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Winchester Virginia
For Feb 5-8 1863 Deas Die I find myself compelled to wrete lo you as Precerved your letter This Evening geff mc millen the Orderly Leigh Brought on up He always Bruys Co I's mad upto us. I am well and hearly. Hevertly has first sounder of here ofthe him o clock Pell, On the Evening of the 3 rd we got That Box of or Barrel or 2 Barrels of 2 8 lbs of Butter 15 cts per bb /2 Bus Down peuches 2 pansfull of Kakers Cakes, made By hother & presume the are feasting on Hard Lack" and Butter le are Doing finely Sunt. Black is really a first class fellow He is a Jolly good hearter fellow I honors the position he holers I am Shrely on Saches most of

the time now Then was a flay of truce from Col f. D. Imboden Rochel, to Sen milron you will See the acct in the Pakers soon, It was in The Ballmon American This morning, Best do lake gut an onle est mojour welfar in reference to your peck, mon prch, most peck or miss Bushel Des you need a peck measure. lo measur your outs and and other things very resepul in this life O That famous oven fell in and is spoiled Hornce we will have to get our feet cleaned some other way than by treading in The Dough we will have to was he them in the old way. I saw a little in the Commercion to Day from the 76 O. V.J. They were Arkunsus Past Battle Lound Col Wm B Woods was wounded, Capen Lorner & was Killed of be CA

I finagen Thus I see father for my up those Box 20 of grow at Norwich. Deel you wer tramp Dough for Exercise. They were Started fun 30 & recd Feb. 3 Making The bup in 34-30 = 4 days aint That quick all was safe ? got everything in good weller 28 bbs Butter at 15 ets \$ \$4.20 2 Pecks Brackes (Dous) \$ 1,00 2 pars Light cakes \$ 100 3 apper 5.20
Freight 1.00
Tolue Cost # 6.20

The rist of Flo Boys an well pleas to Tell Those who worth to pre pay Express charges My clothen Begins to look That has not cost our much for clothes Lell man to See her France & and

Me I want hun to de well By har & give her a position in the Lanesville Te hools for the well mak a gain Leacher John Porte is going to mou into The country But his P.Office address is Clinton Dewith Co Allinois. I live in Expec Tours lett how Soon Bus On the second of Fish & got a luh x washboard & went into our cook House Well Caldwell had water has I put in all my socks thirts & trawers but what I have on I washer there I resised there out put there in The End wate then hung them up in the lent to by ment Day I gas to work and darned & Docks which were how thou Righteons Itell you Ichiel A up the col came are while Iwas at work & he toles me he would Lend me his do clar Idamed nearly all the your mother Lend me In low to all Ony love to see

February 5, 1863

Winchester Virginia

Feb 5th 1863

Dear Bro

I find myself compelled to write to you as I received your letter this evening. Jeff McMillen the Orderly Sergt brought it up. He always brings Co. I's mail up to us. I am well & hearty. Tattoo has just sounded of _____ hence after nine o'clock P.M.

On the evening of the 3rd we got that box of or barrel or 2 barrels of 28 lbs of butter 15 cts per lb, _____ peaches, 2 pans full of crackers, cakes, made by mother. I presume we are feasting on "hard tack" and butter. We are doing finely. Lt Black is really a first class fellow. He is a jolly, good hearted fellow and honors the position he holds.

I am studying tactics most of the time now. There was a flag of truce from Col J.D. Imboden, Rebel, to Gen Milroy. You will see the acct in the Papers soon. It was in the Baltimore American this morning.

Yes I do take quite an interest in your welfare. In reference to your peck, more peck, most peck, or Miss Bushel, Yes you need a peck measure to measure your oats and other things very useful in this life.

O that famous oven fell in and is spoiled. Hence we will have to get our feet cleaned some other way than by treading through the dough. We will have to wash them in the old way.

I saw a letter in the Commercial today from the 76 O.V.I They were at Arkansas Past Battle. Lieut Col Wm B Woods was wounded. Capn Lement was killed of Co. A.

I imagine thus. I see father fixing up those boxes of goods at Norwich. Did you ever tramp dough for exercise. They were started Jan 30 & recd Feb 3 making the trip in 34 - 30 = 4 days. Ain't that quick all was safe. I got everything in good order.

28 lbs butter at 15 cts \$4.20

2 pecks peaches (dried) \$1.00

2 pans light cakes \$0.00

3 apples \$0.00

\$5.20

Freight \$1.00

Total cost \$6.20

The rest of the boys are well pleased. Tell those who want to write to prepay express charges. My clothing begins to look shabby. It hadn't cost me much for clothes. Tell Mary to see Mr. Framer & tell him he did well for me. I want him to do well by her & give her a position in the Zanesville schools for she will make a good teacher.

John Porter is going to move into the country but his P. Office address is Clinton DeWitt Co. Illinois. I live in expectation of seeing you soon. But I cannot tell how soon.

On the second of Feb, I got a tub & washboard & went into our cook house. Well Caldwell has water hot. I put in all by socks, shirts, drawers but what I had on and washed them & rinsed them out put them in the 2nd water then hung them up in the tent to dry; next day I got to work & darned 8 socks which were more holy than righteous. I tell you I did it up. The Col came over as I was at work & he told me he would send me his to darn. I darned nearly all the yarn mother sent me.

I am well. Good Bye.

My love to all

T.S. Armstrong