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NEW YORK

Wilton Hill. Oct 25th
Friday morning

Dear Mary

I received your letter two week ago To day and I have not found time to as yet to answer it but I have not willingly let the days pass by without writing for I have thought of you every day, I have spent the most of the time for the past two weeks in the woods between the two armies with one or two companions our object was to gain

all the information that we could
concerning the enemy and we have
performed the duty to the satisfac-
tion of Gen. Hege and he has just
requested us to go to Centerville if
possible for the purpose of observing
the movements of the enemy and
their fortifications there; the ex-
pedition is fraught with danger but
I shall be very careful.

I have no time to write you
a letter for the rest are waiting
for me, but I will assure you that
your picture is not at Mr. Scriber's,
for it is in my pocket; it has
been with me over all the hills
and valleys and through the dark
woods of "old Virginia" and should
the rebels get me to night they
will get it, but I do not think
they will get me for I am pretty
sly in the woods I hope that you
will continue to write to me

and write often I do not know
what father and mother may
think, but believe me Mary I have
never said any thing to them
that should cause them to think
that we are engaged and you
need have no fears that I shall
reveall any thing that you have
told me nor any thing that you
may tell me in the future if you
wish it to be kept secret.

You will find a secession post-
age stamp enclosed that I found
on an envelop in one of their deserted
camps also two cards that I found
in one of their houses.

I would gladly keep on writing but
I must close with the hope that
I shall hear from you soon yours in
haste. As ever your friend

UNION SCOUT'S LETTER, UPTON HILL, VA. 3 pages, in ink, written to Mary from an unknown friend, on patriotic stationery, with state seal of New York and waving American flag with motto, "For The Union." Imprint of Chas. Magnus, N.Y. Letter reads in part: "Upton Hill, [Va.], Oct. 25, [1861] Friday Morning. I have spent the most of the time for the past two weeks in the woods between the two armies with one or two companies. Our object was to gain all the information that we could concerning the enemy and we have performed the duty to the satisfaction of Gen. Keyes and he has just requested us to go to Centreville if possible for the purpose of observing the movements of the enemy and their fortifications there. The expedition is fraught with danger but I shall be very careful. I will assure you that your picture is in my pocket. It has been with me over all the hills and valleys and through the dark woods of old Virginia and should the Rebels get me tonight they will get it, but I do not think they will get me for I am pretty sly in the woods. You will find a secession postage stamp enclosed that I found on an envelope in one of their deserted camps." The letter also discusses their hidden engagement. Signed, "As ever your friend." There are two 5 cents Jeff Davis postage stamps glued to the bottom corner of the letter. Very fine letter written from this probable army scout.