

Easton Jan 17 1863

My Dear Daughter

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February 1

My Dear Bettie I

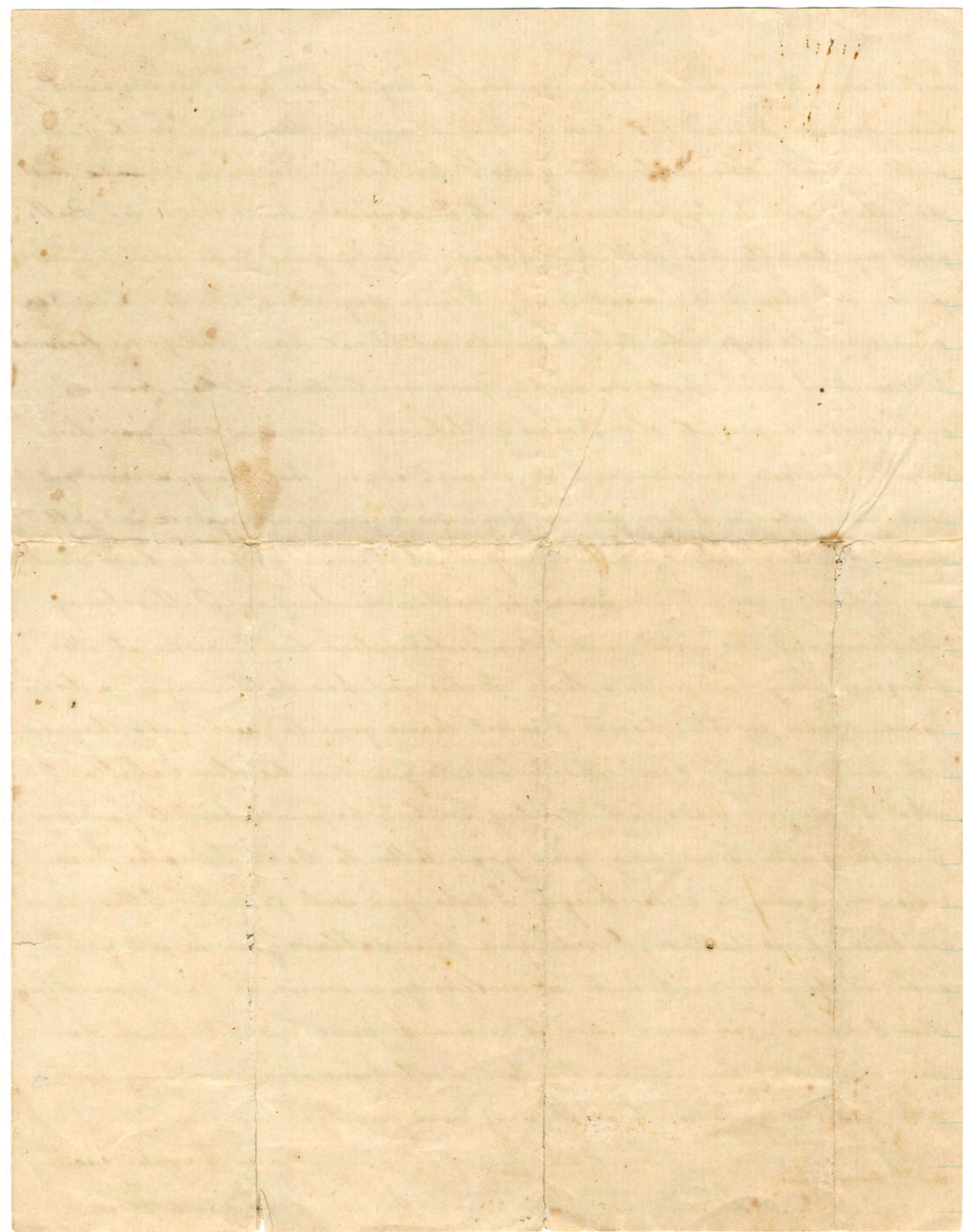
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Time William has been home ^{two weeks} tomorrow night he got here at eleven
o'clock at night I was delighted to see him he is looking remarkable
well I see no change in him except his hair is a shade darker than it
was last winter I wish you were with us at this time he will leave the ^{in three}
~~of days~~ third of the month I never look at him but it reminds me of his visit home
last year for three or four days I could not put Charlie and Cobb out of my
mind dear precious boys I shall never ^{get} over their death I loved them better
than all ^{my} other boys Eddie reminds me of Cobb he is like him when Will
tosses him he calls him the big man ~~the~~ he talks a great deal about ^{visiting} Turkey
you will be sorry to hear of Lewis Harvey's death he had been sick too
or three months Lucy has a little girl ^{it is a} week old I have you heard of
Laura James death she died very sudden Mary Bettie Caspage was
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had been yourself you must never say again that Ma loves brother
any better than she does you, you ask how many boxes the girls have
they are rather a scarce at this time Lute has been here twice once
to see your Pa on buisness there are a good many Soldiers at now none
have been to Easton Thap has been home a same time has not paid
us a visit I have had company every day since your Brother has
been home mostly ladies, I will try to get the things you want
I have been trying to get you a pair of shoes the smallest pair
is number 4 I hope I shall be able to get them soon if I cannot
get black silk ~~as~~ wrapping what kind do you want if you
had rather select your dress I will send the money to you
what kind of bonnet will you get this summer you must
write us soon as you get this send your letters to William and he

