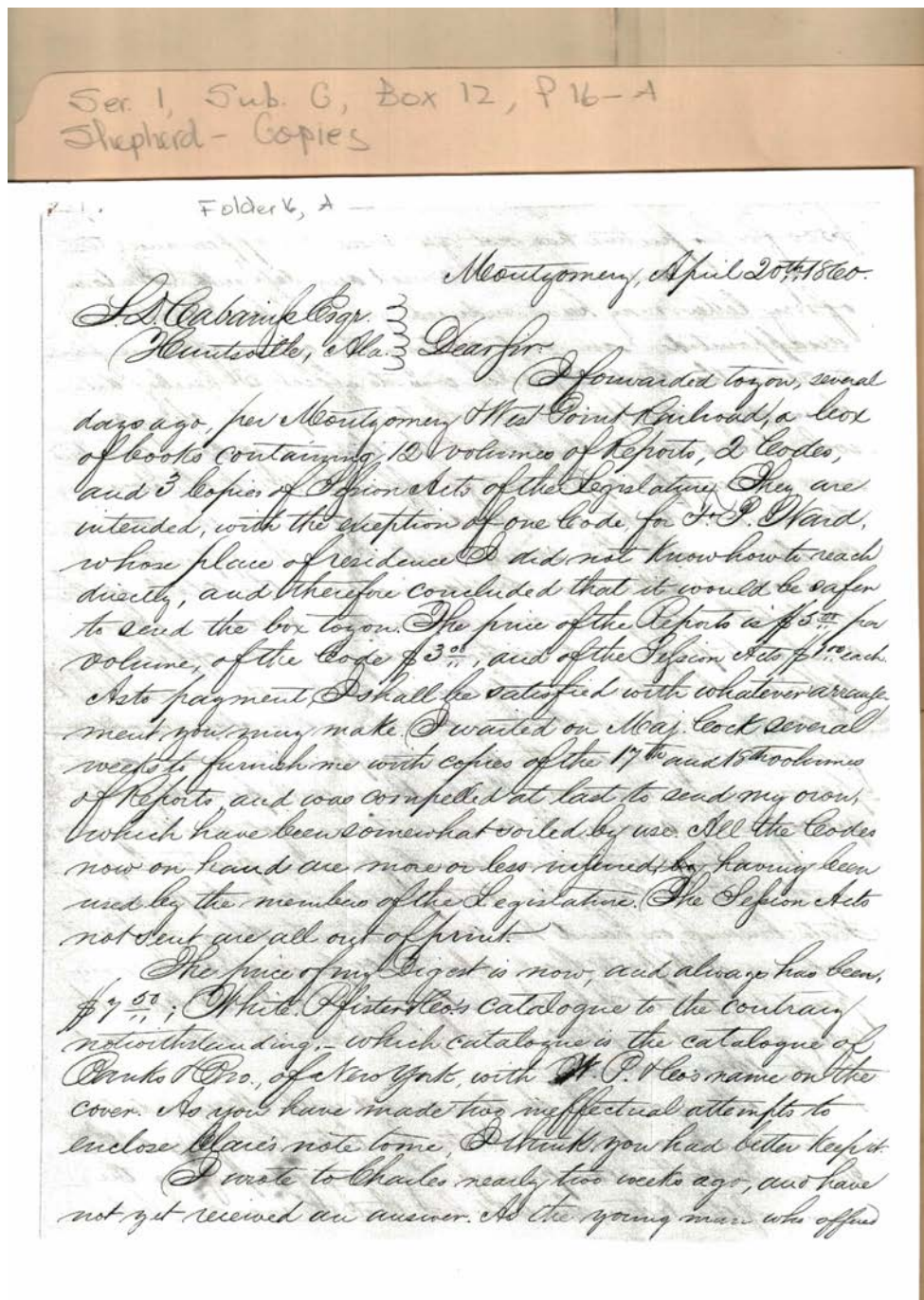


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S. D. Cabaniss from J. W. Shepherd

Names:

, Charles
Banks & Bro.

Cabaniss, S. D.
Cock, Major

Ward, F. P.
White, Pfister & Co.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Montgomery, AL

Types:

letter

Dates:

April 20, 1860

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Shepherd, John W. to Cabaniss, Septimus D., 1865

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\$500 for his services has not yet made his appearance, the delay in his answer has not caused any difficulty. The tone of my letter may have induced you to believe that I was disappointed in not getting the office of Commissioner to revise the Code. If such was its effect, I hereby disclaim any disappointment whatever, except the chagrin which one naturally feels at the thought of being considered an unsuccessful applicant for office. I think the Governor's decision was right, and had myself come to the same conclusion with him several weeks before the appointment was made. The more I examined into the details of the work to be done, the more distrustful I became of my ability to perform it without resigning the office of Reporter. Another weighty consideration with me was, that I could not, while holding another office, claim or obtain from the Legislature the same compensation which another person might insist on. While Reavis will probably obtain \$5000 for his services, I could not have got more than \$5000.

My printers have recently formed a partnership with Shorter & Reid, the State printers; and the press of State business on hand has caused them to delay my next volume of Reports. Only about 200 pages of it are now printed, (which I have heretofore sent you,) I have the copy nearly all completed, and hope to have the volume out by the 15th or 20th May.

Mary and the children are all well. Mary undertook, a few days ago, to teach Katie her letters, but found that she made rather slow progress. By way of emphasizing the names of the letters, she told her that it was her letter,

S. D. Cabaniss from J. W. Shepherd

Names:

Reavis,

Shepherd, Katie

Shepherd, Mary

Shorter & Reid

Places:

Montgomery, AL

Types:

letter

Dates:

April 20, 1860

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and stood for Katie; that E was Evie's letter, and stood
for Evie, &c. Katie soon recollected the name of her own
letter, but E was too much for her - she could recollect that
it was Evie's letter, but never could call its name. Mary
became rather impatient, and said, "Katie, I don't be-
lieve you ever will learn the name of Evie's letter." To
which Katie replied, much to her uncle Robert's amuse-
ment, "Well, marna, I don't want to learn Evie's letter.
Let Evie learn it for herself."
Yours truly,
J. W. Shepherd

S. D. Cabaniss from J. W. Shepherd

Names:

, Evie

, Robert, Uncle

Shepherd, J. W.

