

Ft. Sumner Sept 8th, 1862

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have peace in life than six months
I must now close, so good bye - Love to
all the family -

Sincerely Your Son
William Brown

Broun, William. William Broun to Edwin Broun, Petersburg, VA, September 8, 1862.

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Letter from William Broun to his father Edwin Broun from Petersburg, Virginia, September 8, 1862.

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Notes:

1. June 25, 1862 - Skirmish at Germantown.
2. August 9, 1862 - Battle of Cedar Mountain
3. **Yellow Sulphur Springs** is a historic resort complex located near Christiansburg, Montgomery County, Virginia. ... The cold mineral spring water on the property is rich in minerals and doctors prescribed it to their patients. [Wiki](#)
4. **Bilious fever** was a medical diagnosis of fever associated with excessive bile or bilirubin in the blood stream and tissues, causing jaundice (a yellow color in the skin or sclera of the eye). The most common cause was malaria. Viral hepatitis and bacterial infections of the blood stream (sepsis) may have caused a few of the deaths reported as bilious fever.