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Miss Eliza Frain
East Madison
Maine

Remains of envelope Addressed to Miss Eliza Frain

In the woods somewhere
in Maryland

September 8 1862

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Washington D C
Co G 16th Md Infy

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Dear Mother,

I thought I would write you a few lines. We are at the present time in Maryland about ten miles from Washington. We were routed out about 10:30 o'clock Saturday night at Fort Tillinghast and our regiment collected and marched about 3 o'clock Sunday morning and marched into Washington and over into Maryland and camped for the night. Then started this morning and marched on to where we be now. We are within six miles of Old Stonewall Jackson's army and expect to be called into action any moment.

The Maine cavalry are here too, I was in their camp and inquired for James Cithcart. He was taken prisoner in Banks' retreat about eight weeks ago yesterday. And today the road for 12 miles was awful as it could be—packed of troops and baggage wagons. They say we are going to march again in about two hours up a little nearer the old fellow. That is just what we want.

[Thomas D.] Sawyer is well. John [H.] Fenderson was yesterday when we left. He stayed to guard the baggage. There was an awful lot of men fell out yesterday on the way but I stood it first rate and never felt better. I will write again in a few days. Direct as before.

Washington D. C., Co. G, 16th Maine Regt., Corp. J. H. Fraine

Bio of John H. Frain

Born in 1840, he enlisted on 15 August 1862 in Co. G, 16th Maine Infantry. He rose in the ranks from private to 2nd Lieutenant while in the service of his country. John was taken prisoner in the railroad cut during the fighting on the first day at Gettysburg while covering the retreat of Doubleday's Division from Oak Ridge west of town. He was taken prisoner again on 19 August 1864 at Weldon Railroad near Petersburg.

John was the son of Moses Fraine (1807-1894) and his wife Eliza Cunningham (1817-1893) of Madison, Somerset County, Maine. Moses was a shoe or bootmaker from England; Eliza was a native of Ireland. After the war, John married (1868) Pauline F. Richardson (1848-1896) and settled in Skowhegan where he worked at a livery stable. Though military records and John's signature use the spelling "Frain however," "Fraine" is the way it is spelled on the family headstones. John passed away in 1898.