Shepherd, Katie

Places:

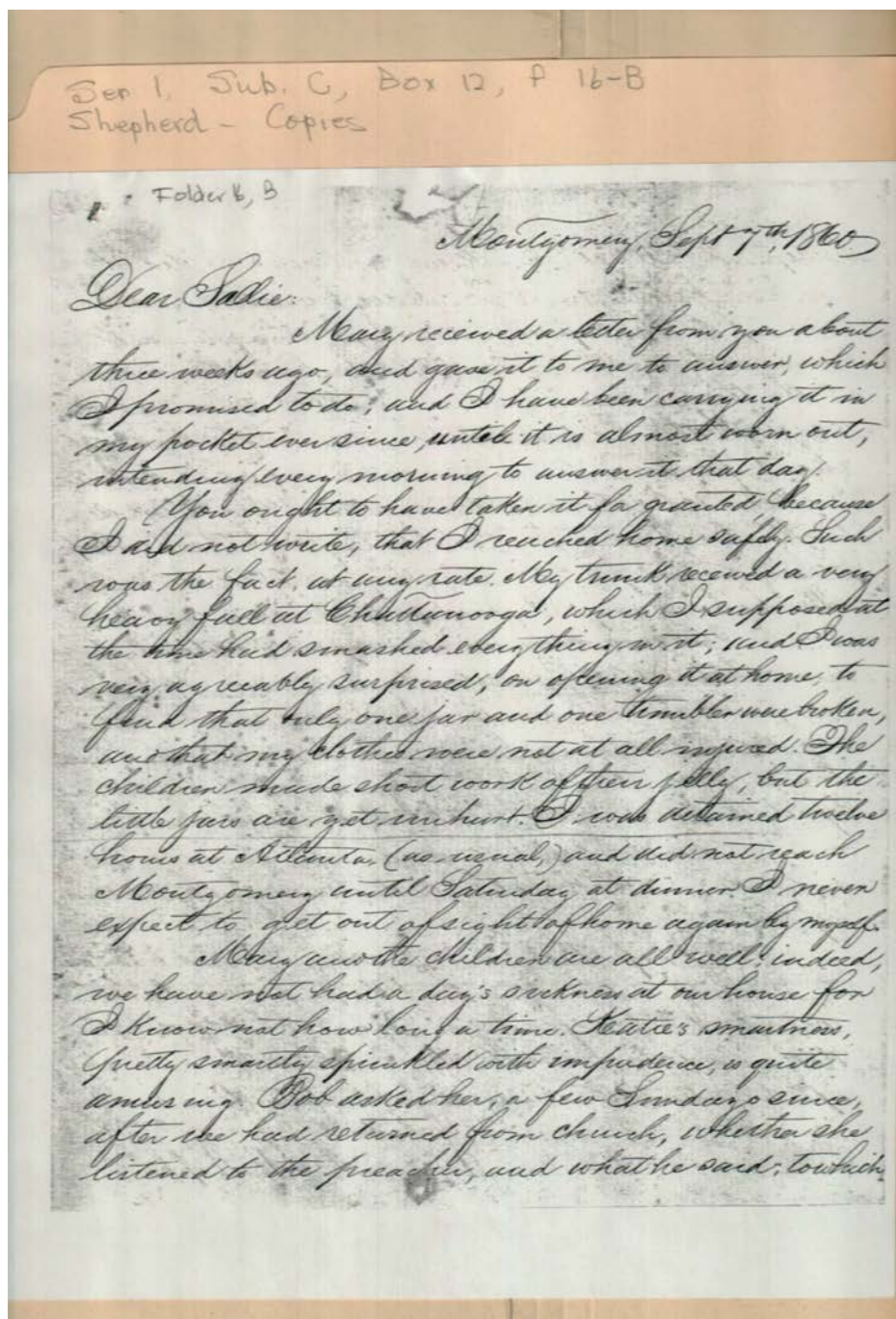
Montgomery, AL

Types:

letter

Dates:

April 20, 1860



Sallie Shepherd from J. W. Shepherd

Names:

, Bob

Shepherd, Katie

Shepherd, Mary

Shepherd, Sallie

Places:

Montgomery, AL

Types:

letter

Dates:

September 7, 1860

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she replied, "What you ask me for, must Bob, didn't you hear him say self". Mary brought her and Evie up to the capitol yesterday evening, to walk home with me. I was in the Supreme Court Library at the time, where there are over 3000 volumes of books, which Katie had never before seen. After looking about for some time, she asked me "if I didn't reckon God got mighty tired making so many books". Evie is a perfect little parrot, and contented herself with repeating every thing that Katie says. The baby is as pretty and as good as she can be.

I was very much surprised certainly to hear that sister had actually left home. If I had supposed that there was the remotest chance of her getting off, I think I should have waited in Kintecore a week longer to see it. Where are they now, and when do you expect them at home? What kind of a school has Charles commenced with? Did he succeed in finding a rich widow during the vacation, or did he confine his attention to politics?

I hope that you will not feel bound to imitate me, remaining in answering this letter, as we are always delighted to hear from you. If you think I do not deserve a letter, write to Mary. She will not be very apt to entrust the answering of her letters to me again.

Yours truly
J. W. Shepherd

Sallie Shepherd from J. W. Shepherd

Names:

, Bob
, Charles

Shepherd, Evie
Shepherd, J. W.

Shepherd, Mary

Places:

Montgomery, AL

Types:

