

Elizabeth Watson to James Watson Oct 29 1861 (page 1 of 3)

Elizabeth Watson to James Watson Oct 29 1861 (page 1 of 3)

This is page one of a letter from Elizabeth Watson to her husband, James Watson during the Civil War. The entire letter and envelope were digitized by Western Carolina University and can be accessed here: <http://wcudigitalcollection.cdmhost.com/cdm/ref/collection/p16232coll5/id/169>

[See page 2, page 3 and envelope here on ANCHOR.]

Oct 29. 1861

North Carolina Jackson Co

Dear friend and husband

it is with great pleasure that I write
to you to let you know that me and my
children is well hoping these few lines
will find you in good health I have
just recd the letter that you sent me
and was glad to hear that you was alive
But you did not say whether you was well or
not But I hope you was I have recd 4
letters from you and has not you 2 and
my dear I havnt forgot you for I think of
you every hour in the day and would all
most give up my life if you could be
back at home to stay with me and your
children for Alexand talks about you a many
a time times in our country is hard for the
poor class of people for every thing is getting
so dear that the cost by hardly a naught
to you an salt is from nine to ten dollars
a sack here and every other thing in proportion
There is good crops made in our country I
think ~~corn~~ can be bought at 50 cts
all through the winter and now the people
is debord of halling off their meat I dont
now how we will git our necessities
for money is so scarce here I have got
all of our property yet I have not sold
enough of it yet and I think that I will
keep it for I cant sell it for its
worth only Bacon or Beef cattle and
I havnt got very shop that so turn over

Citation (Chicago
Style):

Elizabeth Watson to James Watson, October 29, 1861. James Watson Papers, Hunter Library Special Collections,
Western Carolina University, Cullowhee,

**Read the related
article:**

Primary Source: "My dear I ha'n't forgot
you"

Transcript:

Oct 29 1861 North carolina Jackson Co Dear friend and husband it is with grate pleasure that i rite to you to let you now that mea and my children is well hoping these few lins will find you in good health I have Just red the leter that you sent mea and was glad to her that you was alive But you did not say whether you was well or not But I hope you was I have red 4 leters from you and has rot you 2 and my dear I hant forgot you for i think of you every hour in the day and would all most give up my life if you could bea back at home to stay with mea and your children for Alexand talks about you a many atime times in our county is hard for the poor class of people for every thing is giting so deer that tha cant By hardly a naughf to gan [?] an salt is from nine to ten dollars a sack her and every other thing is proportion thier is good crops made in our county I think corn can bea bought at 50 cts all through the winter and now this people is debard [?] of halling off thir meet I dont now how wee will git our nessaryes for money is scerce here I have got all of our property yet I have not sold eny of it yet and I think that I will keep it for i cant sell it for its worth only Bacon or Beef catle and I hant got eny of that so turn over your fathers folks is all well and giting along very well allison is a working for mea and epects to work 10 or 12 (?) days he has left home and expects to marry before he gos back he is a talking of coming to you but I think it is all a Joke _____ [?] is making a good crop of corn and is milking 2 cows thar are increesing and doing well franklin was up a bout a week a go and tha was all well and franklin has a fine son miss Mckiney is deed has Bin dead some 4 weeks thir has bin several deths in our county and her dying words was pray for mea S I Calhoun came clare of killing crane thir is 3 company of volenteers made up in macon county one starts to day thir capt is Alfred Bell and allen amons will start before long wea have quite wram [sic] wither her for this time of year and the most rain i ere saw of a fall wee have had some frost But it hanet done now inJury thir is good crops made in hamburg but it is to warm and wet to gether yet I hope ther will Bea a chang of Wether for a litle cooler Wither would Bea the Best and perhaps would bea helther for you my deer I wish I could see you Wee could have a heap of good fun look on nex page hold on till I git a nother lamp for my lite is Bad har I have got more talow and now i will rite on I would like to have your likeness But the people ses that I have got it with mea for thae saz that Elizabeth hamton is a young gim James Franklins helth is a Bout like it was When you left John T _____ [?] folks is all well an ant fany sed to send you howdy for her F..A. Hoopers Funeral was preecht last sabath By Corn From Henderson so I must come to a close By saying that I hope I will see you When your time is out so fare well To James Watson Elizabeth Watson T.A. (?) Watson J.F. (?) Watson E. Hamton Watson There is howdy for mea and all of your children her is your shoo strings if you a git them

Usage Statement:

Public Domain

Public Domain is a copyright term that is often used when talking about copyright for creative works. Under U.S. copyright law, individual items that are in the public domain are items that are no longer protected by copyright law. This means that you do not need to request permission to re-use, re-publish or even change a copy of the item. Items enter the public domain under U.S. copyright law for a number of reasons: the original copyright may have expired; the item was created by the U.S. Federal Government or other governmental entity that views the things it creates as in the public domain; the work was never protected by copyright for some other reason related to how it was produced (for example, it was a speech that wasn't written down or recorded); or the work doesn't have enough originality to make it eligible for copyright protection.

Source URL: <https://www.ncpedia.org/media/elizabeth-watson-james-1>