

# Eberhart letters

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The introduction, annotations, indices and appendices are additions by me. I've tried to use all care in this research but will be astonished if my additions don't contain mistakes – which I will gladly correct if informed at [atdavey@attglobal.net](mailto:atdavey@attglobal.net).

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## Introduction

This is a collection of letters principally between Adeline Deadwyler (née Eberhart) and her brothers in the years before and during the Civil War. The letters are held in the Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library at the University of Georgia who kindly provided me with a transcript.

The letters as quoted here follow the Hargrett transcript exactly except that:

- I have sorted them into chronological order and
- I have eliminated duplications, making no changes except where a duplicate makes clear an indecipherable word or words.
- I have then annotated and indexed the finished product. I have numbered the letters to simplify indexing.

Adeline was one of eleven children of Jacob Eberhart (1797 – 1862) and Elizabeth Wynn (1802 – 1843), 9 of whom lived to adulthood.

They were:

- John Wynn Eberhart (1822 – 1886)
- Margaret Eberhart (1824 – 1914) who married Oliver Griffeth in 1863
- William Henry Eberhart (1826 – 1863)
- George E Eberhart (1828 – 1864)
- Henry Eberhart (1830 – 1834)
- Mary Eberhart (1832 – 1834)
- Adeline Elizabeth Eberhart (1834 – 1934) who married Milton Pope Deadwyler in 1852.
- Edward P Eberhart (1835 – 1905)
- Isaac H Eberhart (1837 – 1863)
- Harrison (1838 – 1863)
- Jacob Bond Eberhart (1841 – 1910)

The eleven siblings were all born and raised in Madison County Georgia. In the late 1850s George and Harrison headed west, George settling in Arkansas and Harrison in Smith Co, Texas.

During the Civil War the seven grown male siblings all served the Confederacy:

- John Wynn and William Henry Eberhart in Co H 38<sup>th</sup> GA, raised in Elbert Co and commanded by their cousin Robert Patton Eberhart
- George E in Co A 4<sup>th</sup> Arkansas Infantry, initially known as the South Arkansas Regiment.
- Edward P, Isaac and Jacob B in Co B 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion Georgia Infantry which in 1863 became Co E 37<sup>th</sup> GA Inf
- Harrison in the 17<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry.

William and Harrison were to be killed at Chickamauga and Isaac died of a wound suffered there. George was later killed at Resaca. The other boys (John, Edward and Jacob) survived the war.

There seems to have been a rift in the family between the eldest two (or probably three) siblings and the others. The collection of letters consists principally of dozens of letters between the younger siblings, each full of references to the others. But there are no letters to or from John, Margaret or William nor scarcely any mention of them. The younger siblings were stricken with grief at the deaths of Harrison and Isaac but there is no mention whatever of the death of William.

Addie alludes to this, without explaining the rift, in her letter to Jacob on Oct 4 1863: “When you five boys [George, Isaac, Edward, Jacob and Harrison] and Pope [her husband] is gone I will pray to dye myself for I know then my last friend will be gone. I will have a Brother and a Sister left but I had as soon look for protection in any other source as to look to them and die I would any death before I

would even call on them to assist me through a trouble.”

The letters span the years from 1852 to 1864 but most of them (# 9 - 86) cover the civil war years and 68 relate to the years 1862 and 63 (# 17 – 84).

The letters are a window on the rural South in the Civil war years and provide a great deal of information for historians and genealogists, but more than that, they are a reminder that, when the trumpets fade and the high political ideals drift away down the wind, Addie's bonnet still needs trimming (but with what color?), Jacob still needs a new shirt, Harrison still worries about the lack of news from home in Texas, Asa still quarrels with Jacob, Moses must still be paid, Madison and Verona think of marrying and Mary Ann buries her son – in short life goes on.

## **The Letters**

### **1. George to Addie Sep 10 1861 Camp Jackson [Arkansas]**

Dear Sister, Today being at leisure I take the present time to write you a few lines that you might know I was well.

I am not close to any post office. Have to send all of my letters by express to mail them. If I send the money by him to pay postage, it would be very doubtful whether he would know my letter or not, as hardly any one else pays postage.

I have been in the Confederate service for about two months<sup>1</sup>. I am First Lieutenant in the Company. My time is for twelve months. I have been up in Missouri but the fight was four days before we got to Springfield. That is the nearest I have been to a fight. We have come back into Arkansas to recruit and drill a while. I do not know how long we will stay here. My health is good. I have stood the march of 550 miles; finally got my feet tough. Crops are fine in Missouri and Ark. I am under the command of Gen. McCulloch of Texas. His men are all from Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana. I have lots of my old friends from Texas here.

