

**Date:** December 3, 1861

John Yates Home

**Author:** John Yates

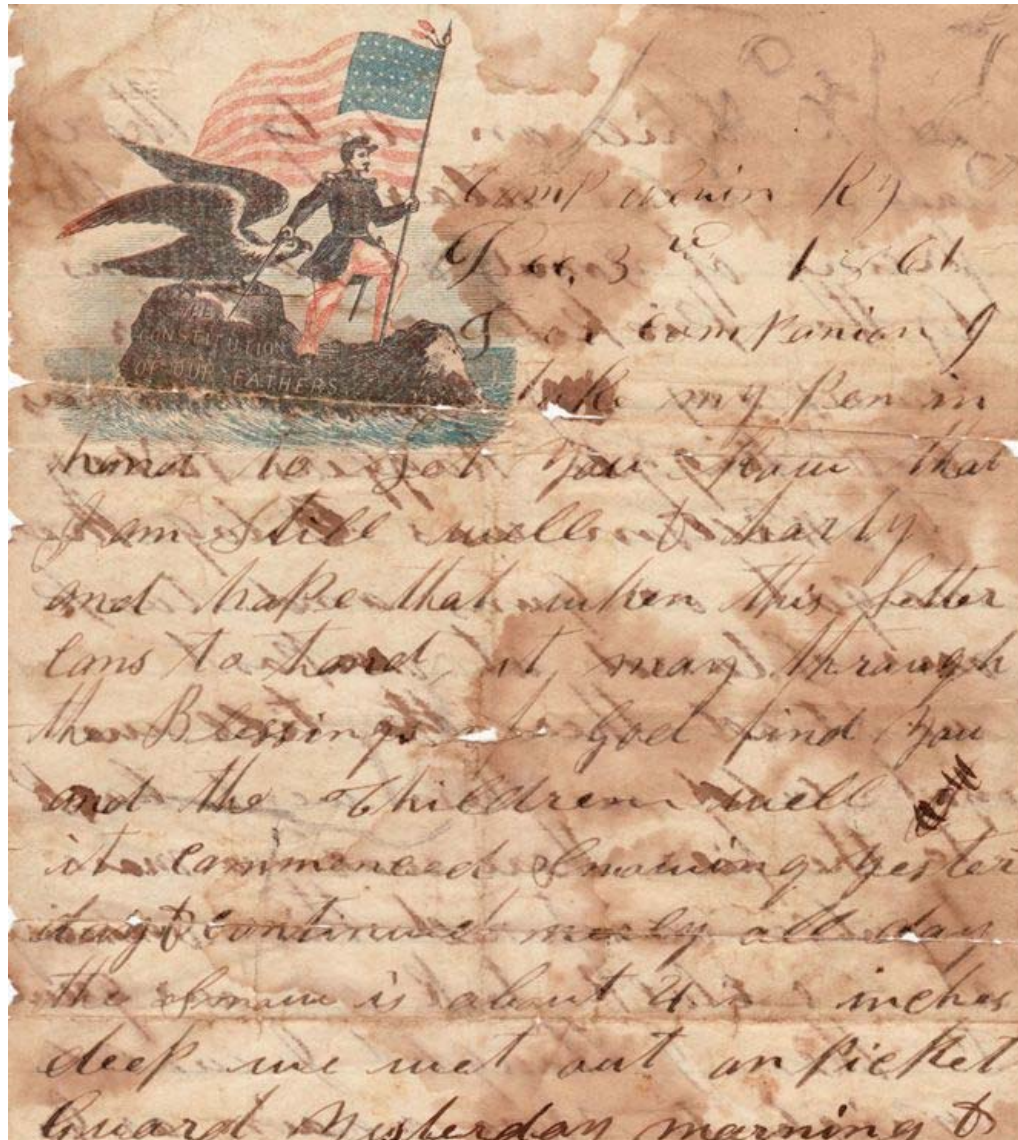
**Addressee:** Elizabeth Roberson Yates

Letter Home

**Location:** Camp Nevin; nine miles below Elizabethtown, Hardin Co., KY

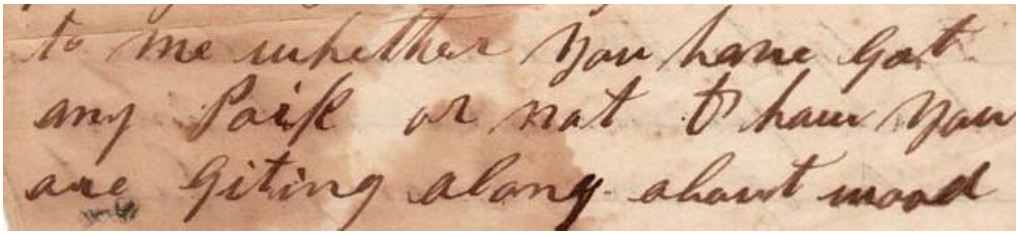
**Description/Summary:**

John is writing this letter in December 1861, a year that has already seen extraordinary things occur. He is writing to his "Good Companion" that he is well and hardy and explains that it has rained 4 inches and that he has been on picket duty. He is assuring her that she can rest contented as danger is far from his location. He tells her that he stood picket duty with 3 other guys and they rotated standing out in the cold rain with warming themselves next to a fire; he also explained that there was a false alarm during the night with the firing of 15-20 guns. He is asking her to write him continuously regardless if she has heard from him.



have just returned you can  
 rest contented as to the danger  
 that we are in as to that  
 Duty for there is no danger  
 here for we are not in 100  
 miles of any enemy last

night while on duty there  
 was a false alarm by the  
 firing of some 15 or 20 guns  
 by the pickets of another  
 company ~~was~~ of me Somers  
 Gott Higbee Haggers Riley  
 & Willson was ~~at~~ together  
 we got our guns and took  
 our stand at our post  
 we stood there ~~the~~ till we  
 got cold we then went back  
 to the pier there was no more  
 trouble we returned this morning  
 at 4 o'clock took our gear  
 & then I thought I would  
 write to you again as I  
 have rather you one letter  
 and put one in the others ways  
 for now I want you to write



to me whether you have got  
any pain or not to know you  
are getting along about wood

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