble over 100 miles. They tell all the tales about how our men are used at Richman.

I don't think that I will ever try their luck. They got one of our sergeants last week. I had no news to write. What is Mrs. Mulhall I thought that she was dead. Write all the news.
No more the time, you see, Samuel Yeaton
Oct 16 12 Reg US

To E Keene
Buckfield Maine

Dec 4, 1833
Mr S H Keen
Buckfield
Maine
Fayette. CH. W. VA. Dec. 4th 1863

Absent Friend

I now take this time to write a line to you yours of the 22d of last month came to hand and I was glad to hear that you wear all getting along fine. But I was sorry that I had lost Elvira but I have one hope their is a few left in Ohio and they are in for the Union to a man so I keep up good courage I am glad that Orlando is still in the lower trade and in hopes that he will marry this fall. Hury up Charles Keen tel him he is most to(o) old now I and he will not have any one to take care of him in his old age

I have preferred charges against our Lieut Col and Major for Drunkenness in the face of the enemy they are mad at me but it wont scare me We have just had two Capts dismissed from service for drunkenness I am going to stay with them and they must walk in wisdoms wayes.

We are having a cold rain now we had one Snow Storm and a very cold time. Thair is not meny of our Regt that will reenlist their is a recruiting officer in the Regt now but he has not got any ene (one) yet I am in hopes that Maine will raise her number with a draft Ohio will hav to draft her number.

Their was three of the 89th OVI come into our lines last monday they was taken Prisener on the 20th of Sept and had been to Richman and moved from their to Danvill their they run away and traviled over 200 miles they tel hard tailes about how our men are used at Richman

I dont think that I will ever try their luck. They got one of our Sergeants last week.

I have no news to write. Whare is Mrs. Martial I thought that she was dead write al the news no more this time

Yours &c
Samuel Yeaton
Co H 12 Regt OVI

L. E. Keene
Buckfield Maine
Yours truly, CH. Va Jan 1864

Absent Friend

I now take myself down to write a few lines to you. Received your letter. I was happy to learn that the young folks had not got out of the notion of marching in that part of the country. We have been having some very cold weather here; it was 10 degrees below zero and that I call for this part of the world we have had 40 inches of snow. There is nothing doing here only standing guard. I expect that this will be enough. To do when the rattle is filled up with
conscripts their was done hundred and eighty requested in this last eight of garrison went in but the four hundred pretty was rattle if a and two dollars had no choice for me. I think that I will make a visit to maine before I enlist again. E Leland going out into the field at is he going to buy his three hundred dollars if he is drafted. You tell Charley Kern to write to me I wrote to him along time ago. I think that the old man had better get him a wife. What has become of Mr. Brillwell there is Frank Shaw is he still out in the Fifth Maine yet. There is a few disasters come in early will one come in to day he come from Kingsport, North Carolina. I think that the Red are and man can judge anything from the report that the get. I cannot think of anything more to write. You said that Lucy Naudon had lost her bear what was the trouble with them and what made you think that I wrote to her? You thought that I would be a chance for me she will find another and perhaps married before I go back third but enough of this nonsense. God bless you. Samuel Yeaton.
Write and let me know who was drafted that I know and all of the news.

Sam Sceton

Dear Mr.

Hat. E. Keen
Buckfield
Maine

Jan 17, 1804

Mr. Scott & Keen
Buckfield
Maine
Absent Friend

I now seat myself down to write a few lines to you. I recieved your letter. I was happy to learn that the young folks had not got out of the notion of marrying in that part of the country.

We have been having some very cold weather here. It was 10 degrees below zero and that is cold for this part of the world. We have had six inches of snow.

There is nothing doing here only standing guard. I expect that their will be enough to do when the Regt is filled up with conscripts. Their was some hundred and eighty reenlisted in this Regt. Eight of our Co went in but the four hundred and two dollars has no charm for me. I think that I will make a visit to Maine before I enlist again.

Is Orlando going out into the field or is he going to pay his three hundred dollars if he is drafted. You tell Charles Keen to write to me. I wrote to him along time ago. I think that the old man had better get him a wife. What has become of Mr. Pickney? Where is Frank Shaw? Is he still out in the fifth Maine yet.

There is a few deserters come in every week. One come in to day. He came from Kingston, North Carolina. I think that the Rebs are pretty near rattled if a man can judge anything from the reports that we get.

I cannot think of any thing new to write. You said that Lucy Warren had lost her beau. What was the trouble with them and what made you think that I wrote to her? You thought that would be a chance for me. She will find another and perhaps (be) married before I go back their. But enough of this nonsense. I will close.