We have flour, bacon and fresh beef to eat. Coffee and sugar.

Direct your letters to Fayetteville or to Ft. Smith, Ark., care of Capt. I. B. McCulloch, Company A. South Ark. Regiment, E. McNair, Col. Commandant.

Give Pope my respects and tell him to drop me a few lines occasionally, and you the same.

Yours truly, George Eberhart

### **2. George to Addie Oct 28 1861 Benton County Ark.**

Dear Sister, I received your letter yesterday, which afforded me much pleasure to hear from you. I wrote to you some time ago and was surprised that you did not answer it, until I received yours stating that you had not got "narry" one from me.

I have not got into a fight yet. We have took two little trips into Missouri but no fight. I think if we have got our men before cold weather we would of got up to St. Louis, but now I think we will rest until spring and make a break on the black rascals .

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<sup>1</sup> George enlisted n Aug 17 1861

You wrote about clothes. If you could see my breeches you would think I needed some. I have patched them once and will have to patch again sune [soon] if I don't get some sune. I feel as big in them as I would in a good pair. We [ ] all the clothing we can find. If I don't sune get some I shall make me some out of a Buffalo hide I reckon. They will fit nice as I will have to cut them out with my knife.

We [ ] the fat shoats when we get into Missouri. Chickens etc. We have had lots of sickness but have left all of them and have a healthy crowd now. We have fifty pieces of cannon. All of our men are from Texas and Arkansas. One regiment from Louisiana .

I would have had me a wife by this time if I had of stayed at home, but as I am off, everything has stopped. I was smart enough to leave nothing binding, so she is at liberty to wait or go on and get someone else. She come out several miles to see me start and say good by.

You could not send me clothing without a great deal of trouble. I can get plenty of winter clothing when we take up winter quarters and stop. I am First Lieutenant. I would not mind camp life if it was not for cooking. If I had to start again, I should carry a Negro. We have lots of fine apples to eat. I can't get any cornmeal to eat and am tired out on flour.

Give Pope my respects.

Your Brother. George Eberhart

**3. George to Addie  
Dec 13 1861  
Cross Hollows, Benton County, Arkansas**

[George Eberhart to Adeline Eberhardt Deadwyler]

Dear Sister, Your letter was received today, which revived me up some to know that you all was well; and found me in fine health. We have just taken up winter quarters and don't expect to do anything until March next. The Yankees have all gone back to St. Louis or somewhere else. The Yankees may make us leave our dens this winter. I wish they would for we could give them a right pretty fight in the way of amusement. A good many of our men are getting furloughs until March as we don't expect to be in active service before that time.

I think you need not be afraid of the men all getting killed, for we can [slash?] the Yankees every time. Gen. Price has all of his men in Missouri, some at Springfield and the major part at Oseola. I think we ought to of stayed up there but Gen. McCulloch made us come back to Arkansas. I think he will be superseded by spring and I am in hopes so. There are only three Regiments of us at this place. The rest of the infantry are about 30 miles from us. The Cavalry and artillery are at Ft. Smith and Fayetteville. The weather is warm and dry here for the time of the year.

We have all received our winter quarters clothing and are going to send to Memphis for our spring and summer suit. Coffee is scarce in this part of the world but the soldiers have had a plenty thus far. We have not drawn any money yet, and the boys think a little hard of it. We have sent off all of our homesick and puny men and have a pretty clever set left.

Corn is worth 50 cts. Pork and apples 50 per bushel. I should like to come over and take a Christmas dinner with you but I can't well leave as our captain will go home and of course I ought to stay.

With many respects.

George Eberhart

Dec. the 21st Dull times now a plenty .

**4. Edward to Addie  
Mar 31 1862  
Camp McDonald**

[Edward P. Eberhart ...]

[Written on the envelope addressed to Mrs. A E. Deadwyler, Elberton, GA: By the politeness of Mr. Bruce]

Dear Sister. I embrace the present opportunity of sending you a short letter by Mr. Bruce to inform you that I am well and like the place well. It seems almost a second home now, since I have become somewhat used to laying out. We did not draw our tents or cooking vessels for a long time after we got here and the weather was wet and cold and we all fared badly, none I believe missed taking cold. Now the weather is delightful and all being supplied with tents and a plenty to eat we are doing finely. We do not know yet when we will be mustered into service or when we will leave the shanty. It appears to be the wish of the Battalion that we be allowed to remain awhile for the purpose of obtaining additions to make our Bat. [Battalion] a regiment. Maj. Smith<sup>2</sup> is not likely to return from Richmond in several days yet. When two more companies join us we will be entitled to a lieutenant colonel, which will be our present Major, a Surgeon and an Assistant Quarter Master Commissary and Adjutant, none of which we are allowed as yet. All the troops at this place have been ordered to Tennessee but there is not steam power enough or enough cars to take all this week is my opinion. I want Pope to accept the position of Surgeon as soon as we are entitled to one. All the Company is well. You and Pope must write to me when you can. Direct in the care of Capt. Gholston 9th Bat. Ga. Vols . Give my respects to all inquiring friends. Your brother until death.

