Ryder Family - Letterbook with Letters of Alfred G. and John E. Ryder, January 1862 to July 1863

(Note: Letters are coded to correspond with the letter book notations: FK-# and are filed chronologically in the Correspondence series)

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The following letters were filed in this letterbook, but did not have corresponding notations:

JK-16  John  September 6, 1862
JK-45  Alfred  June 2, 1863
JK-49  Fay*  September 10, 1864

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Alfred has been in the Army 6 months and wonders how many more it will be before the war is over. He has written to John who has joined a Western regiment.
Alfred tells that John
was the master at home
mentioning the Nestorius and
Shuttle.

Note: They were relations
Nestorius lived in Antioch
Nestorius in Manichaean when
Shuttle lived there
After dinner two guns came home. I had the men in the cavalry and didn't have time to write in the mind. We crossed the river in the night. Names: J. B. and J. T. The Bognor Boys, Frank. Disraeli, Beale, Gordon, etc. Needles etc.
Alfred waded near the Cumberland mts at midnight.
A 30 mile trip, had a strong feeling on the road with nothing
to disturb his attention but the chatter of the hares and
the chattering of his satire.
Alfred has a new uniform. Complaints of its being too warm. Tax room looks to that of General Washington. Town of Denver has been erected by all of its inhabitants.
John writes from Timmon to his friends. Great celebration in Timmon over the capture of Ft. Donaldson.

Tales of marriage of Helen万her brother and Mrs. Fitzgerald.

A strange wedding.
John (at home) writes Alfred. He has been discharged from the Company. Two more men have pretended illness on the Army and came home. They have three coats for these clothes.

Note: The coats were the number of coats and work at the dockyard. Alfred was always overtaxed by his patriotism.
June 23, 1802

All good now. Rickets farmed.

All have been vaccinated. Knows when

John and Elzy (Dave's mother)
do not want it

that there is a contract

(Regress) wrote an instruction.

Alfred's trunk, mother, Busse, Farkas, and Farewell are all.
He goes by way of Washington to Harper's Ferry.
Note: "Mother has written "good"

at the top of this letter."
Altho I recaller June 21st,
the day as follows:

A conference of various days and
working miners. Thursday, rye
and bread from beef and beef
for almost dinner.

Tired to discharge Johnson
from compelling affairs.
Aug. 18, 1802

All this week before was so excited I had hoped he would not go into the cavalry instead of the infantry as he should get cholera fever again.
For years on end, authority that of good men was killed in a near battle and taken prisoner. Title of this trip to the front. Then men were coming to the end (the end). And the Ohio brothers were strong in the Union and cheered them wherever they stopped.
John written to Nathanael
Winton (my mother's brother)

I think he had me write

Note: Uncle Nathaniel Winton
lived about where the present

Region Hall is now located

R.A.M
Sept. 16, 1862

To my sister (stepmother) of Harison.

Mrs. Farland's actual letter being wounded. Alfred Noble has been to the hospital to see her.

Note: The Noble lived on the old Stimson farm at Farming and farm to the north.
To Sir Ross H. MacFarlane
Thank for this number
Consider sending these today
Home
Desire him to write
@ your leisure.
Alfred was a prisoner. Camps near Columbia. China. Have been home.tega in many shops. Reported back to the camp.
Oct. 8, 1802

The battle of Smith Mountain was a significant conflict in the War of 1812. It took place near the field and many injured prisoners were captured.
Alfred, in the course of two
months as an exchanged
prisoner of war. In captivity
to get back to the front
and see old comrades.
As in winter he and mother
were ill and sick again.
Thank you to mother for
helping me with care. Mrs.
Flintworth and mother.

Note: Dr. Driscoll after the man
became President Locke in Torquato.
Hunter was come and
at good newes almost. John
from whom he saw
John眼界. Expect they will
and John as many comfort
as possible upon home.
Dec. 19, 1812

Cotton by the bale $2.50
in a barrel white
in a bale black
from a field.

Pamment lost 18 killed.

Arms Stanley Rock
described by him
expressing anger and despairing.

Rice in bales $7.10

on wine and apples 7 cents.
Jan. 4, 1813

[Handwritten text]

To his wife and sister of
the ages of a human compared
to a tree. Indeed of much
they would have to eat of—
they took access to the mutton
(fenway) at home. Men of
an Irishman regiment were forced
to fight.
Jan. 9, 1863

Alfred mentions Aunt Mary
and Cornelia, (Who?)

