

FROM

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DATE 7-19-82

SUBJECT

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Dear Michael, I visited Gettysburg with my family last month and had _____ as a guide. I'm chatting with (I forgot his name) about the 154th NY, he thought you might be interested in reading the enclosed diary of my great uncle. I'm sorry I don't have facilities to make you a copy but feel free to do that if you wish! Regards - hope you enjoy it!

PLEASE REPLY TO → SIGNED

Jim McWethy
JIM MCWETHY

DATE

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9 August
1982

James

Dear Mr. McWethy:

It was a real pleasure to hear from you, and about your relationship to Corporal Newell Burch. Thank you very much for sending to me the transcription of Newell's diary.

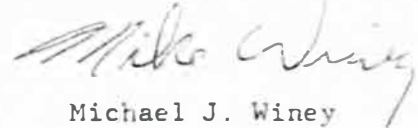
Way back in 1967 I had gotten a copy of the diary from the University of Minnesota with John Q. Imholte's editing. Of course I had no idea that the direct line descendants were still around nor did anyone at the U of Minn. tell me of you. I used Newell's diary extensively in my Masters Thesis--a history of the 154th Regiment, New York State Volunteer Infantry. Newell was a very well educated man for his time and his diary entries and later amplifications gave much meat for my paper. Later, in collaboration with a fellow who had an ancestor in the regiment, Mark Dunkelman and I put together a book, using my Masters Thesis as the vehicle, and finally had it published last year.

However, we are still seeking information on the regiment. That is why I was so thrilled to hear from you. Perhaps you have other items of Newell Burch. We hope to eventually republish the book with the additional information we are gathering so I hope you will not think of me as being a pest if I ask you about Newell's mementoes. Do you have anything else of Newell's? Do you have any other photos of Newell, other than the post-war view used by Imholte (and by us in the book)? Do you have any photos collected by Newell of other members of the regiment? Do you have any other papers of Newell's--enlistment, promotion, discharge, muster rolls, other memoirs he wrote after the war, letters he wrote, any parts of uniforms, chevrons, insignia, corps badges, any souvenirs from Andersonville, any GAR badges or other mementoes, his rifle, bayonet or accoutrements? Any of the above would be of great interest to us and would really appreciate copies of the paper material and photographs of the 3-dimensional items.

I was really disappointed when Walt Powell told me he guided you around the battlefield and then did not get your name and address so I could write to you. Thank you very much for writing to me and for sending the diary. I want to keep the diary for awhile to compare it with the xerox copy I got from the U. of Minn. just to be sure I got it all. I will then return it to you. If you would like you could send any other paper items or photographs to the Military History Institute and we could have them copied there where I work. Any 3-dimensional items you might have of Newell's I will let up to you if you want to send them or have them photographed at your home. I will be happy to pay for any expenses you incur relative to having the mementoes photographed.

I hope you are not too exhausted reading all of this nor over all of my questions but it was such a thrill to hear from you and naturally of the possibilities of gaining other materials that I just went on and on. Thanks for writing to me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Winey". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Michael J. Winey

FROM

MICHAEL J WINEY

TO

SUBJECT

Dear Michael,

DATE

8/18/82

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I enjoyed receiving your letter of Aug 9. I was surprised (and pleased) to hear that you had already received a copy of the diary from John Durbolte, and I will definitely send you a copy of The Hardtack Regiment. I am sorry to say I have absolutely nothing in my possession belonging to Newell Burch - no photographs, mementos, nothing. However, I am

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sending your letter and your flyer on the book on to some of Newell's more direct descendants in hopes that they might have something for you. Thanks again for writing.

Regards

J. McElveth

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FROM

TO

MICHAEL J WINEY

SUBJECT

Newell Burch

DATE

12/27/82

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Enclosed is a copy of a return letter from SUSAN Hill; it sounds as if she might have some pictures that would be of interest to you. You may contact Susan directly, at

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I received your book, Handtack Regiment, and enjoyed it very much.

Regards,

Jim McWethy

P.S. don't forget to send back my copy of the diary when you have finished reviewing it!

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MICHAEL WINET

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1-11-83

Dear Michael

My apologies! My daughter did indeed receive and sign for the diary - and my son is currently using it for a school report on the civil war!