E. P. Eberhart

**5. Jacob to Addie  
Apr 11 1862  
Camp McDonald [Located at Big Shanty near Atlanta]**

Dear Sister. It is with pleasure that I avail myself of the present opportunity to write you a short letter, though I have nothing of importance to write. Ed and myself are well. Isaac is sick this morning, though not very serious. His mouth is very sore, the skin being peeled off We have several men in our company sick with the measles and mumps. Several have already been sent home on a sick furlough. They have been doing very near nothing ever since they have been here. Major Smith has got back and will change things considerably. I have been detailed to drill our men ever since I arrived at this place. Yesterday I received the appointment of Sergeant Major, so I will enter upon the duties of the office immediately. We are having a nice time here at the present. We have Beef, both pickled and fresh, Bacon, flour, meal, ryce [rice], syrup, sugar and such things. Our mess is composed of the following named gentlemen: two Whites<sup>3</sup>, three Griffeths<sup>4</sup>, Thos. Threatt<sup>5</sup> and ourselves. We have two Negroes and three tents, one for the Negroes and commissary items. The Adjutant and myself will have a tent together. We have not been mustered into service yet, but I think we will very soon. It is thought by some that we will leave immediately after being mustered into service. But I do not think that we will leave in two or three weeks. I think when we leave here we will go to Chattanooga. Burgess<sup>6</sup> is well pleased here. I do not think he would like to go home. You must give my best respects to Sis, Dee [???], Rebecca<sup>7</sup>, William and all inquiring friends. Write when convenient.

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<sup>2</sup> Joseph T Smith born 1825, a resident of Elbert County in 1860.

<sup>3</sup> James W and Stephen R T White

<sup>4</sup> There were four men named Griffeth / Griffith in Co B 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion GA Inf. They were James, Jesse W, Oliver P and Walton H. Oliver was Addie's brother-in-law. He had married Margaret Eberhart in 1843

<sup>5</sup> Thomas C Threatt or Thweatt

<sup>6</sup> I think, a house slave owned by the Eberhart family

<sup>7</sup> This may be Rebecca A Williams born 1844 who married William Lloyd Smith in 1866

Your brother J. B. Eberhart

P.S. Tell Pope I am looking for him every day, anxiously awaiting his arrival. That bottle of Lacure [Liqueur] goes excellent in camp. When Pope comes, tell him to bring a few more to oblige his friend. J.B.E.

**6. Jacob to Addie**

**Nov 6 1863**

**Camp out on picket post 1 mile from Chattanooga [Tenn.]**

Dear Sis. Having nothing to do except watch the movements of the Yanks, I will write you a few lines to let you know that I am well and getting along finely. I received your letter not long since of the 30th in which you said you would send a box by Hodge [?] Alexander. I would not bother about [about] sending anything by him, as he will not do to depend upon. If you send anything, send it by Dru Oglesby, Jimmie Deadwyler or someone else. My opinion is that we will not stay here long. I had [ ] think that we would fall back as anything else. If we do we will have a better chance to get things from home . I wrote to you the other day in relation to Harrison's death. Capt. [J.C.] Proudfoot has his things. He is at Roswell Cobb Co. [County], Ga. I suppose he will send the things to you. I have no idea he will send them [to] Sis Peggy. I have written to him to send them to you if he had a chance. If not, bring them back to me. I have not heard from Ed since he went down to stay with Isaac. I suppose he will keep you posted in relation to Isaac's situation. It is reported that the 15th Ga. Regt. leaves here tonight. I do not know where they are going. I saw\_ Lofton [?] today. He is looking well. Let me tell you, I was asqued [asked] around to take supper last night with Lt. Wright. He had a nice supper. Had biscuits, butter, ham, slice potato pie, whisky and honey. I tell you it was nice. I should like to come home now to see you and the girls of Elberton. I know Miss Ida would give me a supper. Also Miss Verona and Lucy, Miss Sallie Blackwell, Miss Annie Mcintosh etc.

