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Within these letters from PVT Ichabod Quinn of Wolfscrape to his wife Sarah Green Quinn in Wolfscrape while attached to NC Troops, 51st North Carolina Infantry, Company C. affectionate died on June 27th, about two weeks after writing last letter to Sally.

March 5th 1862

My Dear wife,

I seat myself to drop you a few lines to inform you that I am well siting on my butt writing, hoping this may find you and the family the same.

Our fate is very hard, lying on the floor without anything to lie upon, or to cover with, but we shall come to our own soon.

I want you to carry on the farm as well as you can, Tom must run one plow any how and furrow if he can. You must sell some bacon and buy what ever you want. Tom must carry his plows to George Best and have them repaired.

Sarah, I am enjoying my self as well as I can expect, you must not greave after me for I am determined to be to my post as long as I am able and then I must give up bacon worth thirty five cents a pound you must let your hireling have it at what the people sale for up there.

Yours truly Ichabod Quinn

March the 22 1862 Wilmington N C

Dear wife I seat myself this morning to drop you a few lines which leaves me well enjoying myself as well as I could expect, hoping this may reach you and family the same.

We are quartered in Wilmington and I suppose we will remain here until we are drilled. I want you to plant my old field corn as soon as you get the land prepared have the slips bedded and bed all the yams and negrobusters, and plant the rest and get five bushel from Mrs Southerland, and more if you need them.



We have good quarters hear as we could ask for. I want you to write as soon as you get this. I will close my letter by subscribing name your ever sincere and affectionate husband.

I Quinn.

John is well and well satisfied you must send your respects to him and send me all the news.

Yours truly Ichabod Quinn

Wilmington N C April the 8 1862

Dear wife It is with pleasure I seat myself to inform you I am well enjoying myself very well hoping this may reach you and family enjoying the same portion of God's blessing. We have moved from the dry pond in camp near the railroad, we have good tents to stay in, I have good bunks mates, their names are:

L K Mathis David Turner Joseph Whitfield James Jones F M Garner E Fussel

I have nothing of importance to write to you. This time we have a hi old time hearing they will give our company only about half rations, we detailed 20 men and went into town and told the quarter master if he would not give in to us we would take it and forked it over the Capt & Lt are trying to get us up to Raleigh. I think we will leave this place in a few days for Raleigh where we can have some accommodation, get our bounty and uniform without fitting for it our company are all anxious to go.

I received your kind and affectionate letter Monday the 7 which gives me much gratification and consolation to hear from you and hear you were all well and to



hear you were getting along so well with your farm. I will come home as soon as I can.

Capt Allen said he would give me a furlo next week. I want you to have the corn planted round the house as soon as you can get the manure hauled out enough to cover it.

Your ever sincere and affectionate husband, I Quinn

Duplin county N C April the 10th 1862

Dearest husband I take the pleasure of writing a few lies to you to inform you that I am well and all of the rest. Only Leonidas, his eye it is very bad. The girls came up to see me last week and old and Carter. i wish you cold have been here to a seen them. I heard that Amos was home and was very sick, but the old Yankees haven't taken Swansboro yet. My old field corn is coming up very nice. I have bedded the slips and now they are cutting the logs they haven't done hauling yet, yet but they have been very smart since you have been gone. The old mare and her little filly is a getting along very well. It is a yellow horse with a black main and black feet. Nursey (Narcissa Quinn) Jones and her family are well. I have not heard from Ivey Andrews and his family yet. I have nothing of any importance to write to you

Only Yours, Truly and affectionately wife until death,

Sarah G Quinn

Oh, there is something else that I forgot. I will get Mr Jones to write for me. I want you to write to me as soon as you can. The girls say they were very sorry that they were gown when you was here. They give their respects to you.

I want you to write to me and let me know when you can come home. Mr Jones says he has paid Amos Quinn Jones for you and he paid six dollars and eighteen cents the price of your Jury Tickets. For three dollars and Three cents he says you give him six dollars and twenty five cents in money. He has give me back three dollars and the receipt and says he will give me the rest soon.

Sarah G Quinn



April the 23 1862 Wilmington N C

Dear wife after my respects to you and family, I set myself to inform you I am well enjoying myself very well in camp, hoping this may reach you and family the same I have nothing to write to you. it is rumored in camp we are going to move in a few days four miles from here we have not got our arms. It has been rumored here that the Yankees have Sixty Steamers insight of Fort Caswell.

I want you to hire somebody to help you plant your corn. I cant tell you when I can come home there are so many going home, I should be glad to see you and all the family. I want you to write soon and tell me how you are getting along with your business.

