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## Letter from John W.A. Gillespie to Francis P. Porter and Huldah Porter

John W.A. Gillespie

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As George is writing you a letter, let me say a few words. Your photographs as I looked at them last night brought up old recollections. And I look back into the dim vista of the past with all its joys and sorrows. And thought of the times when we with many other childhood companions mingled with each other day after day. In the vicinity of Old Hopewell. And now as I look around me and think of pleasures and sorrows past, I cannot but exclaim how changed everything appears. Our little band of years gone by are scattered here and there. Some have gone to their eternal homes. Others are married. Others have found homes in the distant west are now wishing and praying for this cruel, wicked rebellion to end. That loved ones may again return to enjoy the welcome which awaits them. I often think of you both and my best wishes shall always be yours. I now have a dear sweet little wife in Ohio and when the war ends, please come and see us.

I am very well and hope this little note will find you and the rest of the family well.

Remember me to your Father, Mother and Johnny and the little girls.

Very truly yours

John W.A. Gillespie

George is well and hearty and I assume he is a very worthy son and brother.