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

George W. Porter

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Dear Sister Frank: I avail myself of This present opportunity, of acknowledge ing the receipt of your kind and wel come favor of The 9th. Inst. I had not heard from you for so long. I had concluded you had Laken The brong Evad, and instead of going to Ills, you had gone somewhere else, I was much pleased to learn of your safe hip. also of you all being so well pleased, and in such fine spirits, In fact. I know not how you could be otherwise than pleased, with a boun Try like that I hope Father well enjoy hunsely better Than while amongthat Let about Hochewell, I far one never want to see any of Thum, How does meda appear to be calisfied. She is a Splendia gol. I have not had a letter

from Father since you left this. I five times. Does Father intera going on Received one from John The sameday a Farm? I Think he had not better by Just I got yours. He said nothing about yer. However he knows more about This than losing Blackhawk. Where, When I how aid I do. I want him to have a nice little A happen? By whom were the sheep home near town if passible . I hope tothe Sent? I know withing about it's who do will keep in good cheer, I am glad you Think provide the Horse? I think He is so well pleased by getting away from your description of things. you are from this Dia he get things straightered fixed up pretty well, your table is a much pretty well before leaving? I hope gohn better one than I have been useing for will stay with Fallow, I recu, a note nearly a year. I would much rather from Bill Starkey a few days kince, you were in the Country, Real I think giving me gloster for showing that letter is pretty sleep, I think from the price you had better think I wrote him a keen of com, you can afford to keep nice er. I hope me may never be bothered with Horses, Lute a difference in frice from any of the name. I think They have about That of Ohio, I was much pleasen to played out. As for coming home this hear of you being to kindly received, winter I Think it will be rather douty I hope boutlins will remain friendly Sout flatter yourselves with my coming. I think well of Hickey. He has been over I intered to come if I can. I am much to see me I was to see him also. you app pleased with Those I lings showard brough ear to have plenty of Company. I suppose me, The Catre was good. I chindred is Hantrah is a young worman by this line. Among all my boys. And Lola them I suppose the Thomas & John are having Mother sent it to me, & number of

Laid they had eater Colus & Pies of her baking before and wished they Could See her coming to Camp as they once did. I hope you will have a pleasent visir among the friends as Bloomington. I hope Gran mother will come home with you, I would litre to see her so much. I hope to See you all soon. I hope by you all go to school that you will improve your lime, I find upor looking back to my Achool boy days. I might have improved my time much better. Try and impress it whom The minds of the show in partant is is that they while young Should inform every moment, when they are once launde our upon the great Ocean of life to carefor Munselves then as it will be to late. They will see The need of an education for This They much labor when attained we are in possissing of one of the greater carthy blefsings possily allainsh I will await arxively to heave full account of the bisir write immediately and give meal him dell the Childrenulle to be good Chiedren and obey Their Father & Mother. Be kind to ale with whom they may meet also to each other. My love to one and all kenumber me tridy to all priends. Please all write low I remain as ever your dincese Brother. Gh Porter.

November 18, 1862

LaGrange Tenn. Nov 18th 1862

Dear Sister Frank,

I avail myself of this pleasant opportunity of acknowledging the receipt of your kind and welcome favor of the 9th inst. I had not heard from you for so long I had concluded you had taken the wrong road and instead of going to Ills. you had gone somewhere else. I was much pleased to learn of your safe trip. Also of you all being so well pleased and in such fine spirits. In fact I know not how you could be otherwise than pleased with a country like that.

I hope father will enjoy himself better than while among that set about Hopewell. I forever never want to see any of them. How does Meda appear to be satisfied. She is a splendid girl. I have not had a letter from Father since you left Ohio. I received one from John the same day I got yours. He said nothing about losing Blackhawk. Where, when, and how did it happen? By whom were the sheep sent? I know nothing about it. Who do you think poisoned the horse? I think from your description of things you are fixed up pretty well. Your table is a much better one than I have been using for over a year, I would much rather you were in the country. Rent I think is pretty steep. I think from the price of corn, you can afford to keep nice horses. Quite a difference in price from that of Ohio.

I was much pleased to hear of your being so kindly received. I hope Conklins will remain friendly. I think well of Rickey. He has been over to see me. I was to see him also. You appear to have plenty of company. I suppose Hannah is a young woman by this time. I suppose Pete, Thomas, and John are having fine times.

Does Father intend going on a farm? I think he had not better by just yet. However, he knows more about this thing than I do. I want him to have a nice little home near town if possible. I hope Father will keep in good cheer. I am glad he is so well pleased by getting away from Ohio. Did he get things pretty well straightened before leaving? I hope John will stay with Father.

I recd a note from Bill Starkey a few days since giving me gloster(?) for showing that letter. You had better think I wrote him a \_\_\_\_\_. I hope that we may never be bothered by any of the name. I think they have about played out.

As for coming home this winter, I think it will be rather doubtful. Don't flatter yourselves with my coming. I intend to come if I can. I am much pleased with those things Sherrard brought me. The cake was good. I divide it among all my boys and told them Mother sent it to me. A number said they had eaten cakes and pies of her baking before and wished they could see her coming to camp as they once did. I hope you will have a pleasant visit among your friends at Bloomington. I hope Grandmother will come home with you. I would like to see her so much. I hope to see you all soon.

I hope that if you all go to school that you will improve your line. I find that upon looking back to my school boy days, I might have improved my time much better. Try and impress it on the minds of the children how important it is that they while young should improve every moment.

When they are once \_\_\_\_\_\_ out upon the great ocean of life, lo, care for themselves then as it will be too late. They will see the need for an education. For this they must labor. When attained we are in possession of the greatest earthly blessings possibly obtained.

I will wait anxiously for a full account of your visit. Write immediately after and give me all news. Tell the children all to be good children and obey their Father and Mother. Be kind to all with whom they may meet. Also to each other. My love to one and all. Remember me kindly to all friends. Please all write soon. I remain as ever your sincere brother.

G.W. Porter