will send them home it is the only way I can hear from you I
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will direct them to Mr Giles F. Eubank Richmond ~~he~~ will
send them down by persons going to Richmond, how is Ginnie Betts
give my love to her tell her I heard a very good joke about one
of her old beaus he went to Mr Payne beg Annie to let him see
Ginnie's likeness she told him she could not do it unless he promised
he would kiss it he very readily promised to do it when how and
behold she brought old Franky's likeness he was one poor disa-
pointed fellow Annie says he almost cried, how do you come on
with your studies I hope you are improving in your music and will
be able to play when ask when you get home by the by how would
you like to spend the summer or rather vacation in Petersburg
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came home in the pouts I must leave you to guess who they are
all the servants send their love to you particular Isabella
Mrs Payne was here last evening wish to be remembered to you and
Ginnie, Caln Downing give your letter to Capt Charles Ince
who was going to Petersburg I hope you will get the letter as it
contained five dollars, I send you five dollars you must get
a birthday present with it unless you want it for something
else I know you are tired of so much nonsense William has
been amusing himself for the last half hour at my writing such
a long letter you must write very soon good bye

must burn this

Your Devoted mother
Harriet



**Broun, Harriet. Harriet Broun to Bettie Lee Broun,
Northumberland County, Virginia, January 17, 1863.**

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Handwritten letter from Harriet Broun to her daughter Bettie Broun. Easton, Virginia, January 17, 1863 and February 1863. 4 pages. Harriet Broun, Northumberland County, Virginia, writes her daughter Bettie Lee Broun, at the Womans College in Petersburg. Topics include William Broun visiting home from the war, hunting, Christmas, visitors, deaths and marriages, clothing, and Bettie's birthday.

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...will send them home. It's the only way I can hear from you. I have never received but two letters through the mail or if you will direct them to Mr. Giles Eubank, Richmond, he will send them down by persons going to Richmond. How is Ginnie Beth? Give my love to her. Tell her I heard a very good joke about one of her old beaus. He went to Mr. Payne beg Annie to let him see Gennie's likeness. She told him she could not do it unless he promised he would kiss it. He very readily promised to do it when low and behold she brought old Frankey's likeness he was one [?] [?] [points?] fellow. Annie say he almost cryed [sic]. How do you come on with your studies? I hope you are improving in your music and will be able to play when ask when you get home. By the by how would you like to spend the summer on another vacation in Petersburg? William and the girls went to a [molasses show?] last week at New Douglass. They had quite a time. Bettie and Joe both caught a [bean?] came home in the [fourth?]. I must leave you to guess who they are. All the servants send their love to you. Particularly Isabella.

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1. Punctuation added by transcriber.