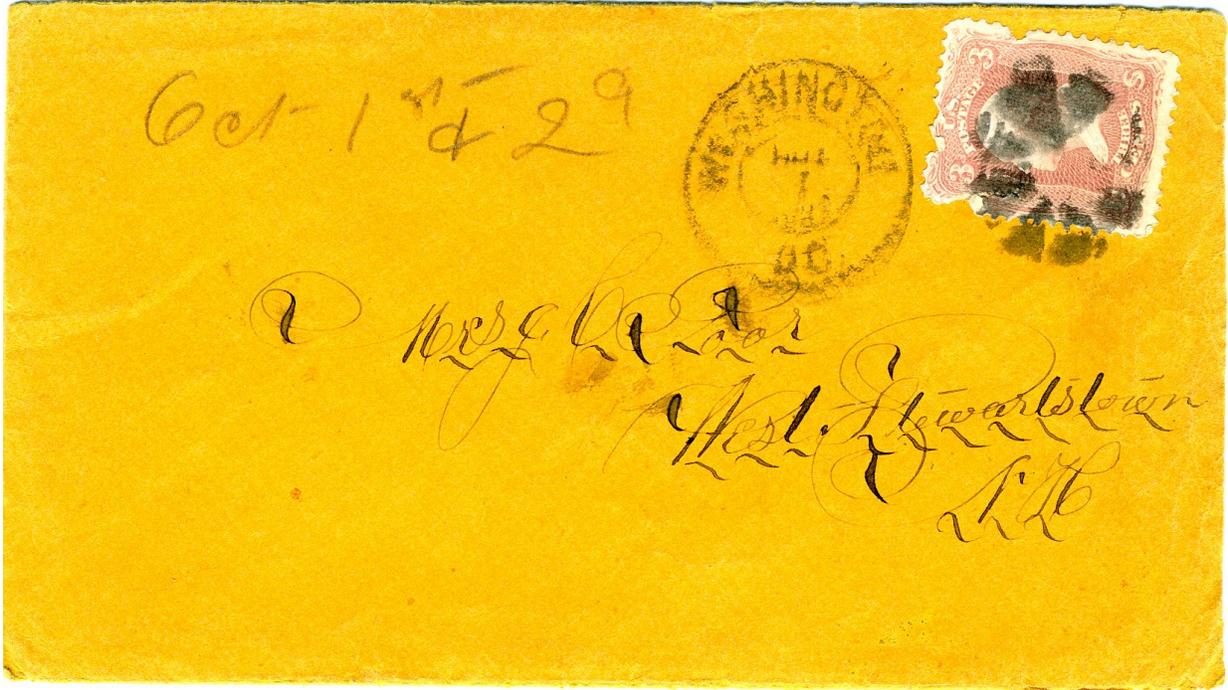


FROM: John Calvin Poore | Fort Gregg, VA | 1 Oct 1864
TO: Emma Poore | Mrs J C Poore | West Stewartstown, NH



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We are situated on land once owned
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FROM: John Calvin Poore | Fort Gregg, VA | 1 Oct 1864
TO: Emma Poore | Mrs J C Poore | West Stewartstown, NH

Dear Emma,

Once again I will write you in the hopes that it may bring me tidings from loved ones at home. I have not heard one word from home since I left - in fact, I have not staid in one place long enough to have one reach me. We broke camp at Concord on Wednesday 21st. Left, arrived in Washington 23d instant, on the 24d we marched to Fort Reno in the District of Columbia on 25 we again broke up and went to Reinforce Battery Smeade the 29th we again got orders to march at a moments notice and broke camp without a mouthful to eat, crossed the Potomac and stopped for the night at Fort Cochrane Yesterday morning 30 instant we again slung our knapsacks. Came here to Fort Gregg - how long we shall stay God only knows for they are pushing them to the front as fast as possible to hold what they got from the Rebs.

They are crowding everything to the front that can travel. They are fighting terribly now. Grant and Sheridan appear to be doing a good business although Sheridan got sadly repulsed the other day.

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We have fared rather hard since we left Concord, moving so often that our rations could not reach us before we would leave.

It has cost me from one dollar to one and a half per day for food since we left Concord. We had nothing excepting what we bought after leaving Battery Smeade until we got here and when our rations will get along I know not.

We are situated on land once owned by the famous General Lee, but taken by the United States and confiscated. We lay at the present writing in plain sight of his country residence and to view his vast domains and the destruction of the Union Army is sad indeed. His broad and once fertil acres are one vast ruin growing up to bushes, fences destroyed and three other forts in sight of us all built on his broad acres.

We have had a very hard time indeed since we left Concord, but I never was in better health in my life and the company as a general they are well. Only one man but what is able to do duty and he has got the fever and ague. This place is particularly noted for that disease.

Please remember me with much love all. Write soon please. I do not expect to remain here longer than to get fairly rested before direct to Washington.

Ever Yours,

Calvin

Please write if you received my letters and how you are getting along, how mother and the boys prosper, how Father is and all else you can think of. I sent some photographs by mail or ordered them to be sent. Have you seen any thing of them. Have my clothes got home. I left them to be carried to the express office the morning I left as I could not leave to go myself.

I must leave you for the present, but I will write again the first opportunity to write.

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