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## Letter from George W. Porter to Francis P. Porter

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What did I write to you last  
cut of that letter. You got the  
letter but it is too much & thick.

1862,

Bolivar Tenn, Aug. 24th.

Dear Sister:

As I have a leisure  
moment, I concluded to write you  
a few lines. When I last wrote I  
was yet unwell. But I am pleased  
to say that I am once more stout  
& hearty. I believe I have nothing  
of much importance to write. We  
are still lying here enjoying ourselves  
finely. Fruit, Melons, and Vegetables  
of almost every description are plenty.  
And (as the saying is) "We are living  
on the fat of the land". Some of our  
boys have just returned from a scout-  
ing excursion. They rode mules pass-  
ed themselves off for Licesh. And  
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this place yesterday. They say them-  
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Crowd in the Village. And they were all Citizens. Col. Leggett was  
over. He reports that two old Gray headed men made speeches for the  
Union (or rather in favor of it) and claimed that their only Sal-  
vation was to hold up for the Old Flag, and go <sup>their</sup> whole hearts for it.  
I suppose Esq. Sherrard is among you before this time. He will give you  
all news, for you know he never tires talking. I would have liked to see  
him. When he first went Home, I reckon they were not looking for him.  
What an agreeable surprise that would be. I wish I could surprise you in  
that way. But it is impossible. I will not get to see you before next Spring.  
I claim the war will be over by that time. I suppose I will never be  
permitted to see you again at the "old Homestead". I often think of the many  
pleasant hours spent together there. Oh! what glorious times those were. But  
Alas! War has visited our Land since then & broken many a family tie. I feel  
in good spirits. And expect to be spared to meet you all, in that new  
Western Home. You are all thinking of. There I expect to enjoy your Society  
as in time past. I want John to keep a sharp lookout & find what pays  
best. And he & I will pitch in when I return. I suppose Esq. give you all  
news as regards the way I carry on here. He is a good man. How are the  
girls getting along in that vicinity? Do any of them want to marry? Tell them  
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things when I return. keep an account  
of them. I think of nothing else I  
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from home. When we leave here it is  
hard to tell where we will go. I can  
get a trunk here. In fact I have  
now engaged of the Lutter, I will close  
for the present. Write soon. Give my  
love & best respects to Father, Mother,  
Sisters & Brothers. Reserve a goodly portion  
for yourself. Remember me kindly to  
Will & Polly. Tell them I would like to hear  
from them. Bill could make it pay here.  
I remain as ever your affectionate Brother  
Strict as before. Does for Will  
Lover with my  
new saddle. } G. A. Porter



Miss L. P. Porter  
Leoperville  
Muskingum County Ohio.





August 24, 1862

Addressed to Miss F.P. Porter

Hopewell, Muskingum County, Ohio

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G.W. Porter

Direct as before

Does Joe ride Lorrel with my new saddle?

What did Quadlock make out of that letter? You get the letter. Put it in the trunk & keep it.