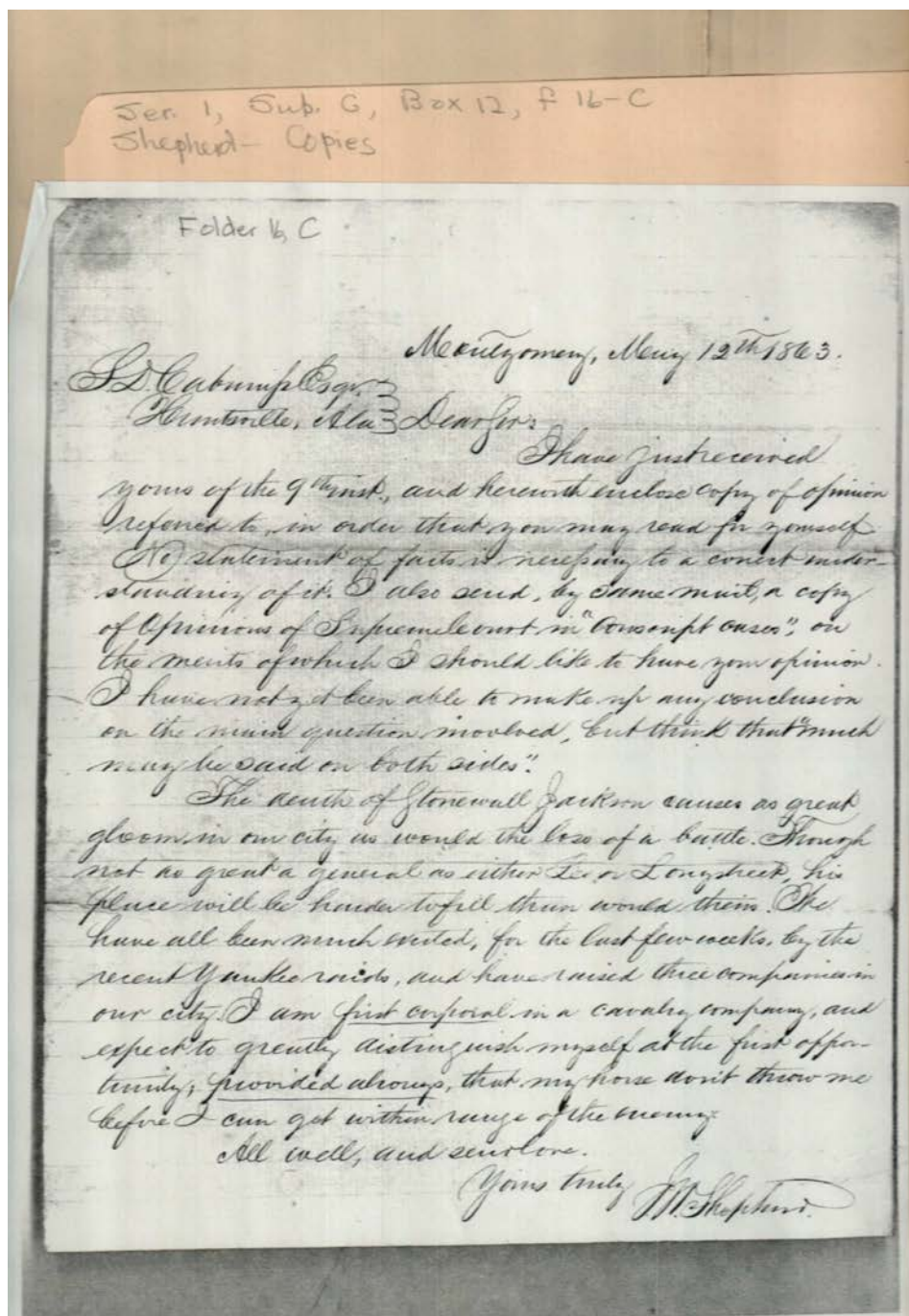
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Dates:

September 7, 1860

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S. D. Cabaniss from J. W. Shepherd

Names:

Cabaniss, S. D.
Jackson, Stonewall

Lee,
Longstreet,

Shepherd, J. W.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Montgomery, AL

Types:

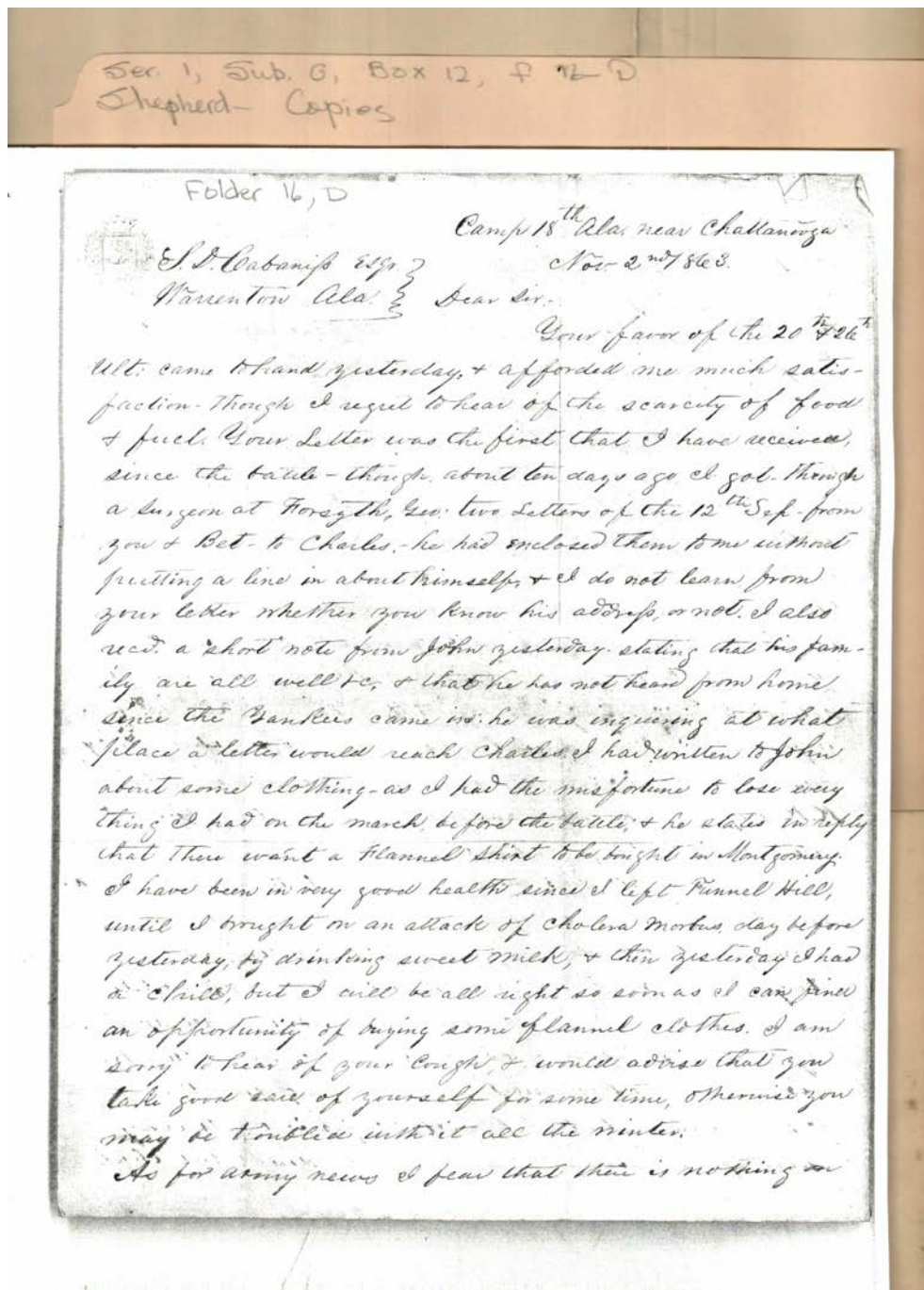
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Dates:

May 12, 1863

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S. D. Cabaniss from Leven W. Shepherd

Names:

Cabaniss, S. D.

