

29 Aug 1864

At home Wng. 29th, 1864,

Capt. Vadenpangh;

Dear Henry,

fancying that
a few lines from an old
friend would not be entirely
unacceptable to you I in accordance
with my inclinations will proceed
by telling you how we are
all getting along. I am enjoying
fine health at present, yet feel
very sad on account of losing
one of my dearest friends.

Cousin Anne died on the 5th inst.
This was not unexpected for
at no time for the last five
or six months did I expect her
to live two weeks longer.

In the battle before Petersburg
on the 30th ult., John was

wounded, though not dangerously
so. He is in the 1st ^{reg} Brigade 3rd Div
and 9th R. C.

Those of the 25th Ind who did
not enlist returned home
yesterday. Hope you are yet a
Lincolnite for I want you to
come here before the election
and make a Lincoln speech.
Last Saturday a copperhead
from Rockport spoke here and
according to my manner of
judging he didn't care any
more for letting fits on
Mr Abe than I should on
Jeff Davis. But I must tell
you something about guerrillas
who are playing sad havoc in
the country opposite here, yesterday
report says that the guerrillas
went to Overmoro where some
white Union soldiers and some
smoked ganks were stationed

and the mean rascals
fastened some of those
soldiers in a wharf-boat and
burned the boat. A band
of guerrillas commanded by
Dr Blencoe comes into
Lewisport every few days
— they have driven the
union people from that
place. Now I think that I
am quite brave for writing
to you; having received no
letter from you for five or
six weeks. I wouldn't write
again but somehow I can't
help fearing that some
misfortune has befallen you.
Please write soon and
tell me how you are
progressing

Yours as ever
Thollie

P.S. Good time Monday eve.

I have just had some
photographs taken and send
one to you. Don't forget
about that abolition speaker,
W. C.



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