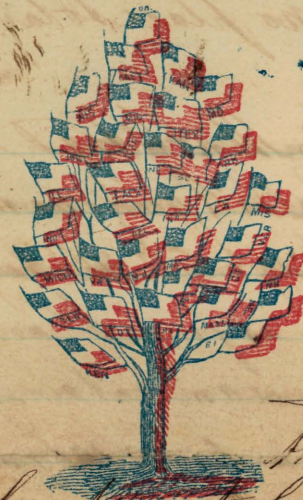


hear but Delaware notes are hard to get
Clear off do not forget We put up a new
house yesterday it is one of them like you
have seen in the woods when the men
put up in that burns coal last night
was the first night's sleep we had in it and
it is pretty warm it is put up with rails
and covered with straw and fodder
and then sodded with grass sods if we
had not have put yesterday this snow would
have caught us nice I hope that Burnside's
will soon whip them Rebels so that we
can get home I want you to tell all the neighbors
to send me something but do not tell them
that I said so. Think that I will write
no more at present you must excuse my
bad writing for I have no place to lay
my paper on

Sally E. McVay
I remain your most Affectionate
Brother until Death C. L. McVay



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Camp Concealment No. 9
Near Williamsport

Dear Sister I take

the opportunity of writing a few
lines to you to let you know that I am well
at present hoping that these few lines may find
you all the same I received your letter of Nov
23rd last Thursday and was very glad to hear
from you all there is very little war news
around here except the killing of one of our
Company and wounding of other men but
the rest of them were not in our regiment we
lost some few pieces of Artillery in our
Regade and they were testing them last
Friday when one of them burst and the
pieces flew every direction one piece
struck our drummer boy on the head and
knocked his brains out and he never spoke
he was the last boy in the drum corp it put

A very serious thoughts in most of the
Company it effected the Captain very much
for he was the pet of the Regiment the other
men belong to the Artillery as far as I can
learn for I am on picket and am not about
the Camp. much one of them had his breast
staved in and an other his ribs knocked
loose and one leg broken the rest I do not
think are seriously hurt but them other
may die yet perhaps they are dead now but
they are a firing them off again this morning
It is a snowing very hard here today and I
expect you have plenty of it up there too
I hope that mother will have a good time
of it while she is in Philadelphia for she was
a good while a getting there I am expecting a
letter from Percy Lauderdale every day I want
you to let me know whether father has made
up his mind about coming down with
Mr Moffitt or not and I have met with
a lost one day this week I lost my pocket

Book it had about 21 cents in it and a
comb that I just paid 12 cents for a day or two
before what I hate the most was that I lost
that little best pin that I got of you
and there was a piece of paper with the mens
names on that owed me but I can recollect
most of them I would be very glad to
receive a box from home as some of the
Company get one most every week you
must tell Mrs Armour that she has
got to send me something for she will
not write me any letters I have wrote 2 to
her and have not got any answers from
them and when you write again you
must send me a Dollar for it will
cost me 5 cents to get the box and we have
not got paid off yet you must send it
in a government note or 2 fifty cents
government notes do not send and of
them State Skin plasters a Cecil note
with or Baltimore money will pass