Shepherd, Bet

Shepherd, Charles

Shepherd, John

Places:

Camp 18th Ala. near
Chattanooga

Warrenton, AL

Types:

letter

Dates:

Nov 2, 1863

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Shepherd - Cabaniss

hand, that you will find interesting. The Yankees have
got possession of Raccoon Mountain three miles distant
& are fortifying as fast as possible. Longstreet's men
are shelling them all the time. I fear that the Virginia
troops being surprised last week & losing their position
will cost us a great deal of trouble. It seems that
Law's Brigade & Jenkins attacked & captured a large
wagon train on the other side of the River, & then the
men went right on to a Yankee Division & fought them
until reinforcements came up. recaptured the train & pris-
oners - followed our men across the river, & now have
three Army Corps at Meccasin point - two Union bridges
across the river, & a fort with guns all casemated.

It seems to me now that the Yankees are much better
situated, for playing all the winter than we are. The
infernal Chickamauga keeps on rising & washing away
our bridges - cutting off our communication with the
R.R. Depot where our rations are, so that officers &
men are on half rations all the time.

Our Brigade has been on the front line of entrench-
ments ever since we have been here, & now we are
getting out boards &c. for building winter-quarters one
day, & the next are ordered out in line of battle, &
remain so, for 24 or 36 hours. I want to see another
big battle just as soon as possible, for I don't think
our Army makes much by remaining inactive.

I have heard that A.P. Hill's Corps is on its way
here from Virginia, & I do not doubt but that

S. D. Cabaniss from Leven W. Shepherd

Names:

Hill, A. P.

Jenkins,

Law's Brigade

Longstreet,

Places:

Camp 18th Ala. near
Chattanooga

Types:

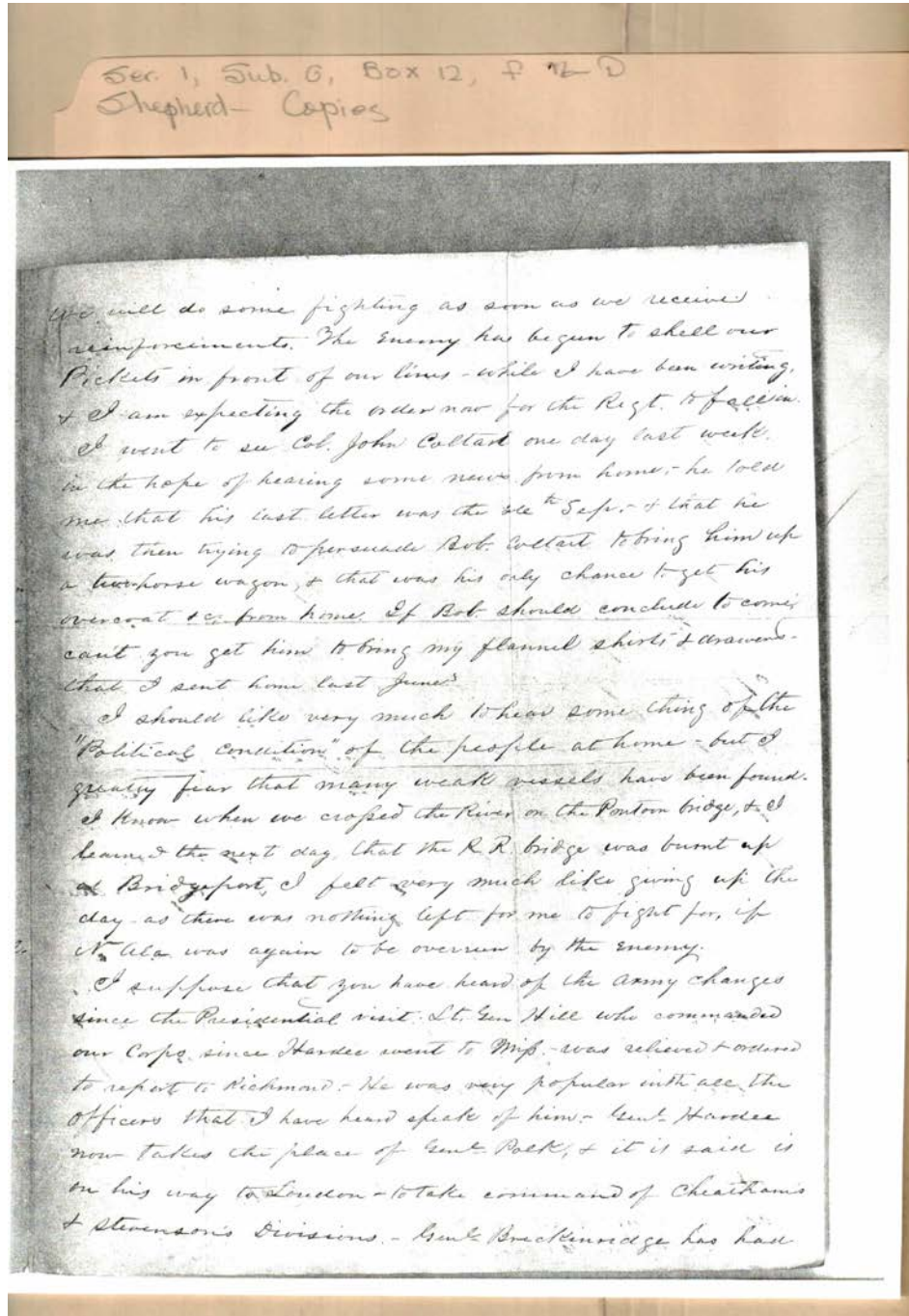
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S. D. Cabaniss from Leven W. Shepherd

Names:

Breckenridge, Gen'l
Cheatham,

Coltart, John, Col.
Coltart, Bob

Hardee, Gen'l
Hill, Lt. Gen.