Nothing more at present. Write when convenient. I can see the blue bellies about [about] 100 yards from here. Though that does not keep me from thinking of home and the sweet ones around there. Goodbye. Your bud. J.B. Eberhart

[The following notes were written on a rations list. The list contained:]

No. men            2  
days                2  
rations              4

Ration of	bacon or lard	2 lbs
	beef	8 "
	meel [meal]	2 "
	flour	6 "
	salt	1 "
	sugar	4 "
	pees [peas] or rice	2 "
	soap	1 "
	vinegar	1 qt

I certify that the above mentioned articles are for the use of myself and \_\_\_ - J. B. Eberhart

[written in the margins of the letter]

I am at the present time sitting down leaning up against a tree with a plank in my lap. Our boys [are] cutting ditches for our pickets to get in when they commence to shell us. They shelled our pickets the other day and shot a Lt.'s leg off They are a mean looking set of raskals [rascals]. Our Regt. goes on picket every 4 or 5 days. We stay on 24 hours and then are relieved.

I have just got a letter from George. He is well. I will write to him tomorrow. Nothing more . Write when convenient. Give my love to "Ida". Goodbye. J.B. Eberhart

This is all of the paper I have in my pocket. JBE

We have got one of the best Brigade Genls. in the world. I like Bates better and better every day. JBE

**7. Jacob B to Addie  
Nov 12 1863  
Camp at Missionary Ridge**

Dear Sis.

I am happy to say to you that I received the box you sent me by J.L. Deadwyler and you may rest assured that I did ample justice to its contents. That pound cake was so nice and the butter and potatoes. I am going to have one of the greatest Slice Potatoe pies you ever read of in the Old Testament. Well, I must say that I am proud that I have a sister that thinks so much of me. One that can appreciate my wants. Many times would I have suffered had it not been for you, and you may rest assured that I shall never forget you, and if I survive this war you shall never loose [lose] anything.

Pokey [?] stayed with me last night. He had a nice o'possum. You ought to have seen me eat. The box you sent me was bursted, though nothing lost. I got the sugar ginger cakes and that nice bottle of cherry bounce or whatever you may call it. It has made me bounce around here at a terrible rate.

Well, I must tell you everything that transpires. George Alexander has asked Capt. Gholston and myself around today to take dinner with him. I am going if I can get off from the court. I am on a Regimental Court Martial appointed by Col. [Anthony Francis] Rudler for the purpose of trying men that are absent without leave and so on. We meet at 10 o'clock every day. I think I can get off. I will tell you what is the fact. We have got one of the lowest down Cols. in the world. He played cards the other night and won two hundred dollars. Then he played the next night all night and lost (4) four hundred dollars. I was glad of that. Col. Smith threw an axe at a fellow the other day for breaking his horse loose. The fellow made out like he was deranged and went and broke Smith's horse loose and Rudler put him under arrest. I am told that he did not keep him long. Rudler is [ ]. I am glad that Smith is punished by him. I want him to put him under arrest every day or two. Rudler has just sent around for all of the officers to help pay for a music teacher. I have sent word to him that I should not do any such thing. A man that is so low down as he is. I shall not have anything to do with him. It is reported that him and some free Negroes are in co-partnership. The Negroes keep a chuck luck bank[?]. I must attend court, then I will write you some more.

Your Bud. J.B. Eberhart (Continued) Nov. 13th 1863 Dear Sis.

I went down and took dinner with George Alexander. He had a very good dinner. I have had a nice slice potatoe pie and it was so good. Oh I am living in luxury. We were very near run out when I received the box you sent. We were just going to boil our haversacks and have a soup. Then that would have been the last wag[?] of the\_\_\_. The boys are living very hard. We do not draw but very little meat. No bacon scarcely. We get tolerable plenty of beef Though none too much. Some flour and some meal and peas

It is now reported that we will be transferred from this Brigade and Division. [Confederate] President [Jefferson] Davis instructed [Gen. Braxton] Bragg to put the troops of each state together. I do not know yet what Regt. will constitute our Brigade. I am very sorry that we have to leave Gen. Bates and Stewart. They are nice men. If it had not of been for him, I could not have got Ed off to stay with Isaac. Rudler did not want him to go. Bates said he should go. If it was not for Bates, we could not get along with Rudler. You see we appeal to him for advice. Bates does not like him much anyway.

(Continued)

I have nothing new. It is thought that we will remain in Bate's Brigade\_ in Stevenson's Div. I do not know whether it will be the case or not. I have just received a letter from Capt. [J. C.] Proudfoot. Will send it to you. You must take care of it as I may need it. It will show you what he has of Harrison's things. (61) dollars and some papers. Take care of his letter.

