

**Sarah Gratz to Benjamin Gratz**

**September 19, [1814]**

Philadelphia [Sepr.?] 19[th.]

Your letter from Wilmington my dear Ben has just arrived as soon as my blister heals I mean to make you a visit now that we can be comfortably accommodated Mrs. [Cadwlr?] told me on Saturday she would call for me the first time she went to Camp I fear however she will go too soon for me as I have a prospect of being confined to the house some days \_ My fever is certainly abated since the above application [I think] the torture of a large blister should remove disease or it could never be borne with [fortitude] \_ in the midst of suffering Gardette paid us a visit and I had my teeth cleaned thinking a [greate] pain would subdue the lesser which was actually the case \_  
we are all well and since the good news from our [Armies] in fine spirits \_ God Bless and perserve you my beloved  
Brother prays your fond Sarah Gratz

P.S\_  
remember next Saturday is Kipur a double Sabbath! I trust we shall see you before then \_  
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**Rebecca Gratz to Benjamin Gratz**

I am glad, My Dear Ben, to hear you are restored to something like society \_ you will feel pleasanter if it is only from a distant view of the smoke that curls round the chimney of a domestic habitation \_ Tho' you have philosophy enough to bear & be satisfied with the hardships of a camp life \_ some less regulated spirits have given utter-ance to their opinions \_ and we gather that comfort was very distant from [Kennets] Square, particularly during the late rains \_  
our dear Sally continues much the same, we have to day got a nurse for her. as her nights are much disturbed and she is not satisfied with my attendance, her health is pretty good \_ she was down stairs this morning and until the blister was applied, walked out every day \_ I very much fear you will soon have Jac at camp, his company have agreed to separate, and leave that part behind who are unwilling to go \_ I shall never acquire heroism \_ it is almost too much to part with all our dear dear brothers on such an occasion \_ May the Great God of Israel protect you all! by the [...] of this you will recieve the cloths sent for, may I not send you [worsted] socks next time? cotton is certainly not warm enough for camp, and worsted would preserve

you from taking cold from wet feet \_ the luxury of fine linen, you  
percieve I do not bestow very liberally \_ travelling is so destructive  
to them, that I intend having some coarse ones made for you \_  
(with permission) as well as Jac should [he] determine on joining  
you. you will likewise recieve one days rations of salt beaf  
tis all we had boil'd \_ I hope we shall be better able to supply  
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you now as the stages run daily to Wilmington \_  
Mrs. Meredith sends love \_ and enquires why you do not  
answer her letter \_ Rachel sends her tender love \_ and all the  
girls unite \_ so does Aunt Bell \_ every one is particular in  
individual messages but I have not time to write them  
as the man returns immediately \_ God Bless you my dear  
    Brother, we heard from Jo on Friday, he  
    was well Adieu, recieve the affection of your  
        attached RG

Monday morning

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Lieut. Benjamin Gratz  
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near Wilmington

[Endorsement:]  
Jacob  
Rebecca Gratz