Yours &c

Sam Yeaton

Write and let me know who was drafted. That I know and all of the news.

Sam Yeaton

Lot E Keen
Buckfield
Maine
I take this opportunity to send a few lines to you. I received your letter last week and was happy to learn that you were ill and having such a fine winter. We are having a pretty hard winter, cold and snow it is the coldest winter that has been in these parts for twenty years. I hope it will get warm soon so that the Deserters can come in without suffering so much they come in almost daily, eleven came in in one squad last week. They all tell the same story about their sufferings.
suffering and what I see while we was in the said
concerns what they say
as far as living is concerned
so that it will not seem like
for if it is not in the country then I hope you will not
and of course they cannot get it
to see you this fall. Bring of
Kanawha Valley and captured
the young ladies around this about
one Share Boat and burned
to many on is all the going more
an what has become of Deborah
Respect that I shall have to
take he now Elvira Warren is
married I will look around
in Ohio and see if I can find
I am now that is so many
killed off. The River is Edge of
now and it may be a long time
before you get they do you now
one preaching down to Charlet
and have all of the
Spirituals died out or do they
have that kind of meetings now
What has become of your brother Cyrus?
I have nothing of interest to communicate at this time.
I will also give my respects to all enquiring friends and
having such I heard from
Simen Hustly a short time ago he was at Vicksburg Miss.

Yours Respectfully

Sam Seaton
Co H 1st Regt

Jul 27th 1862

Mr Jas & Har
Backfield
Maine
Absent Friend

I take this opportunity to pen a few lines to you. I received your letter last week and was happy to learn that you were well and having such a fine winter. We are having a pretty hard winter - cold and snow - it is the coldest winter that has been in these parts for twenty years.

I hope it will get warm soon so that the Deserters can come in without suffering so much. They come in almost daily. Eleven come in in one squad last week. They all tell the same story about their suffering and what I see while we were on the raid confirms what they say as far as living is concerned for if it is not in the country of course they cannot get it.

The Rebels made a raid into the Kanawha Valley and captured one Steam Boat and burned it and took off Gen. Scammon and two of his Staff Officers and some thirty of the 91st Reg but they paroled the private soldiers and took the Officers to Richmon. We do not regret the loss of the General for we have got a better one in his place. I do not see how the Rebels can hold out more than one year more and I hope not that long for it is costing to many men lives.

I expect that almost all of my old acquaintances have gone from around their so that it will not seam like home. I hope you will not be drafted for I am in hopes to see you this fall. Is any of the young Ladies around their about to marry or is all the young men gone. What has become of Deborah. I expect that I shall have to take her now Elvira Warren is married. I will look around in Ohio and see if I can find one that will have me perhaps I can now their is so many killed off.

The River is froze up now and it may be a long time before you get this do you have any preaching down to the Federal now and have all of the Spirituals died out or do they have that kind of meetings now. What has become of your brother Cyra.

I have nothing of interest to communicate at this time so I will close give my respects to all enquiring Friends if I have any such. I herd from Simeon Hussey a short time ago - he was at Vicksburg Miss.

Yours Respectfully
Sam Yeaton
Co H 12 Regt

Lot E Keen
Buckfield
Maine
Dear Sir or Friend,

I now take this time to pen a few lines to you. I received your letter and was glad to learn that you are well and enjoying good health. We are having a hot summer and General of our boys has got the smallpox. This is not much prospect and we are moving from here one of our Regts. has gone to Summerville and part of our Battery. There has no doubt come in for some time but several of our prisoners that escaped from Summerville has come in. They look very hard and show that they have fared hard.
We have to drill four hours each day that it don't rain. I am glad that you danced with Deborah once for me and I am unhappy to be able to dance in that part of the world unless many months. I was surprised to hear the fate of our friend Mitchell for I had never heard of his illness. I think that some one has got badlley feald who she marred and Sammon's had better go to the grave. I hope that John Bean will be successful with the old farm. I expect that your family will be the only folks that I will know in that part. Ware is your Aunt Bethia now. She live at the court and what does Charley think of the draft is this any prospect of it taking you.

How many is your quota off the call and who has gone from this since you wrote to me. Simon Lewis is at Nicholsburg he was one that Sherman said was out 39 days, his wife is at Winchester at Mary Sharr. As the orders running on the B.B. RaRo now and it the very prospect of the roads going to Centre. What do you think of the great Gen Grant. Our Majors has been dismissed for drunkness in the face of the enemy. I prefer the charges. Now is times there are the hard at it business dul I have nothing of importance to write so I will close write and let me hear all the news. Yours Truly

Sam Yeaton
Absent Friend

I now take this time to pen a few lines to you. I received your letter and was glad to learn that you were well and enjoying food health.

