

Edmond Stephens Letters

Background Information

Edmond Stephens (b. ca. 1840) was from Skelton Township, Warrick County, Indiana and mustered into service as a private in Co. D, 42nd Indiana Infantry on October 10, 1861. He died on May 28, 1862.

Camp vandy burge [Camp Vanderburgh, Indiana]

Oct the 23th [sic] 1861

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father and mother I take the oportunity [sic] to inform you that I am well at present and that hope that those few lines may fine [sic] you the same thou [sic] I havent [sic] bin [sic] verry [sic] well but I have got a bout [sic] well a gain [sic] we have got our uniform have got a good won [sic] and I [sic] nice won [sic] we ar [sic] going to Eansville tomorrow I think and if you want to See me you will have to Come for I C[illegible] When I Can [illegible] but I wil [sic] [illegible] as qick [sic] as I [illegible] ar [sic] fiting [sic] eve[illegible] We dont [sic] now [sic] [illegible] [illegible] will hav [sic] [illegible] but We ar [sic] a[illegible] and willing to and wold [sic] dother [sic] die than to yeal [sic] to Sothern [sic] Confetacy [sic] thow [sic] we wip [sic] them evertime [sic] yit [sic] and think that we Can do hit [sic] thay [sic] boys ar [sic] well and well sadisfied [sic] and want to leave here and will look for you some of you to Come down Sunday [sic] and want you to Send me a quilt and to Com [sic] and fect [sic] my things [illegible] home for I dont [sic] have anny [sic] more youse [sic] for them and Cant [sic] take them with me I send my best respect to all the [illegible] that is left be hind [sic] [illegible] and hope that I will return and Can have the privilig [sic] to inJoy [sic] my self withe [sic] them witch [sic] I think that I will our lieutenant [sic] sas [sic] that he will treat us if we will obey him and sas that he is going to have the best Company in rignent [sic] and he is the best drill man in the rignent [sic] you mst [sic] rite [sic] ever [sic] Chance So I must bring my letter to a Cose [sic] no more at present but remaind [sic] you affectnation [sic] Son

Edmond Stephens to Solomon Stephens

Co Hq

Camp Hen

November the 25 186[illegible]

Der [sic] father and mother

I now take my pen in hand to inform you that I am well at present and hope that those few lines may fine [sic] you inJoying [sic] the same blesen [sic] we have got maching [sic] orders to leave her [sic] to night [sic] and will leave her [sic] in A few owers [sic] but I Cant [sic] tell you wher [sic] we will go to but we ar [sic] going up on green river [sic] some wher [sic] I think when we git [sic] thare [sic] I will rite [sic] to you and tell you wher [sic] ar [sic] I am well saisfied [sic] to go tell mat [sic] that he must rite [sic] to me as soon he Cand [sic] And will rite [sic] to him all so tell all the Cildron [sic] hody [sic] for me I wood [sic] like to Come out and see them all but I Cant [sic] now so far [sic] you well Der [sic] father and mother and sisters and brother

Edmond Stephens to Solomon Stephens

December the 3 1861

Camp Shanklon [for Lt. Col. James Maynard Shanklin]

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Der [sic] father and mother

I take my pen in hand to inform you that I am well at present and hope that those few lines may you all well we ar [sic] all under A ginel [sic] Critettdon [sic] thare [sic] is A bout [sic] Seven thousand Solgers [sic] her [sic] thou [sic] I dont [sic] think that we will Stay her [sic] long we herd [sic] that thay [sic] seceson [sic] wont [sic] fight at boldon [sic] green for thay [sic] ar [sic] all needed and I gess [sic] hit [sic] is sow [sic] I think that peace will be maid [sic] before long and hope to god that hit [sic] will for I wood [sic] like to be at home [cut off] Coud [sic] git [sic] See [cut off] fare thou [sic] I am [cut off] Sadisfied [sic] I [cut off] Sleaf [sic] verry [sic] w [cut off] tell all the [cut off] hody [sic] for me [cut off] like to see them verry [sic] well thou [sic] I Dont [sic] now [sic] when I cand [sic] git [sic] to Come home thou [sic] I Cand [sic] Stay A way if I Cant [sic] do no better I Send this ring to Marry ann [sic] Corddely to remember me when I am far A way [sic] tell Cosen [sic] Nancy ann [sic] hody [sic] from me and I wood [sic] like to See her verry [sic] well and tell her that she must rite [sic] to me I wish all friends very well and like to See them verry [sic] well I want you to rite [sic] me as soon as you git [sic] this letter and darrect [sic] your letter to the forty second in the Car [sic] of Capt [sic] Edmonds [Capt. Francis M. Edmonds of Co. D, 42nd Indiana Inf.] I will Come as Soon as I Cand [sic] and tell the boys that thay [sic] must Come and See me when thay [sic] Cand [sic] tell John Powers to rite [sic] to me for I wood [sic] like to her [sic] from Some of you Ever [sic] day So I must bring my letter to Close no more at present but remaind [sic] your affect Son for ever

Edmond Stephens to father and Mother

So far [sic] you well for A while [sic]