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## Jeremiah Gage to Georgiana Irene Gage (16 July 1862)

Jeremiah Gage

Georgiana Irene Gage

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Richmond Va

Danvers Hill Road Hospital

July 16<sup>th</sup> 1862

My dear Cousin,

Begin the date of  
this I presume you have heard  
that I was wounded in the battle  
of Gaines Mills, which took place  
on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> June in front  
of Richmond. My wound is a  
right deep flesh wound in the  
upper and outer part of the  
left thigh. It is doing admirably  
well, and in a week I will  
be able to walk about, and if  
they will give me a few furloughs I will  
be able to come home and see you  
all. A great many furloughs have  
been granted, but at present an  
order has been issued that no  
more furloughs be granted for  
the present. I think this order



will be come to mandau in a few days  
and if as I can get a furlong, so  
my coming home depends upon  
this. The reason why I suppose  
you have heard I was wound-  
ed was; that I wrote sister of it  
and told her to send the letter to  
me, I could get no paper is  
why I did not write to ma, My  
wound has never given me any  
very severe pain. The confusion  
to my bed has troubled me  
most. Sick Dipsy never through  
the water and was not hurt.  
he behaves himself like a  
man in a fight. He is  
sick now however at some  
place in town. You speak of  
Lucius Gage in your letter. I was  
accidentally looking over a list  
of the killed and wounded in  
the 1st Lu Regt, and I happened to  
see his name among the killed



Before this, I had not known to  
what Sa. Regt. he belonged, I know  
his Regt. was somewhere here, and  
if I had only known what one  
it was I might have gone to  
see him. You also speak of An-  
thony Bordeny. I can tell you  
that he was not hurt in the  
battle of Seven Pines. I have seen  
him since then looking fat  
and larger than ever. I have  
not heard tho. who was the killed  
and wounded in his Regiment  
in the battle they were in the  
other day. Nor have I been able  
to hear whether my Holmes Co  
friends, Cowan, Curtis, Sessions, Eggle-  
ston & others, were hurt. I hope not, pe-  
haps you fear some of them have  
suffered, I forgot to tell you  
that I recd your letter this  
evening. You don't write me so  
promptly as I do, I got a letter



from Sister, also this evening  
and have it to answer, so will  
have to make this rather brief  
but there is no news any way.  
I don't think we will run  
any more fighting here for a  
long time, McClellan has his  
army (what's left of it) under  
cover of his gun-boats on James  
River, some 30 miles below Rich-  
mond. The loss on both sides  
in all the battles before Richmond  
has been terrible, our killed &  
wounded, according to my no-  
tion, will reach 8000 - The enemies  
not much greater as we had to  
drive them from their breast-  
works all the time. We cap-  
tured about 10, or 12,000 pris-  
oners, among them several Brig-  
adier & Major Generals. Give  
my love to all. This leaves me  
doing well. Your affectionate Bro.  
John Guss