Polk, Gen'l
Stevenson,

Places:

Camp 18th Ala. near
Chattanooga

Types:

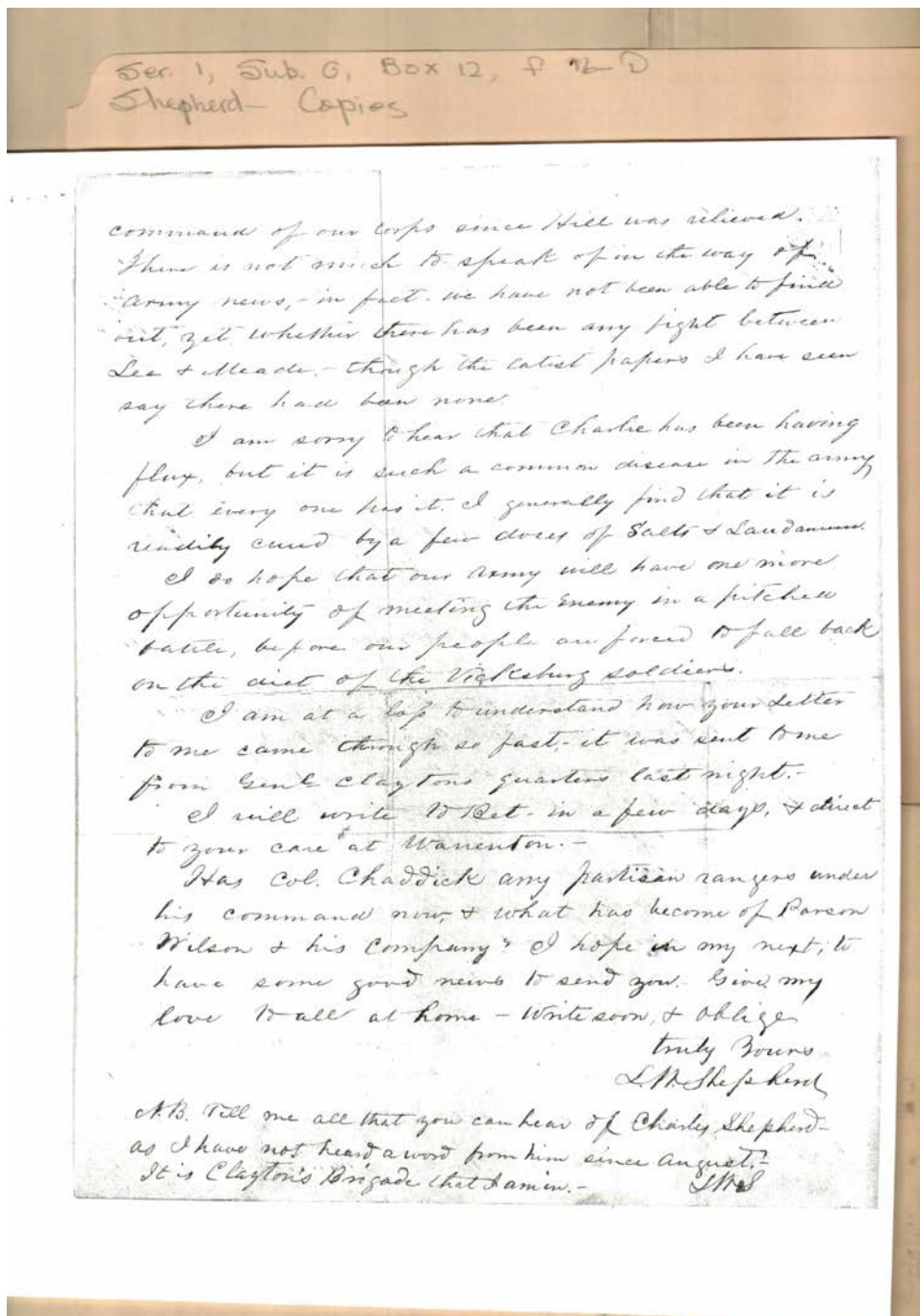
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Dates:

Nov 2, 1863

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S. D. Cabaniss from Leven W. Shepherd

Names:

, Charlie
Chaddick, Col.
Clayton, Gen'l

Hill, Lt. Gen.
Lee,
Meade,

Shepherd, Bet
Shepherd, Charles
Shepherd, L. W.

Wilson, Parson

Places:

Camp 18th Ala. near
Chattanooga

Types:

letter

Dates:

Nov 2, 1863

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Camp 18th Ala. Hayton's Brigade
Stewart's Division. Burnside's
Cops. Nov 6 to 1863.
Dear Bet.

It has been so long since I had a letter from you, that I had given up all hopes of being able to reach you by mail; but Mr. Cabaniss has inspired me with some confidence in his ability to communicate with the folks at home - as how goes for what little there is in the way of news among us. Our Regiment has just come in from standing Pickett - which you have learned before this - means going out to the front line next the enemy & remaining on guard for 24 hours. It rained all the time, but it is better in one respect than staying in camp, the sight of the enemy lends some excitement to life which otherwise is monotonous enough to make one get weary of it altogether. Short rations is the common cry both of Officers & private, at this present writing, & has been so pretty much ever since we have been here. When the wagons can cross the Chicamauga we get meal enough & half the time flour, but we have not seen any bacon in three weeks, & beef is very scarce & when the wagons are up, we have to do without bread & meat. I am in hopes there is a move on hand, now that will change the condition of things in a few days. The Virginia troops have begun to move from Lookout Mountain which is our extreme left - around to the right, & as two other divisions moved that way 10 days ago - we will have a large force on the right - which leads to Loudon & Knoxville. The enemy is busily engaged erecting batteries along his front, & occasionally shelling our Picketts, but this is done to cover his movement of forces in the same direction as ours, to reinforce old Burnside who is some where in the neighborhood.

Sallie E. Shepherd from Leven Shepherd

Names:

Burnsides,
Cabaniss, S. D.

Shepherd, Sallie E.
(Bet.)

Places:

Camp 18th Ala.
(Chicamauga)

Huntsville, AL

Types:

letter

Dates:

Nov 6, 1863

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of Knoxville. These movements are made only at night, & other
troops take the places of those who are gone the same night. It
is said that the enemy leaves their tents standing, & every thing
looking as natural as possible, but I presume that the
Leaders on both sides are aware of what is going on, &
when the battle does come off, it will be decided by main
strength & hard fighting like Chicamauga was. It all de-
pends upon the pluck of the Private Soldier, at last, &
his pluck depends greatly, I think, upon his being fed
whilst he is doing the fighting. There are many of our
men who depend upon their luck in the next battle to obtain
shoes for their winters wear. They have been barefooted for
the last two months. There is not much sickness among
the Soldiers at present, & that will be up, if every
man had a blanket & a pair of shoes. You see in the ex-
citement of battle, they throw away their blankets, &
now they are unable to procure others. I don't know
how the deficiency is to be supplied, unless all the
Carpets, &c, in the country, are furnished to the army.
To show you how difficult it is for an officer to get
clothes, unless they are sent from home, I will give you
my experience. I lost all my baggage on the march, except
what I had on, that was the 1st Sept. & I happened to have on
one of the striped sick shirts you made me. I wore that shirt
until it was nothing but rags - I would pull it off &
wash it, in a creek on the march, & put it on again - it was
so thin, it soon got dry. Well up to this time, I have only
been able to get hold of two shirts - one, check, & the other
a coarse domestic until the other day John sent me a

