

1-29-1864

Letter from George W. Porter to Francis P. Porter

George W. Porter

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.owu.edu/harvey-letters>

 Part of the [Military History Commons](#), [Social History Commons](#), and the [United States History Commons](#)

Recommended Citation

Porter, George W., "Letter from George W. Porter to Francis P. Porter" (1864). *Harvey Collection Letters*. 188.
<https://digitalcommons.owu.edu/harvey-letters/188>

This Book is brought to you for free and open access by the Harvey Letters (All) at Digital Commons @ OWU. It has been accepted for inclusion in Harvey Collection Letters by an authorized administrator of Digital Commons @ OWU. For more information, please contact earutigl@owu.edu.

Head Quarters 3^d. Division

17th. Army Corps.

Vicksburg Miss. Jan. 29th. 1864.

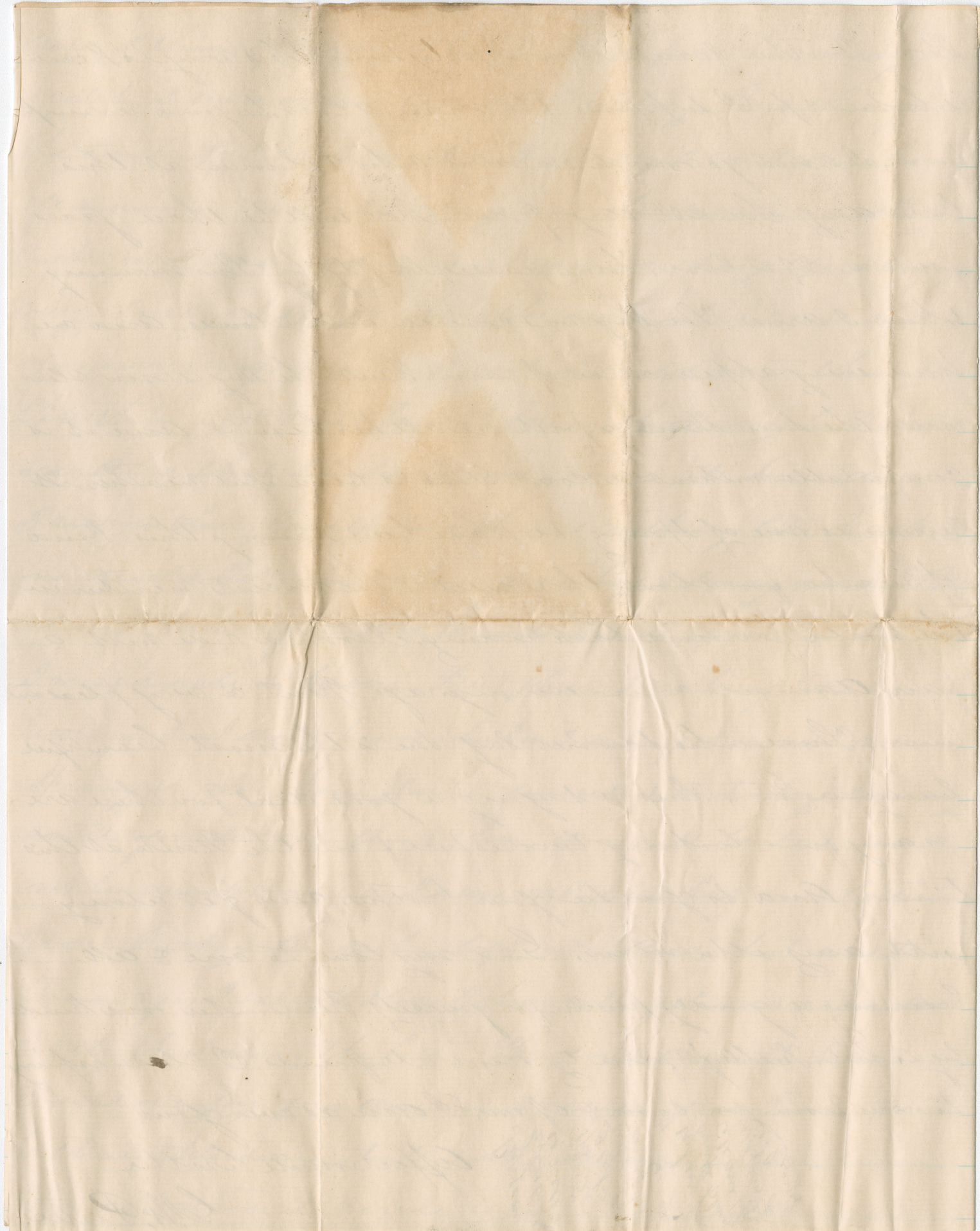
Dear Sister Frank,

Your kind letter bearing date Jan. 17th. is now before me, and I hasten to reply. I am glad to know that Father is well as usual. For I was very uneasy about him. I hope his health will continue good. This is one of the greatest blessings that man is permitted to enjoy upon earth. We have not got off on our expedition yet. But are expecting orders every hour. I have written home two or three times this week. I expect you will get time reading letters from me. For fact I have nothing of interest to write. It pleases me to know that you are enjoying yourselves so finely. Wouldn't I enjoy sleighing? I rather guess I would. It appears that you like Ills. better than when I saw you. I like it very well. But don't know where I will settle after the war is over. I may come south. I wish I could see you & talk to you face to face again. This is a much more pleasant climate, than that of the North.