Thanks

Jim McElhite

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Dear Mr. McWethy:

Thank you for your letter and for the information you received from Susan Hill. I shall write to her.

Your P.S. gave me a bit of a shock as I had sent the Newell Burch diary back to you in August. I checked my records and am herewith inclosing a xerox copy of the return receipt showing that an AnneAnne is McWethy did indeed receive the package and signed for it. I hope forgot

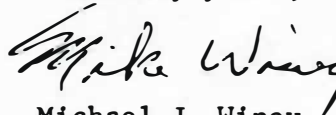
from your family --perhaps your wife or daughter. Maybe she away again. to inform you of the return of the diary and just filed ~~in~~ ~~different~~

I will admit that the address I sent the diary to is be able to ~~from your business address above, Hope~~ ~~the address I~~ locate the diary in your home very soon.

Thank you for purchasing a copy of THE HARDTACK REGIMENT; I am glad you enjoyed reading it.

Best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely yours,


Michael J. Winey

January 14, 1983

Mrs. Susan Hill

Dear Mrs. Hill:

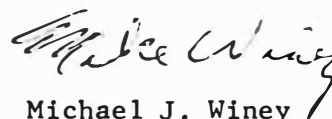
Mr. James McWethy of Wayzata, Minnesota, gave me your address and a copy of your letter telling of materials you have on Newell Burch who served in the 154th Regiment, New York State Volunteer Infantry in the Civil War.

Would you have access to a xerox (copy) machine where you could make copies of the pictures of Newell Burch and the pages from the Burch Book concerning him? I ask this because it would be easier for you to xerox that material than to send the albums and book in the mail. I will be happy to reimburse you for the xeroxed material, just let me know what it costs. We are interested in the wartime service of Newell Burch especially, so if your material tells anything specifically about that period of his life we would like to have copies of it. If you xerox the photographs we can then determine whether we would like to photocopy them. I would love to see a photo of Newell Burch in his Civil War uniform. Do you know where his letters are that he wrote home during the war?

Although our book has been published we are still searching for information on the 154th New York in hopes that in the future we will be able to publish a revised and, hopefully, more thorough account of the regiment. We have received numerous bodies of materials from descendants of other members of the regiment since our book is out and we are happy to be in touch with you as well, in hopes that you too have more information we could add to our files.

Thank you for your time in reading and considering the matters asked for in this letter.

Sincerely yours,


Michael J. Winey

Sunday 9/19

Dear Jim, Laurie and children -

I thought I would answer your letter long before this here it is fall and getting cold. We've hardly had summer and so many of our intentions to get many things done seem to have gone down the drain. However, it has been a good summer. Audrey is fine, she's having extensive dental work done right now, has rented her house here as of Oct 1 - that means we're taking \$10 for you, Ted, etc. I've been a bit busy at Green River went to it for a little whilst, have had some company and enjoyed it all.

Jim - the letter you sent about Newell Burch was exciting. I have an album (2 in fact) that my mother assembled. In them are pictures of Newell B and Susan Parris Burch. There is the Burch Boat which you probably have. There is a photo on p54 and a picture of Oliver Wheeler Burch's family on p55 with an interesting comment about Newell's picture being inserted after his return from prison. Pages 36 & 39 tell more. If you think these of value,

later

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A [I'll send them to you or to the researcher. They're not directly related to the war years.

I don't have any "3-dimensional artifacts"

I'm sure you have a Bird Book but if you don't I'll send mine - or should I say "loan" mine to you.

Audrey and I've urged Jimmy to contact you if and when she ever goes to Mpls / St P on business. It would be fine we think for your generation to know each other. I think you'd appreciate each other.

Laurie - There are very few beach flims this year due to our wet summer but I'll try to get a jar for you for a sweet snack.

My best to you all - at home, at work, at school and in play and in all your ventures.

Love -
Susan

Thank you to
Susan

1/26/83

Dear Mr. Winey -

I shall be at the above address until April and cannot get the copies of pictures and other items you want to you until after that time. If I should forget to send them to you within a reasonable time after that, please remind me by writing me in Sandwich.

The original documents are in the Dunn County Historical Society's office in Menomonie, Wisconsin. They are a collection of notes in a couple of small notebooks, as I remember. Perhaps they would loan them to you.

Sincerely,
Susan Hill