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I can get my like mess taken here
on a plate and can send it
in an envelope

Camp near Winchester Va.

Mon. March 16th A.D. 1863

Dear Brother Jacob

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the 11th on the 15th postmarked the 12th. Making the trip
in 3 days. I had almost come to the conclusion
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you since Stephen Van Kirk came & he came the 20th
of last month. I was very glad to hear from you &
to hear that you are well tho' you did not say whether the
rest of the family were well or not. I took it for granted
that you were all well or you would have spoken of it.
I am glad you got the money I sent home and "all right side
up with care" I didn't suppose that you ever got Strapt
Sheep Merchants, who sell ewes & buck lambs for
\$50. apiece. I am glad the sheep business is good.
I should like to ^{have} been at Car's church at the series of meetings also
at the oyster supper at "The Union". I understand that
Lu. and Chloe are to be married. What is the report and
surmising I should like to be at the "Union Meeting"
at Norwich where the Peace Democrats will be completely
used up

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2 mo's ago & now musted 27 men! I don't
know how long the Rebels may stand it yet
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Gen. Elliott. I don't know how many men
we have but we have 4 Infantry Regts the 110
116 122 & 123, three Cavalry Regts the 1st
New York 12 & 13 Pa Regts and Carlins Battery
of 6 pieces of strong Brigade you see Ohio
furnishes the Infantry. We will undoubtedly
see service before long. But I understand that
the 87 Penn. & 12 Va Regts have to move they are here
us) to give room for the (new) Ohio Regts & the
place as if we were to stay here and hold the
place. This place is designed to hold or pro-
tect the Ball's & Ohio R.R. Gen. Milroy is
a Major General now I send you some pic-
tures of him & others don't you think Gen.
Lee is a noble looking man. I do he
looks like some of the Revolutionary
Heroes. Do you ever get to see any of my
letters in the Courier if so you may see
a description of Gen. Saml. Morgans grave
in Gascon. Winchester. Just you find out
his picture in your Revolution ary Book by
Benson & Cassing you will find what he
did in the Revolution. Just get it and
post yourself and it will pay the trou-
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disagreeable We had a sick boy in our
tent he was brought in from Co 1 he has a
slight attack of Typhoid fever We sent him
to the hospital at Winchester this morning
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in the tents. yesterday at 11 o'clock left
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the 78 & it makes 5 + 7 = 12 months & 5 days
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service well I think he ought to give
me the mother a Pension just for being
the mother of such a son. Well some
of the boys say that the officers go for the money
but I can truly say that when I did go in
the last time, had to study a while because I
had been just discharged from the service
when before I had been a private then a
corporal then a sergeant & now I hold
a commission as a lieutenant whether
there were not many things to cause me to
think that perhaps I would be more an expense
to the government than a help but thank
God I have been of some account
the officers look upon me as a young man
of reliable character. My thanks a great
deal of Genl Black and myself
Sergeant Black stands high in
the eyes of the Regimental Command
and is an energetic fellow with a
true Irish independence & business like
are that makes him a good officer
He is always going to be and I bank
together.

My health is pretty good I weigh over
150 lbs. The other day We have rather
easy times nothing very hard to
do Drill a little. Did Father
see Captn Gary 2. Why do
not you write me what Abram
& Matilda write you
Tell them I should like
to hear from them soon I
send you a picture of Melroy
with my coloring you may give
the other Melroy to Chloe &
Lizspitt for her Album
& tell her I make her a present
of it Well you must
write soon if this gets to you
before you send your Box send me
Leassings History of White States
My love to Father Mother &
all the rest. I will write
to you soon. When you get the
letters I write in the Courier just
take care of them or past them
in a Book prepared for them
my love to all

Your Bro

J S Armstrong



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Norwich,
Muskingum Co.,
Ohio



March 16, 1863

Addressed to J.G. Armstrong

Norwich, Muskingum County, Ohio

Camp near Winchester Va.

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Do you ever get to see any of my letters in the Courier? If so, you may see a description of Gen Daniel Morgan's grave in eastern Winchester. Just you hunt out his picture in the Revolution any book by Benson J. Leassing you will find what he did in the Revolution. Just get it and _____ yourself and it will pay the trouble.

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My love to Father, Mother & all the rest. I will write to you soon. When you get the letters I write in the Courier just take care of them and paste them in a book prepared for them.

My love to all.

Your Bro.

T S Armstrong