and I think this will be the place for obtaining
wealth. I don't mean here at Wicksburg. But throughout
the South. If I had 10000\$ to start on, I could in two
years time (commencing now) be independantly
rich. Just raising cotton. I am watching these things
very closely. I expect when the town folks come out
you have a "gay time". I wish I could meet them there.
Tell them if I can't be with them, that my best wishes
are, and that I hope to meet them all some day.
I reckon that Gog thinks there is nothing like Dask &
his ducks. Tell him to be a good boy & study hard. Will
also. I think you "Old maids" are to be pitied. Oh! how
I would hate to be one. But there is nothing like con-
tinent. I don't know whether I will get home next
Spring or not. Don't flatter yourselves with my coming
until you see me. And then you will be here, and
not be disappointed. I have not had but one letter
from Pichey since he left here. And that was some
time ago. I expect Old John will get married, and
likely the sooner the better. He don't amount to much.
I would enjoy your dinner. I assure you. But can't
be there this time. Will call at some future time.
That Spiritual Circle turned out as I thought.

Poor Brother Jones. How I pity him. His way to heaven
is broken up. I suppose the man is lost, beyond redemption.
I don't go much on men who volunteer at this
late day. The 26th day of next Nov. will be three years
for me. If I live, time passes swiftly by. This morning
when I arose, the sky was covered with clouds, and we
had every appearance of rain. But the sky is now clear
and the sun shining forth in all her beauty, and it is
comfortable without a coat. This is beautiful weather. It
reminds me of Spring. We have been having this kind
of weather for about three weeks. The nicest weather in
the world for horseback riding. I took a ride with a
fair amount a few evenings ago. Spent a very pleasant
time. Those who saw her say she is the most beautiful
lady in V-. This is saying a good deal. For there are
many fine looking ladies here from the North, at this
time. And so you see your brother can get along
with "any other man". Give my love to one & all.
Reserving a goodly portion for yourself. Remember me kind-
ly to Col. Kelley's family, and all friends. I close hoping
to hear from you soon & often. I am as ever your
Affectionate brother
C. M. Porter.

When you
write show
tell me how
the family
is getting
along
I will
write you
soon
I will
write you
soon
I will
write you
soon



JAN
30
1864
MISS



Miss F. P. Porter
Clinton

West Co. }

D. W. S.

Francis
J. M. M.

January 29, 1864

Addressed to Miss Frank P. Porter

Clinton, Dewitt County, Illinois

Head Quarters 3d Division

17th Army Corps

Vicksburg, Miss January 29, 1864

Dear Sister Frank,

Your kind letter bearing date Jan 17th is now before me and I hasten to reply. I am glad to hear that Father is well as usual for I was very uneasy about him. I hope his health will continue good. This is one of the greatest blessings that man is permitted to enjoy upon earth. We have not got off on our expedition yet, but are expecting orders every hour. I have written home two or three times this week. I expect you will get tired reading letters from me. In fact, I have nothing of interest to write. It pleases me to know that you are enjoying yourselves so finely. Wouldn't I enjoy sleighing? I rather guess I would. It appears that you like Ills. better than when I saw you. I like it very well. But don't know where I will settle after the war is over. I may come south. I wish I could see you and talk to you face to face again. This is a much more pleasant climate than that of the North and I think this will be the place for obtaining health. I don't mean here at Vicksburg but throughout the South.

If I had 10,000\$ to start on, I could in two years time (commencing now) be independently rich, just raising cotton. I am watching these things very closely. I expect that when the town folks come out, you have a gay time. I wish I could meet them there. Tell them if I can't be with them, my best wishes are and that I hope to meet them all some day. I reckon that Josy thinks there is nothing like Dash & his ducks. Tell him to be a good boy and study hard. Will also. I think you "old maids" are to be _____. Oh how I would hate to be one. But there is nothing like contentment.

I don't know whether I will get home next spring or not. Don't flatter yourselves with my coming until you see me and then you will be sure and not disappointed. I have not had but one letter from Riley since he left here and that was some time ago. I expect old John will get married and likely the sooner the better. He don't amount to much. I would enjoy your dinner I assure you. But can't be there this time, will call at some other time.

That spiritual circle turned out as I thought. Poor Brother Jones. How I pity him. His way to heaven is broken up. I suppose the man is last before a redemption. I don't _____ much of men who volunteer at this late day. The 26th day of next Nov will be three years from me. If I live, time passes swiftly by.

This morning when I arose the sky was covered with clouds and we had the appearance of rain. But the sky is now clear and the sun shining forth in all her beauty and it is comfortable without

a coat. This is beautiful weather. It reminds me of spring. We have been having this kind of weather for about three weeks. The nicest weather in the world for horseback riding. I took a ride with a fair damsel a few evenings ago. Spent a very pleasant time. Those who know her say she is the most beautiful lady in Vicksburg. This is saying a good deal for there are many fine looking ladies here from the North at this time. And so you see your brother can get along with "any other man."

Give my love to one and all, reserving a goodly portion for yourself. Remember me kindly to Col. Kelly's family and all friends. I close hoping to hear from you soon & often. I am ever your affectionate brother,

G.W. Porter

Surgeon Goodbrake is well and in fine spirits. I like him so much.

George

When you write, always tell me how his family is.

George