Let me know sometime soon what I owe you and I will have it paid off. I have no use for the money. Buy me anything you think I will need and I will settle. It is no use for a man to be saving in this war. Send me the amount of what I owe you and I will send word to Uncle George to pay it off.

I received a letter from Margaret \_ yesterday. She says Madison and Rona are trying to marry<sup>8</sup>. Hurrah for them. I think I will be home soon, probably about [about] Christmas . Give my love to all of the gals.

Your Bud. Jacob B. Eberhart

**8. J.C. Proudfoot to Jacob B. Eberhart**  
**Nov. 13, 1863**  
**Roswell Cobb Co. [County], Ga.**

Eberhart Esq.

Sir: Yours of the 5th was rec'd by yesterday's mail. I still have your brother's things in possession. I wrote to your sister a few days after I arrived here but have not rec'd any reply as yet. There is a gentleman here that will return to our Reg't in the course of two or three weeks and I will send them by him. He can give them to Capt. Marsh should he not see you. Your Brother had on him when he died sixty-one dollars in Confederate, some shin plasters [paper money] from Texas and Arkansas. Also some papers which I have not opened.

Yours Respectfully

Proudfoot

[The following was written on the back of the letter.]

Nov. 14th 1863

Be sure and save this letter as it may be of some service to us.

J.B. Eberhart  
Co. "E" 37th Ga.  
Bate's Brigade

**9. J B to Addie**  
**Dec 5 1863**  
**Dalton, Ga.**

Dear Sister, I again write you a few lines to let you know we are progressing along finely. The election came off yesterday. The result is that Ed was elected by a large majority. Daniel<sup>9</sup> and [ ] getting only four (4) votes apiece. Now if Ed can stand the examination. It is owing all together who the board[?] is. Ed has commenced studying. If they will give him time he can learn it. He ought to have been studying it long ago. He ought to have been prepared like I was. He knew he would be elected

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<sup>8</sup> The marriage never occurred. Madison A was single when he was killed near Richmond on 13 Oct 1864

<sup>9</sup> Presumably Y A Daniel



whenever the election came off. Col. Smith has not got much use for Ed anyway. Tell George I say he ought to get him a wife while he is at home and just as soon as Isaac gets able to lay on his Belly he ought to marry. It would help him. I am going to get a ten days furlough before long and come home. I think I can get one for a longer time. I am getting awful tired of this war. I want to get out of it. But before this war closes, every man will have to come out. No one excepted. Today we have Brigade Inspection and I am sorry of it. But we have something of the kind every day. Dr. Jim and Little George are going to send after their wives [wives] in a few days. I think we will stay at this place plenty long for them to come and see them. And they can get plenty of houses in town for them to stay at. I think in a few more months we will be nearer home. It was reported yesterday that the enemy were advancing. I do not think they will advance far this winter. But when spring comes, they are going to make a desperate effort to take Atlanta. They think if they can take Atlanta that the Confederacy is gone up a shout [?]. I think if there is not a change in the climate, we are gone up. I am getting very anxious for this war to close, although I am in no despondent condition. But I should hate for this war to deprive me of one of my limbs and thus leave me without anything. I am getting very much like Uncle [ ]. I want to know if there is not some chance for peace. Adeline, I should like very much for you to come up and bring some of the girls with you. I should like to pull some of that fat [?] off Miss Lucy's lips [?]. Tell her she must not get married before I come home. I want to be at her wedding. I should like very much to see Miss Verona to talk with her a little about bygone days and see how her pulse beats on the subject of matrimony. I have not heard anything from Miss Sallie and Gee [?] lately. Tell me where Miss Sallie is. Has she not got back from Ala. yet and how is my little pink [?] getting along Miss Ida and tell me what Miss Ginnie Hubbard and Miss Janie and Becca Williams are doing. I should like to hear from them. Write when convenient. I have abought [about] plaid [played] out.