Pawpaw found the bullet removed from the
shoulder and is recovering
sape he will have the fall
back at the restless.
Jan. 2, 1863

After the war, made a 40 mile march in rain and mud and
both to their death and into winter
the appointed battle, Colonel,
told them the war would be
over by July 4th.

Note: It was for John.
Let me tell this writer of the
error to the Raphaelmoor. If
of their men cannot include the
falling out of the wants. Keep
me for feeling free and enjoying
the good laden home take
soth break and better for
the first time ever metive.
Feb. 10, 1843

His father writes from there that he is going to his old home on my brother's farm. He has 4 months to convalesce before he wants to return to work. He mentions the death of his Grandfather whom he says was his favorite.

Note: David Porter is buried in the New Long Cemetery.
Al cord report of Charleston alarming illness, Ann Miss in coming for letter, wrote, mother left a trust to the and art why duty decent write. note- don't knew what other illness may be. Who Ann Martin was.
John tells Elizabeth he was
found the duty of guarding
souls who were condenced
into their Chaplain who
was untroubled for a length
of time as to how
returnable from their visit to
New York. He impatient about
Charity
and tried to get
beautum
March 19, 1863

Alfred writes from hospital. Had a bad tooth pulled and a fever. Sent some money to the prisoner.

Note: His handwriting is poor.
March 27, 1863

At least letters among the men must be drafted to use the news. Have some draft for the ships and watch the enemy. Maintain the Fleet in the country. Maintain the War in the country.

Be grateful for sabers and letters received. Presenting charge for transportation. Have to feeling it.
April 3, 1863

Alford has been in hospital. Captain was here today to
visit. Some of the men in the army
and have been treated well
by all. So thank you for
the papers sent to him.
Alfred tells Elizabeth that employment is the best antidote for absenteeism as far as writing, so will continue to visit her. Long socks quite well again. Speech of the large army camped around Petersburg every day. Another army supplied.
At their request to them, Mr. Taylor, Warner & Co. Hicks are again in the town. Their situation is to move their premises to Pape Slip. December thirtieth the latter will be held in the Democratic ten, and they as three are more loyal than in the Army, are not all traitors to the cause.
April 19, 1863

To my dear friend, Mother:

I am still at the same camp, because it is too muddy to move the artillery. Coach of Capt. J. Hay, Gov. Meredith is second of the 27th. I am now in the 3rd of B rigade. The doctor also commands the regiment.

John as the commander, tells Capt. J. Hay, getting along. "Does the regiment have one of the best and bold himself in this position of a thermometer, or please like to have the young men come down here to drink the Mule, with a stranger?"
John says the people of the poor for their army have
sent food to eat, and to be at ten days home
and here to produce to use the money as they wish.
John Brown's raid

John Brown killed in a
second battle. Description of
scene on the battle field.
The great battle to which I allude
first occurred was the Battle of
Chancellorsville, May 2 & 3. The
Northern army was defeated. Three
regiments lost 24 men killed, 110
wounded, 1,600 captured. Philpote, a
man from Salem advertised himself
in the
book to escape battle, some
hours before.
May 27, 1863

Other than loss of the Comrades of Home, have found it hard our day march and another unspirited note. The camp is named after their Chaplain.
Alfred says that many advertisements for money have been in the paper. Mentioned the death of Frank Brown. Have around $50 dollars. Tell me to write to any man or woman. Say [illegible]. Edley is better. Brun is sick.
Alfred says Sir. Return of Michigan has been there to oversee the troops. No one of an escort chosen for him. A. Nance gets honor, but does not deserve as the messenger to avoid all the fighting. Send a message to Chancellor
June 11, 1803

Alfred wrote to mother
two pictures. He saw much
of General Washburn. The
whole area was in Maryland.

At first thought I thought Washington might be in danger, but judging by...
CONFEDERATE CHARGE, THIRD DAY AT GETTYSBURG.
John was there in the march for arms. No talk with Alfred, also no war. Back, Faring and Farrell. Calls in the last week of the life.

Note: 3 days after the man was killed. Read the final words of the letter.