

Letter From Scott, James written Monday, March 9th, 1863

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The recipient, James Scott, was born on Feb. 21, 1834, in Carbon County,

Dear Brother,

I take my pen in hand to write you a few lines to let you know we are all well at present and hoping this may find you well again. We have been expecting Robert for the last week but has not come yet and we did not get any letters last week either. We are beginning to feel anxious and will until we either get letter or Robert gets home. I should think he would be home by this time. It is over a month now since he got his discharge. [Robert is her other brother who also served in the 23rd Wisconsin Infantry]. I got the letter a week ago that you wrote about his getting his discharge. Nancy is here now. She has been here a week. She has not got any letters since the one from you dated the 17th of Feb. The weather keeps about as it has been all winter, muddy part of the time and froze up part of the time. It has been very windy for the last two or three days. School is out and the Exhibition gone through with and we had a very good time. The house was crowded as full as it could be and the entry too. I never saw the house so full. Mr. Forbes had his dulcimer there and played and Weltz's girls sang. We had a nice stage fixed up and things went off very pleasantly. How I wish you all could have been here. Henry Mason was there. He looks rather bad. There is talk of drafting here again and I expect there will be. If it is true that there is eight hundred thousand more troops called for I suppose there will be war in the North if they go to drafting again. I have heard much talk about it yet only that they were going to draft if they need more men. I hope they will draft and take all the men and do something, either conquer or be conquered and not keep the war hanging on forever, but they are not doing anything with the men they have got, only keeping them to work digging canals and killing them. I never heard of so many dying as there is this winter. Every paper has a lot of names of soldiers that have died. I saw in our last weeks paper the death of the Chaplain of your Regt and also a piece in it about the death of Capt. Waring. The Journal gives an account of all the sick soldiers in the hospital and all that are wounded or die. The 31st Regt. was at Cairo. The last account there was seven of Capt. Mason's Co. deserted. Jas. Hayes was one of the number. I did not hear who the others were. I saw a letter in the last Darlington paper from Chas. Bridgeman written the day before they left. Said the Governor complimented them highly as being the best disciplined Regt. that ever left the state. I will close by sending my love to you hoping to hear from you soon and write often.

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