Sallie E. Shepherd from Leven Shepherd

Names:

Shepherd, John

Places:

Camp 18th Ala.
(Chicamauga)

Types:

letter

Dates:

Nov 6, 1863

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black cotton overshirt, & 2 prs. garm socks, & I have bought a pr.
of pants, & shoes - the two costing \$8.75 & being the very
coarsest sort of quality to I borrowed apr. drawers & so
have got along very well. It is not worth while for one to
have more than one change - as that is as much as he can
carry with him, & if he leaves any thing at the wagon train,
it is sure to be stolen or thrown away. I have wished many a
time for those undershirts & drawers I sent home last spring,
& I still hope & believe, that our army will come in reach
of them before Christmas. There is one thing certain we are
not going to remain here long, & we have to look for a place
this winter, where there is some thing to eat & wear. If ever we
get into Kentucky I will own one more suit of good clothes.
The last letter I have seen of yours, was written to Charles, &
bore date 12th September. As it you spoke of having opened
a school &c. I hope that you may have as many scholars
as you want - though I regret the necessity of your
having to lead a life that will confine you so closely to
the house. Tell Mother that I will drop in & pay her a visit
when she least expects. I did think seriously a while
back, of applying for a 30 days leave of absence, to go home &
get married, but it is too late. Genl Bragg has closed down
on that plea, & the only hope now is to stay & see the
end of it. I am in very good health - my only trouble
being too much appetite. I dread to think how you
are going to get through the winter - it seems to me impossible to
get wood or coal in Huntsville. If the Yankees have to burn all
the houses, mills, wagons &c. We will have to trust in Providence
& Genl Bragg - for they are the only ones that can help.

Sallie E. Shepherd from Leven Shepherd

Names:

Bragg, Gen'l

Shepherd, Charles

Places:

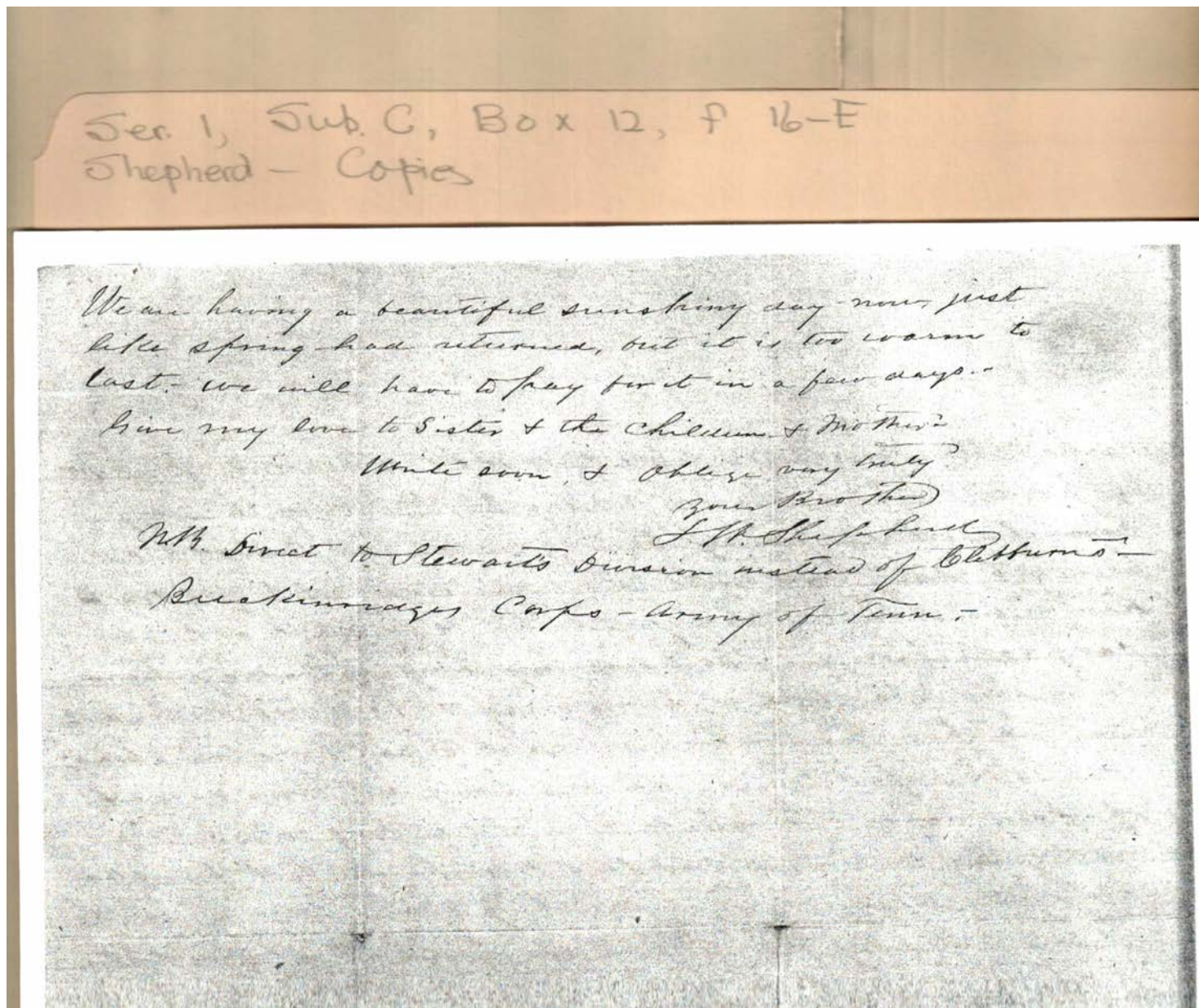
Camp 18th Ala.
(Chicamauga)

Types:

letter

Dates:

Nov 6, 1863



Sallie E. Shepherd from Leven Shepherd

Names:

Breckinridge's Corps

Shepherd, L. W.

