

Walt Whitman

AND THE CIVIL WAR

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tion doubtful)—wife Nancy Moore—Vets Washington Co. Ohio—
July 26—much better.³⁵

Clinton J. Minzey—Ward E—Co. M. 5th U. S. Cavalry—Mother,
Mrs. Wealthy Minzey, Geneva, Ontario Co. N. Y.

To Clinton Minzey. Ward E.—parcel of cakes & crackers.³⁶

A bottle of cherry brandy for a bad case of diarrhea.

To John Bechtle (Ward H) Co. G. 154th N. Y. gave my picture,
book & papers.

Geo. W. Yeaton—Armory Sq. Hospital, Ward C.

Samuel H. Puckett—Bed 10—Ward B. Arm.—Co. F. 3d Indiana
—wounded last March at Dumfries—some apples—(Died)

John—Philip—Leniner—Co B 149th Penn.—father—Henry
Leniner, Rockland P O—Clearfield Co. Pa.—Philip was killed at
Gettysburgh.

Aged 20—Philip's expression—My God—My God—I am gone
too—here I go—in Dutch—killed in charge—Noon—Killed at
Gettysburgh—1st of July '63—(aged 18)—John wounded first at
the same time he supposed Philip was killed too.

Wm E. Vandermark—Co I—120th N. Y.—bed 39—Ward B—
Sarah E. Vandermark, Accord, Ulster Co. N. Y.³⁷

Jan 2—William Widner—Ward H—Dec 22—Co I—2d N Y
Cav—heart disease—Rolla Widner—Frankfort Clinton Co. Ind.—
apples or oranges or crabapple jelly.

³⁵ From the Lion Collection.

³⁶ See the entry for April 18, 1863, in "Diary for 1863."

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On the back of a small white hospital notebook belonging to the early part
of 1864, we find this curious entry written in an illiterate hand. "April 7/64—
father i have been here to se yo and yo was not at home i leave my best
wishes hoping yo are well i am very well yo must come and see me good by,

W. E. Vandermark to his father Walt Whitman.

Vandermark is also mentioned in the Huntington Library notebook.

Jan 4 '64—James Taylor—bed 52—Ward H—33d bat—scurvy
—father—Danl D Taylor—Lawrencevill—Tioga Co.

Albina H. Carter—bed 34 Ward B—Co. E. 6th Maine—g. s. w.
lf't knee—piles bad—he gave me the marble book—father Robert
Carter 2d, Blue Hill, Maine.

Dan'l J. O'Neil—Co A 7th Mass.—Fall River, Bristol Co. Mass.
—g.s.w. lft hip.

Chas. H. Clowden—Ward A—bed 4—119th Penn—wife Eliza
Clowden—472 North 2d St. Philadelphia—try some jelly.

Charles Davis—bed 49—Ward E—Jan 31—Co H—1st Michigan
Cavalry—pretty low with diarrhea.

Walter A. Sibbitt—Ward H—bed 7—Feb 1 '64—Co H—126th
N Y vol—diarrhea pretty bad—Admitted 19th Aug.—father—
Jonathan Sibbitt—Port Gibson, Ontario Co. N. Y.

Ask Judge Granza at Washington house to call on Walt Sibbitt—
bed 7—Ward H.

Edwin Nickerson—Ward H, bed 48—April 12 '64—Co K, 4th
Maine Vol—(drafted last June '63)—very bad case chronic diarrhea
—as I sit by him he looks like a skeleton, no flesh on body,—very
low & weak.—sister Mrs. Emmeline D Brown—Belfast, Maine—
came here March 20 from reg. hosp.—(gone home).

John Graham—Ward H—April '64—150th Penn Vol—Presi-
dents guard.

Edwin H. Miller—Erie City, Pam—Co H—9th N. Y. Cav.³⁸

James W Craffee—Ward F—April '64—Co A 86th Regt.—Mor-
rissville, Madison Co. N. Y.³⁹

Dr. Haviland (the old doctor)—Grosboro point—gov't boat—
foot of 7th St.—died May or June '64.

³⁸ This entry is not in Whitman's hand. The soldiers themselves sometimes
wrote down their name, address, and so on, for Whitman.

³⁹ The name, address, and regiment number are not in Whitman's hand.