

Camp near Poloune creek bridge
Saturday March 7th 1865

Dear Friend Rebecca

I have the pleasure of answering
your kind letter of the 2^d of February which came
to hand the 5th ultmate. I was busy then & so
I would have answered it - right way, the day
before we puled up stakes and moved in the
back from the Trapparian rock, to where there was
more wood the wood was getting scarce around
our camp we have plenty of wood now, and
most of us have our houses build again
worked hard the 4th - 5th and 6th I trying to get
my house down so if it would rain so I could
get in the try it rann very near every other
day and in such a case a man have to make
use of every hour, though it was raining a
little yester day and a little this mornin
this was my reason for not - answering right
ways my hand is very nerves from the hard
work your kind letter found me as well as
usual and I hope when those news comes
to your hand may find you enjoying the
same blessing also
I am very much oblige to you for your
trouble and over pay of one instant

There is a large amount of paper to - I have
nothing of importance to write on it -
I will enclose you a little sketch of my
house, this is a complete plan & my best
result, & I have to bring my letter to close
with my wishes that you may have a happy
visit on the Prairie
yours as ever as good by

Yours truly
Miss Rebecca Larch

address to 2nd Regt Ind Vols in
care Capt Reese
Camp Fitch v a





**Letter from John R. Fix to friend Rebecca Larch (March 7, 1863)
-- Transcription**

Camp Near Potomac Creek bridge
Saturday March 7th 1863

Dear Friend Rebecca,

I have the pleasure of answering your kind letter of the 22nd February which came to hand the 5th ultmate. I was busy then or I would have answered it right away. the day before, 4th, we piled up stakes and moved further back from the Rappahan work to where there was more wood. the wood was getting scarce around our camp. we have plenty of wood now, and most of us have our houses build [built] again. I worked hard. the 4th 5th and 6th I [was]trying to get my house don [done] so if it would rain so I could get in the dry.

it rain [rained] very near every other day and in such a case a man have [has] to make use of every hour though it was raining a little yesterday and a little this morning. this was my reason for not answering right ways, my hand is very nerves [nervous] from the hard work. your kind letter found me as well as usual, and I hop when those [these] few lines come to your hand, [they] may find you enjoying the same blessing also.

I am very much oblige [obliged] to you for your trouble and over pay of one stamp.

this is a large sheet of paper, but I have nothing of importance to write on it. I will send you a little sketch of my house, this is a [?] plan of my house at present. I have to bring my letter to [a] close with my wishes that you may have a happy visit on the Prairie.

Yours as ever so good bye.

John R. Fix to

Miss Rebecca Larch

address to 20th Regt. [Regiment] Ind. Vols in care Capt. Reese
Camp Pitcher (?) Va.

[The final page of the letter is the sketch mentioned above]

Transcription Convention

[word]	after a word indicates the correct spelling of a word misspelled in the original text OR explanatory text
[5 words]	indicates approximately how much of the letter is illegible
[[]]	indicates a deletion or crossed out word in original text
(word)	indicates resolution of a symbol or an abbreviation
(?)	indicates that reading is uncertain