

Washington June

Dear Alice

Father has just been down here. He received a letter from Carrie this morning. I am glad to hear that you are well. Should you be glad to have me come Home? I shall before long. It is very warm here now. Emilie is pretty well. She will have a great deal to tell you when she gets Home. She has seen two Indians. She laughed when they went past. Because they were dressed so funny. John Meigs wants we should go across to Alexandria to the Freedmens village. I guess we shall if Father can get a pass. FATHER had a lot of Contrabands in to Breakfast this morning. There is more going on here than there is at East River.

The bars are going all the time. There is a train going past now. They go as near the House where I am As from our House to Mr. Orrins. I have given Emilie a piece of paper. She said she wanted to write to her Dear sister. Alice she has heard Dutch people talk but she cannot understand them very well.

Have you had any rides on Jennie yet? did you have a good time with Emma? I hope you did not make so much noise as to make Aunt Washburn sick. Emilie says she thinks it takes mama a long time to write her letter for she has got hers done..

Father is up to his room writing to Carrie. I must make haste and finish this for he will be down after it. We are all well. Give my love to Aunt Washburn and Carrie.

From you afft Mother

C. A. Wilcox

Washington March 2 1864

9 o'clock ^Ka.m

Dear Daughter Alice

I have just come off guard. Now the first thing I will write a few lines to you. I shall not write much for I am very sleepy I do not get much sleep which I am on duty. Yesterday I received two letters from your mother. She wrote that you was ~~sorry~~ ^{sick} I hope you are better before this. Alice it is a very bad season of the year to take cold. You must be very careful of yourself. If you mother comes to make me a visit I want you should be a good girl in her absence. Your mother writes that Aunt Amanda offers to let you stay with her but Aunt Amanda is sick so I dont know where you will stay. I am sorry that Aunt Amanda is sick. Give my respects to her I am pretty well but ~~rather~~ ^{rather} tired.

From your Afft Father

Alfred A. Wilcox

Elmira New York Nov 6th 1864

Dear Daugther Alice

The weather is splendid here this morning. I wonder it it is pleasant where you are. If you are going to to Church I cannot go very well. I am in charge of our Co. now. I have given some of our boys papers to attend Church. Yesterday one of my men was shot through the lower part of his body he is not expected to live. I gave him a pass to go down Town he came back nearly drunk After he was put into the guard house the turn key for some reason drewed his pistol and shot him. The turn key was arrested and is now in the lockup. Last night I took Galivan the man that was shot to the hospital. Friday I received three letters from home one from Anna Wilcox, one of the letters was from you. You say that you do not like to write letter. Now Alice I should think that you would like to write to me any way I like to have you. I have not time to write much now for I have a great many things to look after. My health is very good.

Give my love to Emilie. Give her a good kiss for me.

From your Aff Father

Alfred A Wilcox

P.S. Alice do you think this letter worth three cents?

Alfred

New Haven Sept 4th 1864

Dear Alfred

I have been off for a week up among the Litchfield Hills and have had a grand good time. Boating and fishing on the Lake, a beautiful sheet of water, within five minute walk of the place I was staying at. Riding and walking over the hills. I have enjoyed myself ^{well}. Aunt Abby's daughter Abby married a Rev Henry Upson. He is settled at New Preston & there is where I stayed.

I went to Madison Saturday night on my return & spent the Sabbath found your family ^{well} and well and as bright as Uncle Sam's new Buttons. Carrie is going to make a beautiful woman. Allie & Emily are as lively as two crickets. I hope you will get a furlough _____ month and come home as Caroline said you thought you could. Father has been to Madison & stayed two or three days. They had a great picnic at Wildwood, which Caroline will write you about. Emily & Lizzie have been to Madison and stayed ten days. Emily came home sick but is getting better now.

George, Cornelia and the children are well. They have all been to New York, visited Central Park and had a first rate time. George has five or six men to work for him now. Father is working for him still. George Olmsted and I keep the machine running still, at 266 Chapel Street. It's the same old place.

We had great times here Friday over the taking of Atlanta, firing of guns, waving of flags. Hope we shall have a chance soon to do the same for Richmond. I believe that the gig is almost up in Dixie, hope so.

