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## Letter from Thomas S. Armstrong to Jacob G. Armstrong

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The letters come this in about 24 hours now. I do not think you have forgotten me. I will try to write often. I shall not forget to pray for myself. I have no doubt that when Father reads a chapter in the Holy Bible & kneels down with Mother and all the rest of the family around the family altar that prayers ascend to On high for the preservation of the absent Son & Bro. in the Army. And likely a Dear Brother in Heaven may look on the scene & possibly may visit the absent one while he lies down to sleep on his blanket with nothing but his Cent between him and the Rough Blast. I am glad you pray for me Bro "every night as regular as the night comes." I am sorry that so many of our neighbor's Sons are dying in the Army. Well man dies at home as well as in the Army. It is the lot of man to be mortal.

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I am glad the sheep are doing well and hope you may prosper in your business.

love to comfort our Dear Parents in the decline of life. Do all you can to make them comfortable. Never give way to anger as anger shortens life. Never abuse yourself & you will add length of days to thy many other Blessings. We have had some snow there has been some cold weather. I am glad Cousin Erno is likely to recover & I am glad that Cousin Spencer remembers you. Tell Mother to take that miniature of our departed Grand Mother and give a description of it & tell me of the likenesses good & what memories that face brings up and you write to me her exact words. I read your letter to the Norwich Boys. Capow Gays wife may take this letter to Ohio & in Mary's letter you will find a description of what I want by express. I will tell you what articles I want. I want a pair of heavy Double soled Boots my measure is in my War Drury in the Back part. I want "Jornini's Act of war" you can get it at Beer & Heurds Book Store Jamaica. Send me 20 lbs of Butter if you can get it for less than 20 cts per lb. Some paper Envelopes & Stamps



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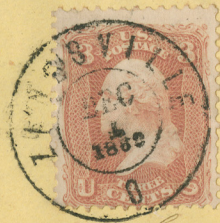
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I shall send you a sketch of Camp  
Jessie as it is called here after Mrs Fremont  
We can see right over into Maryland  
I want you to write soon & tell all the  
little things that go on at home &  
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From your Bro

Remember me  
to Miss Peck

J. Armstrong



Jacob G. Armstrong Esq.  
Norwich  
Muskingum County  
Ohio



Nov 3 received

November 26, 1862

Addressed to Jacob G. Armstrong, Esq.

Norwich, Muskingum County, Ohio

New Creek, Hampshire Co., Va.

November 26, 1862

Dear Brother,

Yours dated the 23d inst. and mailed the 24th was received the 25 and read with pleasure. I was exceedingly glad that you were all well. I am well. I am glad L.W.A. Sensibaugh had the accommodation to send you those letters and you read them. I am glad you saw the letter in the Courier. I have also seen it also. We get the Courier to read from Col. Ball.

Yes we have been kept moving from place to place. We are not very well posted on the moves of the U.S. Armies. But it is told that McCabe was told by Gen Milroy that Burnside had gotten into the rear of the Rebels & was 40 miles nearer to Richmond than they. I hope something will be done soon.

Father (Mother not exactly) Mary & Fla went to Quarterly Meeting yesterday & Rev. Gamble's wife along. Heary writes nearby all the time. His feet have given out nearly, but he is well.

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I don't get much news. I am acting 1st Lieutenant of Co. I. I am on good terms with the officers and men. I got my Bob boots mended today. They are all going fast, ripping & getting decrepit.

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From your bro.

T S Armstrong

Remember me to Miss Peck.