We are having a wet spring and several of our boys has got the small pox. Their is not much prospect of our moving from here one of our Regts has gone to Summerville and part of our Battery.

Their has no deserters come in for some time but several of our prisoners that escaped from danville NC has come in they look very hard and show that they hav faired hard We have to drill four hours each day that it dont raine.

I am glad that you danced with Deborah once for me and I am in hopes to be able to dance in that part of the world before many months. I was surprised to hear the fate of our friend Mitchell for I had never learned of his sickness. I think that some one has got badly fooled when she married Levi Gammon she had better gon to her grave Hope that John Prown will be successful with the old farm. I expect that your family will be the onley folks that I will know in that part Ware is your Aunt Bethier now does she live at the corner and what does Charles think of the draft is their eny prospects of it taking you

How many is your quota this call and who has gone from their since you wrote to me. Simeon Hussey is at Vicksburg he was on that Sherman raid was out 32 days his wife is at Winchester at Hans. Farrers.

Is the cares (cars) running on the B.P.R.R. now and is their any prospects of the road going to Canton. What do you think of Lieut Gen Grant. Our Major has been desmissed for drunkenness in the face of the enemy I preffered the charges.

How is times their are they had or is business dul I have nothing of importance to write so I will colse write and let me hear all the news

Yours truly

Sam Yeaton
Ripley, O. August

Friend Keen,

I now take this time to pen a few lines to you to let you know of my whereabouts. I am in the town at work I could not tell up so I could go east this summer so I will have to wait untill late this fall. I have been out of the Army one month was very glad to get through. We have been having a dry time but it change d in the last week it has rain each day it is making a nice lot of corn, Potatoes, Tobacco in the last. Wheat is lots Oats peas hitts fruit hit. Peaches more
The Girls all in favor of the Union  to a man.
I was with Simon Hughes too wuks ago to day he is in Indiana at Shoals Station on the Ohio & Mississippi RR Depot master. I want you to have me a woman steak out when I get home. This is great excitement about the draft in this part and their may be fun a head of this if I am in. Who is going for President this fall and will and let me know is near around this as I haven't heard from them for months and where is Olando is Betsy married yet and when is Charle King. D law Old Uncle fall looks to short a short time ago I am very anxious to get back there and see what changes have taken place since I left remember me to Mr. Backwell let him kno. I must be all set on the political campaign this fall we must select our President of our Country is ruined. Some lazy today and cannot think of any new and it is church time. So I will close.

Write soon

Your Truly,

Ham Yeater
Aug. 21, 1864,

Mr. Hat E Keen
Buckfield
Main
Friend Keen

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I am lazy to day and cannot think of any news and it is church tim so I will close

Write soon

GoodBy

Sam Yeaton
Ripley
Ripley Oct 22nd 1865

Dear Friend

I now take my pen in hand to improve the present moments by writing a few lines to you. I received your letter and was pleased to learn that you were getting along well. I am sorry to hear that Clarita had such bad luck. I am doing as well as a laboring man can expect to do. Business is first-rate now. We have had the finest fall you ever knew we have but little fruit a fair lot of Peaches. This year was a better crop of corn than we have this year. Potatoes are first-rate. We had our election last week and the Democracy have gained about 20 thousand since last year. It is all on account of the Segra-Suffrage.
question that puzzle the devil with me but I was in happy that all of the soldiers went he afraid of missing a negro. I have no news to write to. I will close.

Samuel Yeater

P.S.

How does Orlando and wife get along has he done anything for his country and has all of our old friends returned from the armies and who of the lot has been killed and is their any of them with their lives gone I hope not. Give my respects to all enquiring friends if I have any in that part and tell them that I think he will write me a few lines as I wrote to him but he has never answered it.

Yours SC

Sam Yeater

Mr. Leath E. Keen

Buckfield

Main.
Absent Friend

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We had an election last week and the Democraz have gained about 80 thousand since last year. It is all on account of the Negro Suffrage question that plays the devil with us. But I am in hopes that all of the Soldiers won't be afraid of marrying a Negro.

I have no news to write so I will close.

Samuel Yeaton

P.S. How does Orlando and Wife get along? Has he done anything for his Country and has all of our old friends returned from the Army? And who of the lot has been killed and is their any of them with their limbs (limbs) gone? I hope not.

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Yours &c

Sam Yeaton