



John T. Harrington Letter, 1863

A native of Jefferson County, Kentucky, John T. Harrington wrote this letter to his sister from 150 miles above Vicksburg, Mississippi, where he died on May 22, 1863. He was officially mustered into the Federal army on January 2, 1862, in Louisa, Kentucky, as a member of the Twenty-second Regiment, Kentucky Volunteer Infantry. The Kentucky Historical Society collections house two 1863 letters from Harrington that encompass his views on everything from the personal to the political.

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