Your Brother Jacob B. Eberhart

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Bacon		1
<b>Bailey, Eldridge</b>	Co G	56, 58
Bailey, Nate	Co G	58
<b>Bell, J E Dr</b>	cousin	33,34
Bell, Larry		37
<b>Bell, Martha Louise</b>	cousin	75
<b>Birch, Mrs</b>		See Mary Ann Cook
<b>Cook, Mary Ann</b>		40
<b>Birch (Burch), John</b>		40
<b>Blackwell, Sallie</b>		40, 41, 46, 57, 60, 80, 83
<b>Brawner, Doctor</b>		1
Brawner, Fanny		1
<b>Brawner, Mary</b>		1
Bruce, Mr		17
<b>Burch, Capt</b>	15th	See Burch, James J
<b>Burch (Birch), James "Jim" J</b>	15th	63, 64, 69
<b>Burch, T C</b>		19
C., Tomas		1
Christian, Win		40
Clark		1
<b>Daniel, George</b>		3
<b>Daniel, Tom</b>		3
<b>Daniel, Y A</b>	Co E	46, 63, 83
Darrough, Tom		7
Dauson		41
<b>Deadwyler, Addie</b>		10, 19, 32, 33

<b>Deadwyler, Asa "Ace"</b>	uncle	43, 46
<b>Deadwyler, Dock</b>		26 (probably Milton Pope Deadwyler or Valentine Hardeman Deadwyler)
<b>Deadwyler, George</b>		5, 7, 46
Deadwyler, Henry		44
Deadwyler, Jim (J L)		56, 57, 58, 60, 80, 81
<b>Deadwyler, M Pope</b>	husband	3, 9, 11, 14, 17, 18, 23, 25, 26, 29, 35, 36, 38, 40, 41, 42, 43, 48, 55, 56, 58, 59, 60, 62, 64, 69, 74, 78
<b>Deadwyler, Margaret "Peggy"</b>		5, 43
<b>Deadwyler, Martin V "Van"</b>	Brother-in-law	3, 22
<b>Deadwyler, Tommy</b>		31, 35, 37, 43, 46, 63, 64, 65, 68, 70, 72
<b>Eberhart, Alice "Letty" (Ma)</b>	Step mother	29, 33
Eberhart, Bill		9
<b>Eberhart, Edward "Ed"</b>	brother	5, 10, 18, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 35, 36, 37, 43, 46, 48, 55, 57, 60, 67, 70, 71, 75, 76, 77, 79, 80, 81, 83, 84
<b>Eberhart, Francis "Frank" P</b>	uncle	9, 48, 74
<b>Eberhart, George</b>	brother	9, 10, 13, 20, 23, 27, 29, 33, 36, 41, 46, 47, 48, 55, 63, 64, 65, 67, 75, 80, 83, 84
<b>Eberhart, George E (born 1762)</b>	Grand father	22
<b>Eberhart, George E (born 1814)</b>	uncle	46, 59, 81
<b>Eberhart, George, "little" (born 1832)</b>	cousin	See "little" George
<b>Eberhart, Harrison</b>	brother	26, 27, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 46, 49, 54, 57, 58, 60, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 69, 71, 74, 76, 77, 78, 80, 81
<b>Eberhart, Isaac</b>	brother	18, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 36, 41, 43, 48, 51, 52, 55, 57, 60, 63, 64, 65, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 80, 81, 83, 84
<b>Eberhart, Jacob B "B" or "Be"</b>	brother	9, 10, 20, 23, 29, 31, 33, 34, 35, 37, 45, 48, 54, 55, 59, 70, 71, 72, 78, 79
<b>Eberhart, Jacob Sr (Pa) (Pap)</b>	Father	1, 10, 24, 29, 32, 39
<b>Eberhart, Jim MD</b>	cousin	44, 45, 55, 83
<b>Eberhart, John</b>	brother	29, 32, 75
<b>Eberhart, Letty</b>	Aunt	6
<b>Eberhart, Margaret</b>	cousin	75
<b>Eberhart, Patten</b>	cousin	4, 44
<b>Eberhart, Peggy</b>	sister	43, 75, 80
<b>Eberhart, Robert</b>	uncle	37
Edwards, Cal		58
Fosster (Forster), Miss		1
<b>Gains (Gaines), F M, Lieut</b>	Co G	52
<b>Gholston, Capt</b>		17, 22, 33, 56, 60, 77, 81, 86
<b>Glover, J A (Joe)</b>	Co E	46
<b>Goolsby, Lucetta</b>	Sister-in-law	27, 57
<b>Graham, Abraham</b>		68, 70, 72, 76, 77
<b>Griffeth</b>	Co B	18
<b>Griffeth, Sarah Adeline</b>		2

