

This letter was written by Charles H. Daniels (1829-1894) to his wife, Mary Jane (Callahan) Daniels (1830-??). The letter was written sometime between Nov. 12, 1864 and March 9, 1865. The original letter was in the possession of Josephine (Baumeister) Coldwell (1907-1994) and was then held by Alan Coldwell, her son. Charles H. Daniels was the father of Mary Jane (Daniels) Coldwell (1857-1931), wife of Benjamin Franklin Coldwell (1856-1935) who was the father of Benjamin Franklin Coldwell (1896-1955).

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Camp Near Hancock's Station, Va.

Dear Wife i take my pen in hand to let you now now that i am well at present and i hope those few times may find you enjoying the same Same Satute of health this is the Second letter that i have received now answer frome and this is the last one till i do get an answer frome it we Satarted out last saturday morning with ??? breakfast and traveled ??? miles and there was ??? Johnies and we had ??? Spree before we got there the we got there into alit the Johnies had taken one of our forts and we charged

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on them and we got took the fort back again there was not one man killed in our regament but there was nine wounded slitly we was out a day and half and one night i never seen a flock of sheep scared worres than than the Johnies was when they saw us coming we went down a hollow and when we got a short distance frome them than we raised up frome behind a small hill before they seen us and they did not make a sand atall they runn as soon as they seen us and than we charge on them and runn them out of the fort and than fired on them and we killed about two hundree of them recolect this is what

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our regiment done and there was a regament on each side of us we dont now what they dome yet and we got back to out quarters Sunday aferer noon they comenced fighting about fore oclock on Saturday morning it lasted about five hours with us than the rebs histed a white flag and we shot it down five times before we would except of it and them we excepted the flag and they came out in front of the picket lines fore rebels oficers to bery there dead when it was granted to them and I got up on the fort to watch them carting them away and you now that there would not be mutch there that would not see

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that there was some of them shot that bad that they had to roll them up in wads to get them on the stretchers to get them away there was very few wounded our shots prued to be fatal they were near all kill they were all shot in the head I saw some of them with the heads shot off I captured to rebels blanket and bed quilt i would like to now if you received the twenty dollars fine i sent to you and i raped up a pair of drawers to you give my best respects to Mary Jane and tell her that papa seen a hard fight and did not get hurt give my best respects to all the rest the children and tell Joey that pap had hard chase after the rebs and think he will haf to come down here and help me shoot them you will haf to answer this letter before you get eny more

No more at present truly remains yours Ch. Daniels

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and we got back to our
quarters ~~on~~ ^{on} Sunday afternoon
they commenced fighting
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five hours with us than the
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and we shot it down ^{the time}
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