Summit Pymt, Va.
April 14th, 1865

Dear Cousin,

I received your kind letter the 14th, and was glad to hear from you once more and glad to hear that you are well. There has been a good deal of exciting news since I wrote to you before and I have been on quite a march to and about 80 miles. I hope you don't think 80 miles is very far but if you should come to walk it with a gun and carry a car in your back you would think it was a long walk. We left here the 4th went up the valley about 40 miles to get fish, but since coming down the valley now he should be with a bit of bread

Let us hope we may all see you soon.
had got up the Valley about 40 miles, we heard that Gen. Lee had surrendered! To meet with his rebel Army so we turned back and are now at Shum IS Point again but I think we will move from here again soon but do not know from the 20th of this month up to the evening of the 14th we had glorious news but the evening of the 14th we had very sad news you know what I mean of course for you must of heard it and ever body who live the United States. The murder of our President and Secretary Seward and Gen. Lincoln wounded we have not got the particulars of the news yet here but will report when the papers come I do not want to know more about it then I do but I tell you it makes me feel sorry for all the Presidents having Alexander and the flags at half mast and so on I hope the roundels is done it will be cached and signed at the first that they come to I have caught an awful cold and it has settled in to my ears and my right eye...
Savannah, G.A. June 22nd, 1861

Dear Cousin,

I received your kind letter last night. It was glad to hear from you once more and glad to hear that you were well. I have not had a letter from you since I left Washington 22 days ago until last night. I got 3 letters last night one from you and one from Maria and one from a friend of mine in Pa. I have not heard from home yet. Since I left W. Va. I expected I shall see you when I reach the spot you. I have had the misfortune of losing letters and look much like it now.
The last day of May we thought we should be home in a few days and the first day of June we got orders to go to Savannah which meant all our home thoughts in the back. From the after rain we got orders to pack up and be ready to move. We got ready and started from Savannah near Brunswick and marched from there to the City. Do the ammunition dock where we got aboard. The steamer A. Hinde and went to Brunswick. There we got transferred to an ocean steamer. The steamer left and started from Brunswick. The steamer got in at the Savannah River in the form of the 4th and there we got transferred for the steamer. In to a river steamer the steamer left and went to the Savannah. I got to the 4th of May. 1st of the month I was detailed as a cook and acted as a farmer's place to keep the soldiers from destroying it. I am a real one man and good the soldiers. I if the time and asked him for any thing. I gave it to them so they could try to steal from him. They don't like me so I'll I don't have any thing to do unless I care a minute. I want to go to the city. I can take the horse and buggy and go and if I am hungry I can get something to eat and think that is good to. That is best. If you have I tell you I think complaint of my study there while I was in Savannah. If I have the same study call me whether I have got.
And still I had to tell her to take care of herself and to keep her. She was after all a little girl. I don’t think we shall get back near till away. I think we are going for a month her in Savannah if we can. More. It is a very pretty place here, but pretty sickly we can’t get most of anything and the vegetables of all kinds most are in the same mind. Also, Blockley and Wetherbury are ripe now and a plenty of them. Ask her to see there is a plenty of everything here now I don’t know as I am going much more now to write this time. Please write to me again soon so I can take to heart how you are. Now I am well and hope that I will find you and all your folks the same give my best love to Uncle Henry and Aunt Caroline and Frankie and all remaining friends and I send you love for you to send to my dear ones. Yours sincerely.

[Signature]

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Summit Point, Va.
March 23rd, 1865

Dear Cousin Wetter,

I received your kind letter the 17th of this month and I should have answered it before but I have been in duty so much lately that I have not had much time to write. I was glad to here from you once more and glad to hear that you were well and all the rest of your folks. Have you heard from your father yet if you have let me know when you write again. I have written three letters to him but have not got an answer from any of them. I have been
heard from him lately I will write to his Captain and see what has happened to him, he may be a prisoner as you say I only hope he is alive and is at liberty for I am sure if he had any means to write to some one of this I was not, you said that you heard that his brother was dead and wanted to know if I knew whether it was so I do not know whether it is or not but me and John sent with me and he has not heard of it and if I do not think that he would hear of it. I must get much need to write this here there is nothing new here the same this week over and over again the first letter then came and the police and so on but I don’t think we will have to do a soldier duty much longer for I think this war is about over every thing looks like it now any way the South is whipped now and they know it all the private soldiers of the South near us and say there is no use of fighting any longer and they are deserting and coming in to our lines now as fast as they can there is a few readings in the South that wants to cut it as long as they can now they know they are whipped but I don’t think that can be very long now but I am afraid that before or by the time that peace is declared between North and South that the United States will be at war with Foreign Nations but I hope not but if it does we will help take it the best we can I hope for the Bible says with such that all Nations shall be at war and think some time that this is the beginning of that war but I suppose and trust not though I hope the time will soon come when there is no more
To our hand and that we may go home over more and see our friends and relatives and I trust God it will I don’t know as I have got much more to write this time please write to me again soon for I like to hear from you often give my love to Uncle Chamber and Aunt Caroline and Frank ii and all enquiring friends and I send my best love to you so good bye for this time this from your affective cousin

Roland G. Smith

Please address the same as before