Hancock, Mr		3
Hardeman, Lizzie		1
<b>Hicks, Nat</b>	Co E	26
Hubbard, Ginnie		83
<b>Jones, Ida</b>		40, 41, 56, 57, 60, 75, 80
Jones, J J		1
<b>Kendrick, Major Meredith</b>	Co E	26, 85
King, C E		44
<b>Ma</b>	Step mother	See Alice "Letty" Eberhart
<b>Marcus, Capt</b>	15th	See Marcus, Madison A
<b>Marcus, Madison A</b>	15th	63, 64, 65, 69, 75, 81
Margaret, George		6
Martin, John		22
<b>Mattox, Chris</b>	cousin	75
<b>Mattox, Lucy</b>	cousin	27, 57
McCarter		69
<b>Mcintosh, Annie</b>		56, 57, 75, 80
McVee, Alice		28
<b>Mills, Moses (Mose)</b>		41, 56
<b>Moore, Isaac V</b>		63
<b>Moore, Sergt</b>		See Moore, Isaac V
<b>Oglesby, Dru (Drue)</b>	Cousin by marriage	56, 57, 58, 63, 64, 69, 80
<b>Oglesby, John</b>		57
Oliver, John		56
Peavy		48
Philips, Mr		2
Power, Bob		65
<b>Power, Francis</b>	Co E	56, 58, 63, 64, 65
<b>Prather, Jim</b>	Co G	40, 58
Proudfoot, J C		77, 80, 81
Pruitt, Lou		7
<b>Rudder (Rudler), Colonel</b>	37 <sup>th</sup> GA	46, 60, 63, 81
Ruff, Mr		33
Ruspell, Robert		65
Russell, Mr		33
<b>Sanders, James A, Lt</b>	Co G	60, 75
Sanders, John		41
Smith		1
Smith, Bettie		28
Smith, H		1
<b>Smith, Joseph T,</b>		17, 18, 26, 27, 75, 83
<b>Smith, Major (Col)</b>		See Joseph T Smith
Stephens, Mr		68
<b>Strickland, W B</b>	Co E	26, 51, 55
Tarver		46
<b>Tate, Enos</b>		40
Thomas, M, Miss		1
Thomas, S		1
Threatt, Thos		18
<b>Tiller, Tom</b>		22
<b>Tower (Power), Lieut</b>	Co E	See Power, Francis

<b>Turner, Sergt</b>	Co G	See Turner, William P
<b>Turner, William P</b>	Co G	60
<b>Vail, Verona T</b>		41, 43, 46, 56, 59, 60, 75, 80, 81, 83
Vanlandingham		41, 57
<b>Vaughn, Isaac</b>		22
White		18
<b>White, James</b>	Co E	65
<b>Wilhite, Tom</b>	Brother-in-law	22
<b>Williams, Rebecca (Becca)</b>		18, 57, 75
<b>Winn, Daniel</b>		38
<b>Witcher, Charles</b>		44, 45, 48, 55, 58, 65
Wright, Lieut		80
<b>Wynn, Fannie</b>		26

## Appendix: Jacob Eberhart's girls

Ever since the creation of the first army, off-duty soldiers have dreamt of family, food, furlough and the fairer sex – not always in that order. Jacob B Eberhart was no exception.

His letters to his elder sister Addie (Adeline Elizabeth Eberhart who was 8 years older than Jacob) are full of references to all four. But the girls seem to have been his particular focus. Almost every letter contains greetings, requests for letters or for cooking or hand-made clothes, semi-serious marriage proposals and carnal day-dreams about his favorites. As the war dragged on he clearly spent more and more time with the girls on his mind. By July 1863 he mentions 25 in a single letter.

He was after all a single boy from a well-to-do family and a dashing young officer to boot: No doubt he attracted his fair share of female attention.

Who were these girls? Some of them can be identified with a degree of certainty.

Sallie (letters #41, 46, 57, 60, 83) and Sallie Blackwell (letter #75) are probably the same person. This is very probably Sarah Elizabeth Blackwell born 1846, who lived in Elbert County in 1860 and who married Martin Luther Stanton in about 1870.

Rebecca (letter #18), Becca (letter #57 & 75) and Becca Williams (letter #83) are probably the same person. This is probably Rebecca A Williams born 1844. She lived in Madison County in 1860 and married William Lloyd Smith, who had served in Co A 16<sup>th</sup> GA, in 1866.

Lucy (letter #26, 36, 43, 46, 56, 57, 60, 75, 80, 83) and Lucy Mattox (letter #27) are probably the same person. Clearly she was a special favorite. This is Lucy Mattox born 1846. She was the daughter of Nathan and Lucy Mattox, and was a resident of Oglethorpe County in 1860. Lucy was the younger sister of Sarah Mourning Mattox, who married Jacob's brother John Wynn Eberhart and was thus his cousin by marriage. In 1869 Lucy married Alfred Goss Power, who had served with Jacob and his brothers in Co E 37<sup>th</sup> GA.

