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Letter from George W. Porter to Francis P. Porter

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Head Quarters 3rd Div. 17th A.C.
Ackworth Georgia June 9th 1864.

Dear Sister Frank,

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much pleasure, I assure you. For I love to hear from home,
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just right. I hope all Copperheads will meet the same fate.
I well remember the last letter I wrote you. Little did I
think of Father getting it. But I don't know that it makes
any material difference. For he would must know all
sooner or later. I suppose our folks all know it. John men-
tioned it in his letter. What does Mother say? I will answer
John's letter soon. I suppose Aunt Esther will call to see you,
and probably enquire after me. If she does, just tell her, I
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I remain

Your affectionate brother,
C. W. Porter.

P.S. Please pay particular attention to the direction of your
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Address Lieut. C. W. Porter A.D.C. 3^d Div. 17th A.C.

McPherson's Army, Georgia.

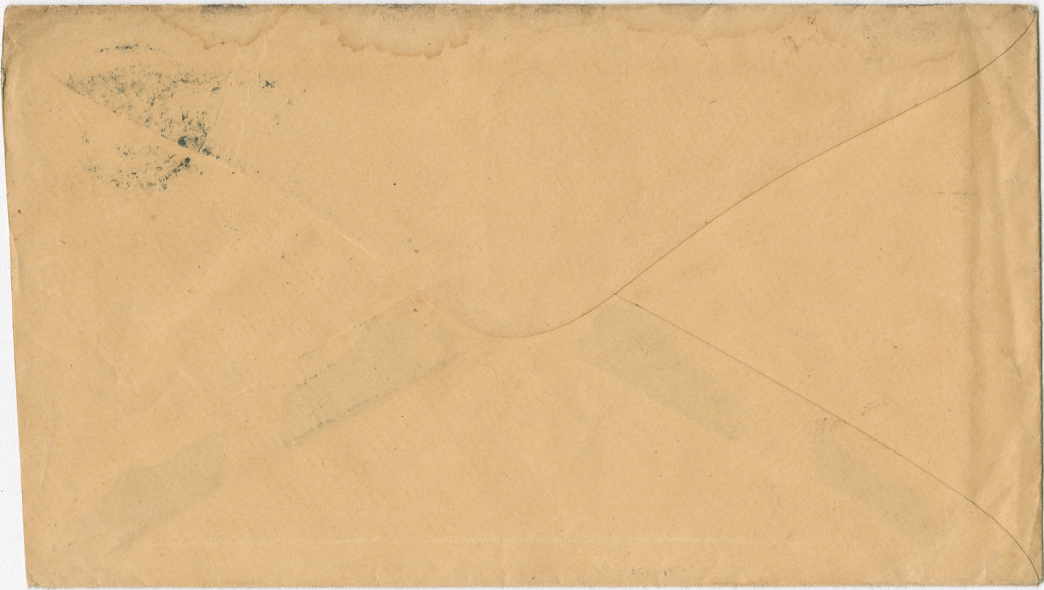


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Miss F. P. Foster
Clinton
Ills.

De Witt Co. }



June 9, 1864

Addressed to Miss F.P. Porter

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