

Within these letters from **PVT Ichabod Quinn** of Wolfscrape to his wife **Sarah "Sallie" Quinn** in Wolfscrape while attached to NC Troops, 51st North Carolina Infantry, Company C. Ichabod Quinn died on June 27th, about two weeks after writings last letter to Sally. I re-imagine the first letter and then the original transcriptions are offered.

March 5th 1862

My dear wife I seat myself to drop upon a few lines to inform you that I am well sitting on my butt writing and hoping this may find you well and the family the same our fear is very hard lying on the floor with without anything to lay upon or to cover with but we shall come to our son 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 he must sell som some bacon and buy whatever you want. Tom must carry his plows to George Best and have them repaired. Sarah I am enjoying myself as well I can. I expect you must not grieve after me for I am determined to be at my post as long as I am able and then I must give up bacon that is worth thirty five cents a pound you must let your hireling have it at what the people sell if for up there.

Yours truly, Ichabod Quinn

ORIGINAL TRANSCRIPTIONS

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Yours truly
Ichabod Quinn

March the 22 1862 Wilmington N C

Dear wife I seat my Self this morning to drop you afew lines which leaves me well enjoying my self as well as I could expted hoping this may reach you and family the same we are quartered in wilmington and I Suppose we will remain hear until we are drilled I want you to plant my old

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field corn as soon as you get the land prepared have the Slips beded 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 son as you get this. I will close my letter by subscribing name your ever sincer and affectionate husband
I Quinn

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John is well and well Satisfied you must send your respects to him and send me all the nuse
youre truly
Ichabod Quinn

Wilmington N C

April the 8 1862

Dear wife It is with pleasure I Seat my self to inform you I am well enjoying myself verry 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

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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 hear they woant
give our company only about half rashings we detailed 20 men and went in town and told the
quarter master if he would not give

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in to us we would take it and forked it over the Capt & Liet are trying to get us up to raleigh I
think we will leave this place in afew days for Raleigh where we can have some
accommodation get our bounty and uniform without fiting for it our company are all anscious
to go I received your kind and affectionate letter
Monday the 7 which give

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which give me much grattification and consolation to har from you and haer 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 Alien said he

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Would give me afurlow next week I want you to have the corn planted round the house as soon
as you can get the manaured hauled out enough to cover it your ever sincere and affecionate
husband I Quinn

Footnotes:

Capt. William A. Allen of Co. C, 51st NC Inf.

Duplin county N C

April the 10th 1862

dearest husband i take the pleasure of riting afew lies to you to inform you that iam well and all of the rest onely leonidus his eye it is verry bad the girls came up to see me last weak and old and arter i wish you cold abin hear to a seen them I heard that amus was home and was verry Sick but the old yankes hant tuck Swans burrow yet my old feald corn is acoming up vrry nise I have beded the slipes and now tha ar cutting the loges tha ant dun halling yet but tha have ben vrry smart sense you have been gaun the old mare and her little Selum is ageting along verry well it is a yallow horse with a black main and black feet nurcy Jones and her famely is well ihant heard from ivey anders and his famil yet I have nothing of eny importice to rit to you onely yours truly and afectinated wife un tel deth

Sarah G Quinn

O tha is sum thing else that ifor got iwill get Mr Jones to rite for mee I want you to rite to mee as soon as you can

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the girls ses that tha was very sorra tha[t] tha was gown when you was thear but giv thare respects to you i want you to rite to me when you can come home Mr Jones ses he has paid Amos Quinn Jones for you he paid Six dollars and Eighteen cents he pass of your Jury Tickets for three dollars and Three cents his ses you give him Six dollars and Twenty five cents in money he has give me back three dollars and The Receipt and ses he will give me the Rest soon

Sarah G Quinn

April th 23 1862
Wilmington N C

Dear wife after my respects to you and family I set my self to inform you I am well enjoying my Self verry 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 afiew days four miles from hear we have not got our arnes it

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has been rumored hear that the yankees have Sixty Steamers insight of fourt caswell I want you to hire some body to help you plant your corn I cant tell you when I can come home there is so many going home I should bee glad to se you and all the family I want you to write soon and tell me how you are getting along with your

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business the yankees are in onsalow county plundering and taking all the negres they can get and every thing els they can find they went to Colonel Sanders and maid 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 th 27 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 nuse our men have whiped the yankees in western verginia and captured for thousand

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we have a right 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 verry 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 [

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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 want afraid I should intrude on good feelings give my respect to all enquiring friends Ichabod Quinn

Camp Davis
June the 1 1862

Dear Wife

It is with pleasure I enclose my pen in hand to inform you that I am well and verry well hoping this will reach you and family enjoying the Same portion of gods blessing there is a great deal

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of Sickness in camp but thank god I have been blessed with good health and Strength and in good spirits enjoy my Self 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 all the family well

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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 any one on earth I want you to write To me and your father & Sisters every week as long as we live

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brother Joseph & brother are both in Service and Henry Judge his father brought him down ten days ago poor little fellow is verry much dissatisfied he come to see me to day 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 &ct I Quinn

Wilmington N C
June 10th 1862

Dear brother I enclose my pen in hand to inform you I am well at present hoping this may reach you and family all enjoying the same portion of Gods blessing Brother I have no nuse to write to you interesting more than my health is verry good and has been ever since I have been in service Brother I am well satisfied with my company and officers and I am on guard to day in Wilmington & shall remain here until sunday Brother I am one that dos

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does my part in camp I have missed [?] sense I have been Survice Brother we are giving the yankees fits at ritchmond but I fear they will be to heard for in 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 surtain Brother I want you to write how my family is getting along and how my farm looks I must close your ever sincer and affectionate brother until death I Quinn

Wilmington
June 11th 1862

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Dear wife I take pleasure in writing to you this which will inform you that I receive your polite note of the 6 which found me verry well indeed hoping this will reach you and family all well and well Satisfied and getting along verry well with the crop I have no nuse to send you our men is still holding their position in ritchmond

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their hav gan four thousand Soldiers going ritchmond their is agreate deal of sickness in camp at this time I am in Wilmington at this time on guard duty and shal remain until Sunday I Saw mr D S[??]son yesterday and I sent you Some paper and an almanac by him I am sorry to hear my little Son is porly

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in Such bad health you must give him Some warm candy and pills you wrote my hogs were about to dy please dont let them perish let them go in the patch make agap and let them go in and out give them colwort leaves [2] and all the slops meat is verry high bacon is 25 LBs per pound beef 20 mutton 30 to 35 pork 20 to 25 per pound I hope I that get the chanse

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to come home after awhile but I cant tell when their has ten or fifteen me[n] run away and gone home if I have to runaway to come it will bee sometime be fore I come I and all rite and I am going to try to keep so as long as I am in service
Yours truly, I Quinn

Footnotes:

Ichabod Quinn died on June 27th, about two weeks after writing this letter.
colewort, a type of cabbage