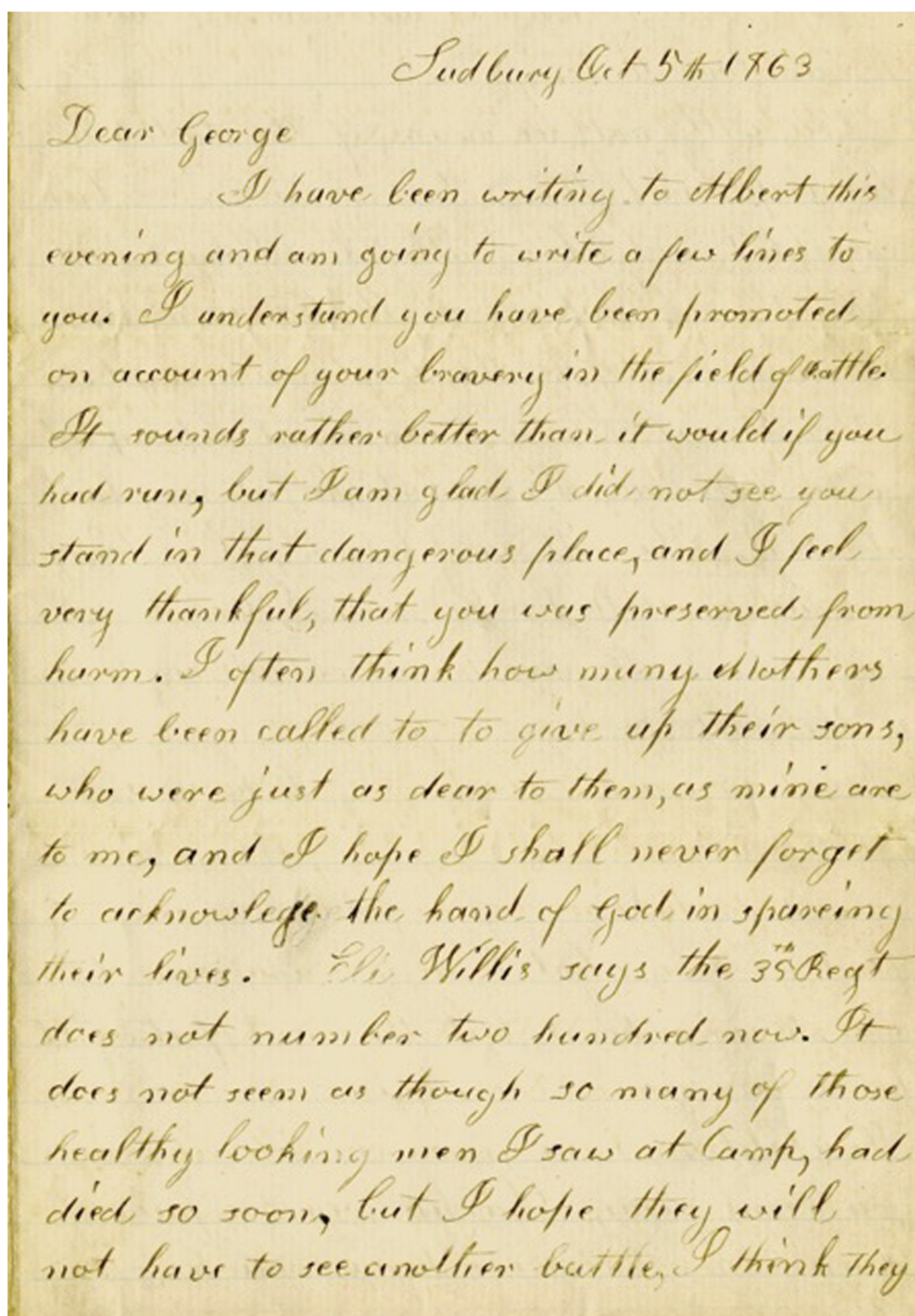


# 1850-1860



Brothers, Pvt. Albert Moore and Corp. George Moore



Letter from Mary Moore to her son George



Etching of the original Goodnow Library

Between 1861 and 1865 this small town rallied for the preservation of the Union. Sudbury sent 168 men to enlist in the Union Army. The town voted to furnish uniforms, a revolver and a sword for each man and provide pay of \$20 a month. The town also voted to provide all necessary assistance to the families of men leaving for war. Eleven Sudbury men would not return home.

Sudbury, Oct 4th 1863,

*Dear George, give my best respects to the Sudbury Boys and the members of your Company D and members of the 35 Regt in general. you have Won an Honorable and Noble spot in history that cannot be blotted out in the present generation From your Father*

Brothers, Pvt. Albert Moore and Corp. George Moore, 35th Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers in Company D. The men served three years and both returned home to Sudbury at the end of the war along with brothers Pvt. John Moore and Pvt. Alfred Moore. The Sudbury Historical Society has a collection of 84 letters between George and his family. They provide an intimate glimpse of the trials of the soldiers and their families.

*Sometimes we have to lay down with our equipment on and guns at our side and when we get up in the morning our heads would feel as though it had been in a vice. George*

On the home front, Sudbury women continued working on the farm and in the home. As members of The Sanitary Commission they put together supplies that were sent to the army hospitals. They sent letters and food to the soldiers. They also raised money by selling hand braided seven-strand straw braids used in the manufacture of hats.

Dear Mother,

*I received the box Friday with a letter from Hattie. The box was in good condition excepting the pears and two of the pies they were a little moldy on the crust but the rest was good. Love, George*

The Goodnow Library opened April 4, 1863. A gift of the late John Goodnow. It was the second public library in Massachusetts. Built at a cost of \$2,691.35, the original structure was octagonal, topped by an ornamental cupola with windows on all eight sides.

Sudbury, April 13th 1865

*The greatest excitement ever was known when the news came that Lee had serendred. Bells rung, Cannon a firing, Steem whissels a whisiling, dinner Bells rung and horns blown and the stars and stripes thrown to the trees. Your Father*



Civil War Union Army cap, canteen and ammunition. Seven strand straw braid