Roni (letter #41), Verona (letter #43, 60, 80, 83), Rona (letter #46, 56, 75, 81) and Verna (letter #57) are probably the same person. She was another favorite. This is probably Verona T Vail born 1845. She lived in Elbert County in 1860.

On May 17 63 he sent his love via Addie to 12 girls including Roni and then on June 1 he asks Addie to "Tell Miss Rona to drop me a few lines occasionally and let me know how she stands on the marrying question ... Tell [her] I am not so bad as she thinks". On July 28 63 he tries to wheedle Rona into writing a letter appealing for him to be granted furlough. "Tell Miss Verna to send a very strong letter to me requesting me to come home. I will then make an application for a furlough & send her letter up to Gen. Bragg with my application".

By August 19 63 he is casting broad hints of marriage in Rona's direction, spoiled only by the fact that he is spreading the same hint towards Lucy Mattox and Sallie Blackwell in the same letter. We can guess that Rona had Jacob's measure very precisely: By October 27 he is mourning the fact that he hasn't heard from her and passes on via Addie that just "because Madison [a wounded soldier from Jacob's outfit – home on furlough] is at home, that's no reason that I should not hear from her". By November 12 1863 he has heard that "Madison and Rona are trying to marry"<sup>10</sup>. However by December 5 1863 he tells Addie "I should like very much to see Miss Verona to talk with her a little about bygone days and see how her pulse beats on the subject of matrimony".

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<sup>10</sup> The marriage never occurred. Madison A was single when he was killed near Richmond on 13 Oct 1864



Verona resisted all of these proxy proposals and later married George Alexander who had served with Jacob in the 37<sup>th</sup> GA.

Ida (letter #41, 43, 56, 57, 60, 75, 80, 83). This is probably Ida Jones born 1848 and resident in Elbert County in 1860. Ida married Jim Burch (also mentioned in these letters) in 1870. Ida had an older sister Louisa Hammond Jones born 1846 and, from the juxtaposition of names in letter #40, it is at least possible that the "Lou" or "Lu" of the Eberhart letters (#41, 43, 56, 57) is Ida's older sister.

Savannah (letter #57). This is probably Savannah A E Alexander born 1845. She married John B Almand in 1867. She was the sister of George Alexander, who also appears in the Eberhart letters and who was to marry Verona.

Settie (letter #27, 57) is probably Lucetta (Lousettie) Goolsby born 1844. She lived in Oglethorpe County in 1860 and was to become Jacob's wife in 1864.

The girls that we can identify with any certainty were all born in the years 1844 to 1848 and were thus younger than Jacob who was born in 1841. By 1862 these girls were all 14 to 18 years old – and by the practice of the day no doubt thinking of marriage. By contrast, in 1862 Addie was a respectable doctor's wife and 28 years old. We can only guess whether and to what extent she actually worked as match-maker for Jacob.

The letters also mention a number of other girls who cannot be identified with the same certainty. However if they were in the same age bracket as the girls we can identify and if they lived in or near Elbert County then we can hazard some reasonable guesses as to their identity, although the process is complicated by the frequent practice of the 1860 census enumerator in Elbert County of recording people by initials rather than by name.

Annie (letter #56, 57, 75) and Annie McIntosh (letter #80) are probably the same person. This is possibly Anna Cassandra McIntosh born 1849. She lived in Elbert County in 1860 and married Budd Clay Wall in 1866

Tollie (letter #57) is possibly Tolula C Hall born 1848. She lived in Elbert County in 1860.

Angelina (letter #57). Tentatively this may be Angelina Mews born 1848 (or less probably Angelina Allen born 1832). Both lived in Madison County in 1860.

Josepina (letter #41, 57). Tentatively this may be Josephine Moon born 1848 and resident in Elbert County in 1860.

In the rest of the cases there are either many possible candidates or no obvious candidate for the identity of the girls in question, making identification impossible without more information. This is the case in respect of: Janie (letter #57, 60, 75, 83), Sue / Susan (letters #41, 57), Alice (letter #27, 57), Gemima (letter #41, 57), Lailie / Laillie (letter #43, 56) – this might perhaps be a transcription error for Sallie, Maggie (letter #57), Emma (letter #57), Winnie (letter #57, 60), Proxie (letter #57), Dee (letter #18), Emma (letter #56), Ginnie Hubbard (letter #83), Katie (letter #57), Vanlandingham (letter # 41, 57), Dauson (letter #41), Mimie (letter # 41), possibly the same person as Minie (letter 56) and Millie (letter # 57), Gussie (letter # 56), Fannie (letter # 56), Harrie (letter #57), Gee (letter #83).