They draft here tomorrow if the quota is not full but I believe it is. I was ready to go if drafted then I knew I was called for. There has been a good deal of excitement in the towns up _____ New Milford. They have paid as high as twelve hundred dollars for substitutes. There is a great deal of copper up that way.

I wish I could come down to Washington and give you a call but I can't. So write me a line as the next best ~~now~~ thing.

With love from all
I remain yours truly

Edwin _____

1864

Elmira New York Dec 26th

6 pm

Daughter Alice

Today I received a letter from your Mother but instead of replying to your mothers letter I will write a few lines to you. It has been cloudy to warm here today. Yesterday was a very pleasant day, I wonder if you received any Christmas presents. I will tell you what I had to eat for breakfast. Salt Hos bread to coffee for dinner beans salt hos to bread for supper (for a change) I had coffee to bread. I hope if I live to spend next Christmas at home. Saturday I received a letter from Franklin Munson. I think that he wrote a good letter. I will send it home for your perusal. Alice I am very tired & dont feel like writing So you must excuse me if my letter is short & uninteresting. We have received a dispatch today from Gen. Sherman. He has taken Savannah. With 150 heavy guns plenty of ammuniton & material of war 13 locomotives 190 cars & 800 prisoners. No Blood Shed, Good News. Tell Uncle Timothy that I have no right to sell U. S. Clothes but he can have that Coat if he wants any way he is welcome to wear it this winter, or if he wants to have it colored he may have it and give me what that he thinks it is worth. Say 4 dollars or some where thereabouts.

Give my love to sister Emilie

Please write often

From your Aff Father

A. N. Wilcox

Elmira New York March 6th 65

Evening 7 o'clock

Dear Daughter Alice

With pleasure I take my pen to acknowledge the receipt of your welcome letter accompanied with two others, one from your mother & one from Carrie. They was all very welcome to me nevertheless I cannot reply to only one of them tonight. Alice you see that your letter is the first to be answered.

The weather has been very pleasant here to day . The snow is disappearing very fast.

Tomorrow I am to go on guard for the first time since I was Home on a furlough. I guess it will seem funny to me To night one of our men paid me one dollar which he owed me. So I have bought some stationery.

It is rumored in Camp that we are to be paid this week. I hope that we shall be. 500 Rebel prisoners are to go from here tomorrow to be exchanged.

Alice when does your school close? do you want to have your mother visit me?

I wish that I could see beauty. I dont believe that I should care so much about the bird as I should. Alice & all of my family, Wont it seem good when my term of service expires? fortune seems to smile on me to night. I have just received a letter from your Mother with one dollar en closed. I hope that I shall have some to pay it before Saturday night. I should think that Emilie was very industious.

Give my love to her.

I shall reply to your mothers letter in a day or two.

I have not any news to write. So Good Night

From your Aff Father
Alfred N. Wilcox

Washington, June 22/ 6
10 AM

Dear Alice

Two day ago I received a letter from you but I have delayed answering it until now. Somehow I dont feel much like writing. The last letter that I received from Carried, she gave me quite a lecture because that I did not write more frequent & longer letters. I dont know as I have any good excuse for for not writing of times so I will not make any. Your Mother & Sister are pretty well. I have made them three visits already this morning. Yesterday they was here with me most of the afternoon. Emilie say's that she likes to come and see papa. She say's that she would like to go home and see Carrie & Alice if papa will go with her. I believe that she is enjoying herself pretty well here, her health is improving every day. I dont know how soon Mother & Emilie will start for home. I hope that you will be a good girl. dont make Aunt Washburn (sp?) any unnecessary trouble, give my love to her. Yesterday I received a letter from Uncle Edwin, they are well. Last Sunday 17 young ladies that was killed at the arsenal was buried there was a large possession. My self Mother & Emilie went to see it. I dont believe that Mother ever see so large concorst of people before. has Carrie gone to visit Aunt Sarah? She wrote that she thought she should when she received an answer toher letter if she is at Uncle

Give my love to her.

Write Often

From Your AFF- Father
Alfred A. Wilcox