



Camp Springs Monday 15-1862

Dear Uncle and Aunt. it is with
pleasure that I sit down to write a few
lines to you to let you know that
I am in good health, and I hope this
letter will find you enjoying the same
blessing. it is a pleasant day but the
distant booming of the canon in the direct
ion of Maryland feels that it is not a
pleasant day there tonight we shall be apt to
know the result. we hear but little news
off round here. I saw an old soldier yester
day and had a long talk with him he said
the clerks guarding rebel property was
all sham that ^{it} was no such thing at all
that he was with him all through his
Campaign and that he never passed
a man without arresting him unless he
took oath of allegiance. there is a great
many in the hospital a few rods from
here. there is men there with both legs
off and with both arms off first they



lost them in A good cause. in the
 cause that the brave Washington County
^{regiment} sinks in if needs be. for we have
 few cowards here now and other one
 now and then. A Ben Reynolds we have
 here but they are scarce I tell you
 they had ought to be I think one of
^{our} men died in Philadelphia with the
 cholera morbus he was sick about two
 hours there was a man found where we
 got of the cars the next morning pinned
 to the ground with a bayonet through
 his forehead. A man in the Vermont
 11 was shot dead in A cornfield. the
 man is to be hung high before last
 A man was shot in the park with ^{three} balls
 killing him instantly. last night John
 Sherman A fellow that worked for
 Mr Henry Braymer and two others ^{with him}
^{were} shot at twice. down by the city last
 night I and Albike went down the river
 just dark about A mile but saw

nothing to scare us I thought after
we got back that we had been
a little careless though, as there
are a few ~~others~~ ^{this is speaking} cresses ~~is~~ around
there. Frances gets along harty so does
Chair. but perhaps you would
like to know about our rations
we live rather tough. but we shall
get along better after we get used
to it. if it dont turn out with
us as it did with the irishman's
horse. we had fresh beef today we
have so much bread so much meat
so much sugar rice beans coffee
soap and candles. we like our
officers first rate Captain
Wiley is with us he does not
feel above his men. it was
along ride for us down here
we came right along night and
day it is poor land down here

I would not give three cents
 an acre for it I had rather have
 your little pasture down where
 I cut grass seed than to have
 all the land. I have seen since
 we passed into Maryland its hard
 territory, you must write as soon as
 you get this and ask a great lot of
 questions I will answer them all. by
 the way take good care of them
 resisters we will be after them.

we all have enfield rifles they are
 going to ~~to~~ I would like to draw mine
 on old Jackson wouldnt he bouncl
 seem as though he would I have been
 around the Capitol once but didnt go
 in to see about that post office
 business but I must close excuse
 all mistakes. write soon give my
 love to all enquireing friends

So good bye

from your
 nephew

Henry Welch
 Good by

let our folks read this

write soon