The Yankees are in Onslow county plundering and taking all the negroes they can get and every thing else they can find. They went to Colonel Sanders and made his negroes tie him and paddle him and carried of all of his negroes and many others. I must close my letter your ever sincere and affectionate husband Ichabod Quinn

Camp Davis May the 27th 1862

Dear Wife

I avail myself this evening to inform you I am well at this time, hoping this may reach you and family enjoying the same portion of Gods blessings. I have a little news our men have whipped the Yankees in western Virginia and captured for thousand. We have aright strong force around Wilmington if we had fifteen thousand, we could hold it against fifty thousand. There is a heap of sickness in camp. Simeon is very sick with the measles and James Jones is sick with the measles but is better.

I want you to write how my crop looks and how you are getting along with the plowing. Tell Tom to plant his peas as soon as he can and feed the horses what they will eat and attend to my hogs and save the pigs if any. Tell Miss Elisabeth I am under many obligations to her and will speak a good word to Mr. W B Bowdon. If I



weren't afraid I should intrude on good feelings, give my respect to all enquiring friends.

Ichabod Quinn

Camp Davis
June the 1st, 1862

Dear Wife,

It is with pleasure I enclose my pen in hand to inform you that I am well and very well hoping this will reach you and family enjoying the same portion of God's blessing. There is a great deal of sickness in camp, but thank God I have been blessed with good health and strength and in good spirits enjoying myself as well as any man in camp.

I received a letter from your sister. Sister Betty and I was much gratified after reading her polite letter to hear father and that all the family is well and doing well. I wrote two letters before I received any answer. Sarah you know I was glad when I saw the letter for the simple reason I think more of your father than any man on earth. I would do more for him than anyone on earth.

I want you to write to me and your father & sisters every week, as long as we live. Brother Joseph & brother are both in service and Henry Judge, his father brought him down ten days ago. Poor little fellow is very much dissatisfied he came to see me today and I tried to console and cheer the broken heart boy as much as I could and told him he must come to see me as often as he could.

Yours affectionately, I Quinn

Wilmington N C June 10th 1862

Dear brother (Frank Quinn) I enclose my pen in hand to inform you I am ell at present hoping this may reach you and family all enjoying the same portion of Gods blessing. Brother I have no news to write to you interesting more than my health is very good and has been ever sense I have been in service. Brother I am well satisfied with my company and officers and I am on guard today in Wilmington & shall



remain here until Sunday. Brother I am one that does my part in camp. I have missed you since I have been service. Brother we are giving the Yankees fits at Richmond, but I fear they will be too hard for it. I want you to write to me as soon as you get this. Brother I have not paid you the five dollars I borrowed of you but I will do that for certain. Brother I want you to write how my family is getting along and how my farm looks. I must close. Your ever sincere and affectionate brother until death.

I Quinn

Wilmington June 11th 1862

Dear wife I take pleasure in writing to you this which will inform you that I receive your polite note of the 6th which found me very well indeed hoping this will reach you and family all well.

I am well satisfied and getting along very well with the crop. I have no news to send you. Our men are still holding their position in Richmond. They have gained four thousand soldiers going to Richmond.

There is a great deal of sickness in camp at this time. I am in Wilmington at this time on guard duty and shall remain until Sunday. I saw Mr D. Swinson yesterday and I sent you some paper and an almanac by him. I am sorry to hear my little son is poorly in such bad health, you must give him some warm candy and pills.

You wrote my hogs were about to die, please don't let them perish, let them go in the patch, make a gap and let them go in and out and give them colewort leaves and all the slops meat is very high. Bacon is 25¢ per pound, beef 20, mutton 30 to 35, pork 20 to 25 per pound I hope that I get the chance to come home after awhile but I cant tell when their has ten or fifteen men have run away and gone home. If I have to runaway to come, it will be sometime before I come, I am all right and I am going to try to keep so as long as I am in service.

Yours truly, I Quinn



Footnotes:

- Ichabod Quinn died at home on June 27th, 1862, about two weeks after writing this letter.
- His Brother is Watson Franklin Quinn or simply Frank Frank was with the NC 1st Cavalry at Sharpsburg (Antietam) and discharged February 22, 1863 By reason of disability and sent to Hospitals in Richmond.
- Buried in the Best-Quinn cemetery.
- Nursey (Narcissa Quinn) Jones was married to her first cousin Kinsey Jones, son of David Jones and Zilpha (Quinn) Jones. David was a son of Ruel Bright Jones.
- Letters are from Sally G. Quinn Papers 1850 (1860-1864) 1927 at https://altchive.org/node/281



Transcribed Epitet **CAMP LAMB, NEAR WILMINGTON**, July 30th, 1862.

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Resolved 3d, Though the Company deeply lament and deplore the death of brother Quinn we have to bow in humble submission to the will of God, and meekly bear the burden which has been placed upon us.

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