Stewart's Division

Places:

Camp 18th Ala.
(Chicamauga)

Types:

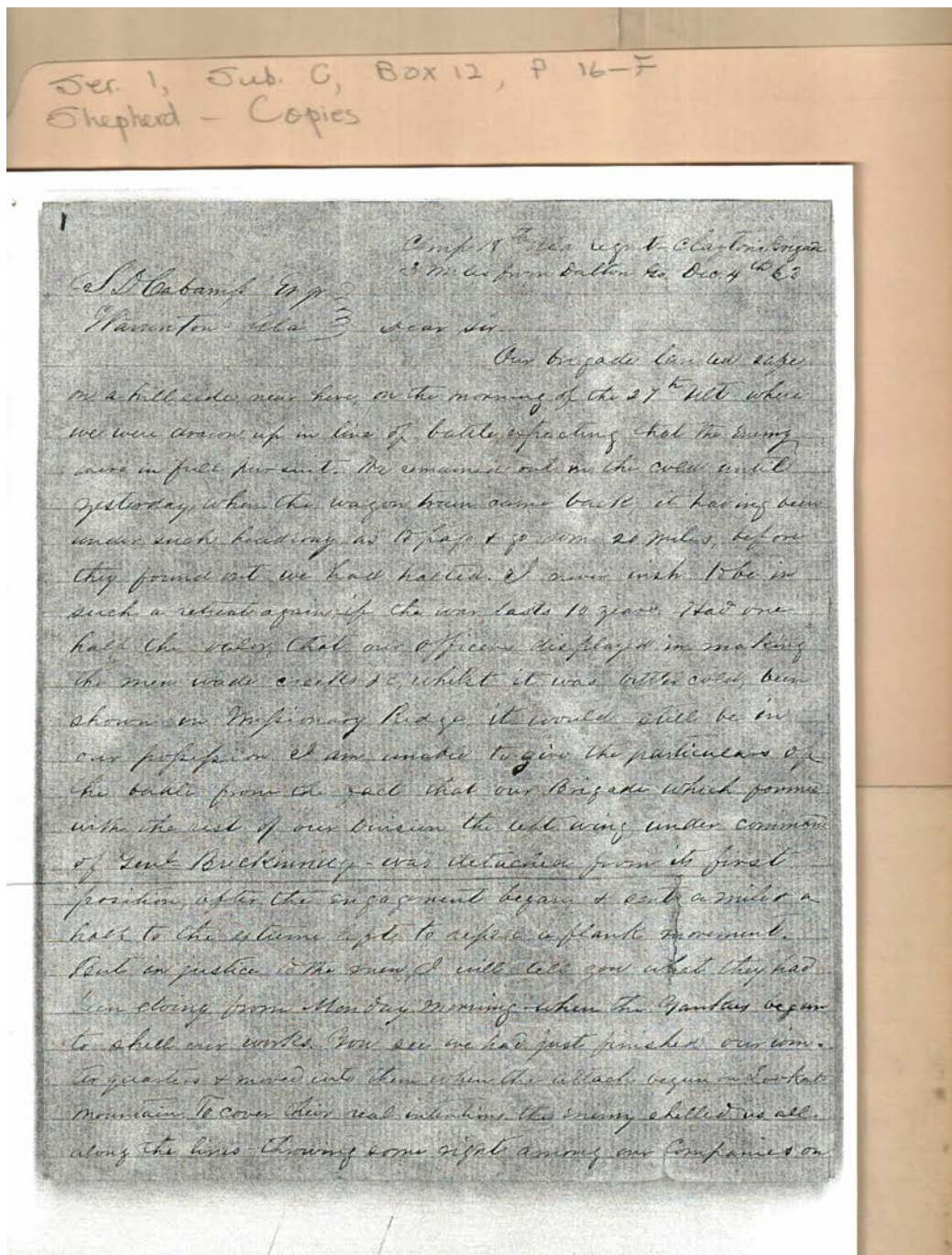
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Dates:

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S. D. Cabaniss from Leven Shepherd

Names:

Breckinridge, Gen'l

Cabaniss, S. D.

Places:

Dalton, GA

Warrenton, AL

Types:

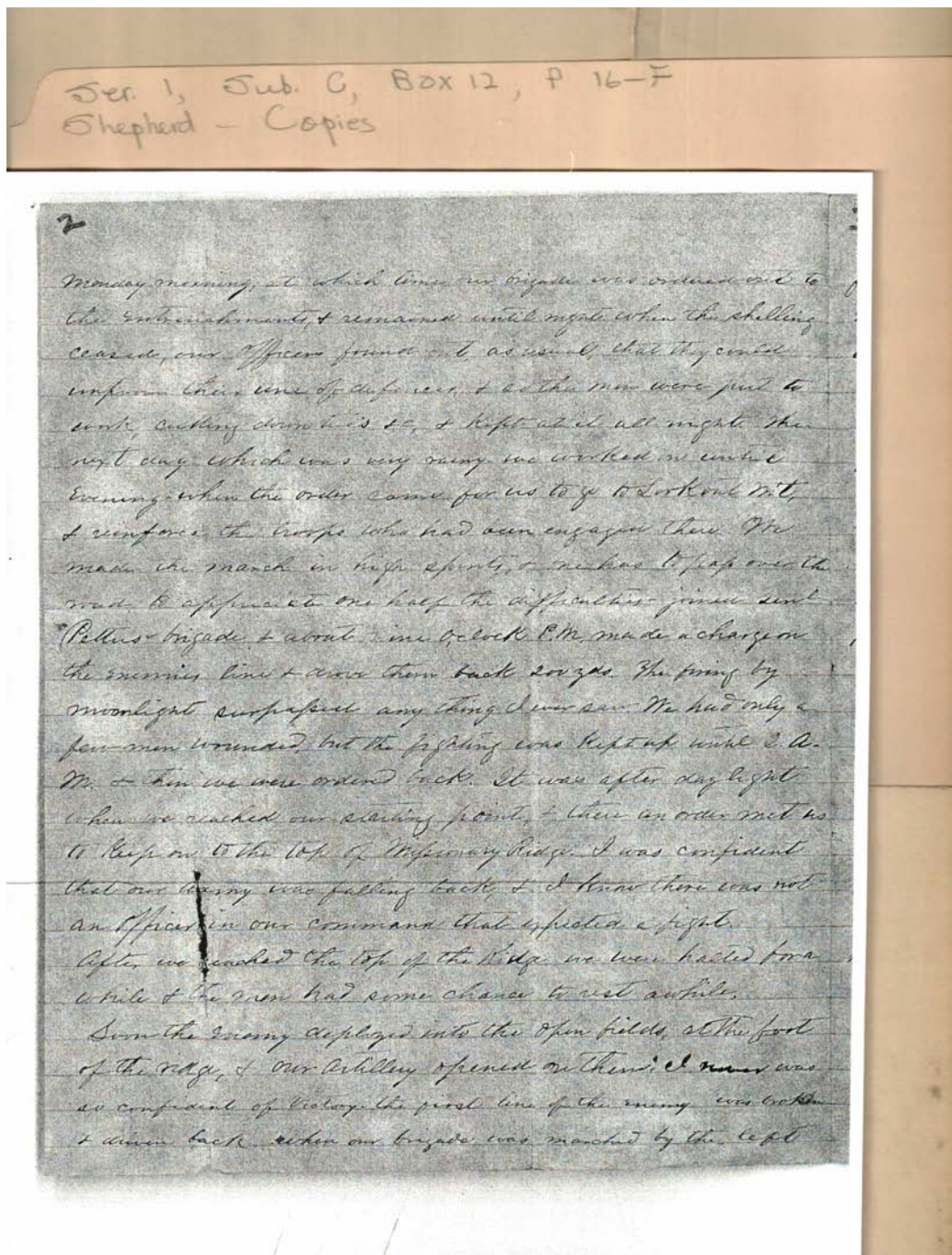
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Dates:

Dec 4, 1863

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S. D. Cabaniss from Leven Shepherd

Names:

Missionary Ridge

Pettus' Brigade

Places:

Dalton, GA

Types:

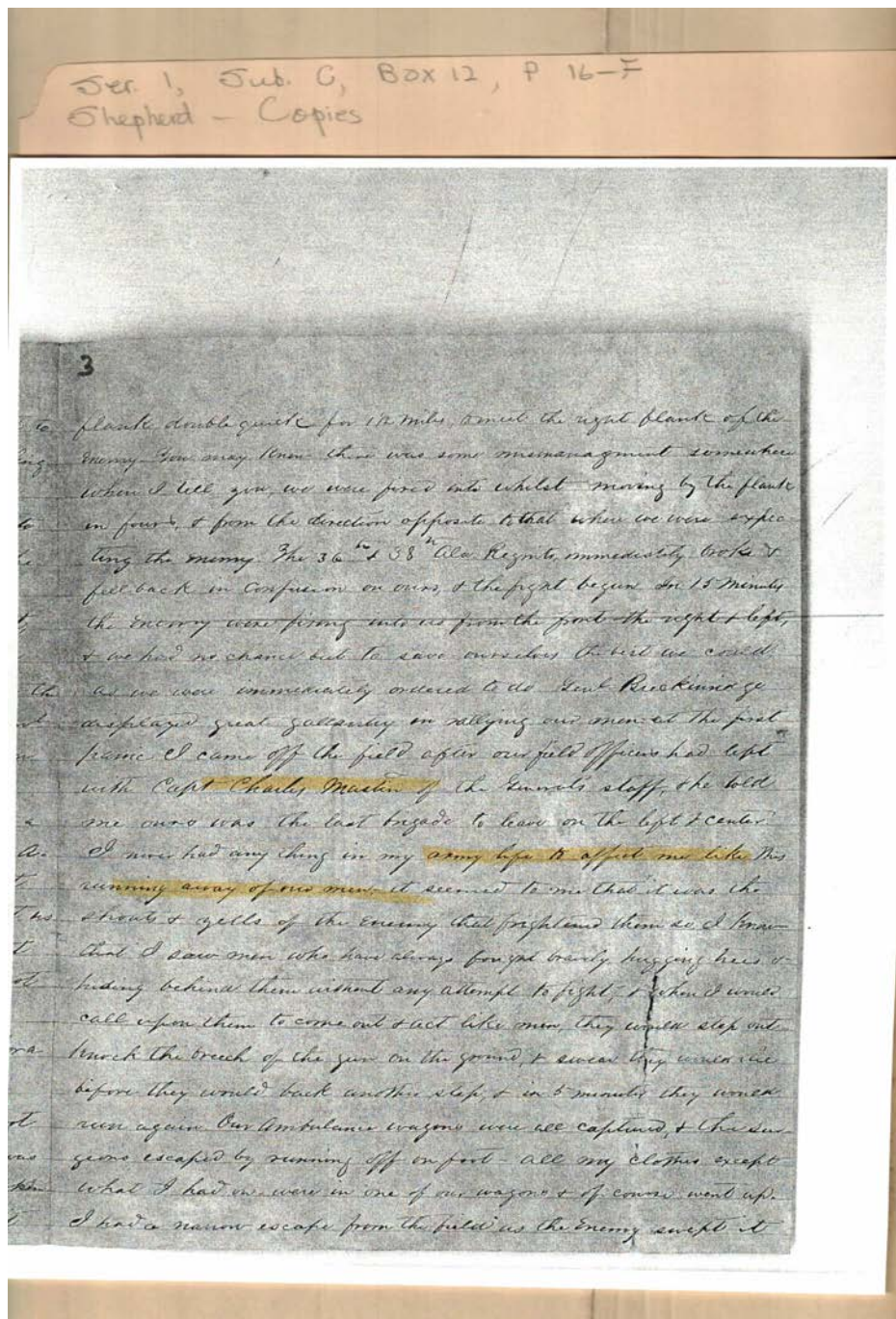
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Dates:

Dec 4, 1865

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S. D. Cabaniss from Leven Shepherd

Names:

Breckinridge, Gen'l

Mastin, Charles,
Capt.

Places:

Dalton, GA

Types:

letter

Dates:

Dec 4, 1863

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with grape & canister & the call to halt & surrender was repeated in all directions but I thought I would take the chance. My stump was shot off but my horse having been shot once at Chicamunga went off in great leap style. Our Regt. lost 140. Taken Prisoners including one Capt. & 2 Lts. The 38th Ala. lost all its officers & only had 80 men when the brigade reformed at Chicamunga Depot. Genl. Birney after remaining in the trenches in front of his W&Gs until the men ran over him begging them to halt & repulse the enemy once more as they had driven them back twice already, drew his repeater, fired every barrel into the advancing ranks & escaped on horseback. He has been relieved & Lt Genl. Hardie commands the army until Joe Johnston comes up. Genl. Cleburne's Division is the only one that gained any credit as they not only repulsed the enemy every time but finally charged over their breastworks, captured several stands of colors & a mass of prisoners & thought we had gained a glorious victory until they were ordered to retreat that night. Our line of battle now extends between Ringgold & Dalton.

I have not been able to hear from Charles since my last to you & can form no idea of his whereabouts. Let me know if you have any tidings of him. It is very difficult to hear a word of news from Vicksburg. I was much pleased to meet with Henry Willis Bassett just before the fighting began. He is Capt. Surg. of 25th Ala. is in poor health etc. We are having some splendid weather even but clear. Give my love to all at home. Write soon & oblige
Yours truly
J. W. Shepherd

S. D. Cabaniss from Leven Shepherd

Names:

Bassett, Henry Willis
Bragg, Gen'l

Hardie, Lt. Gen'l
Johnstone, Joe

Shepherd, Charles
Shepherd, L. W.

Places:

Dalton, GA

Types:

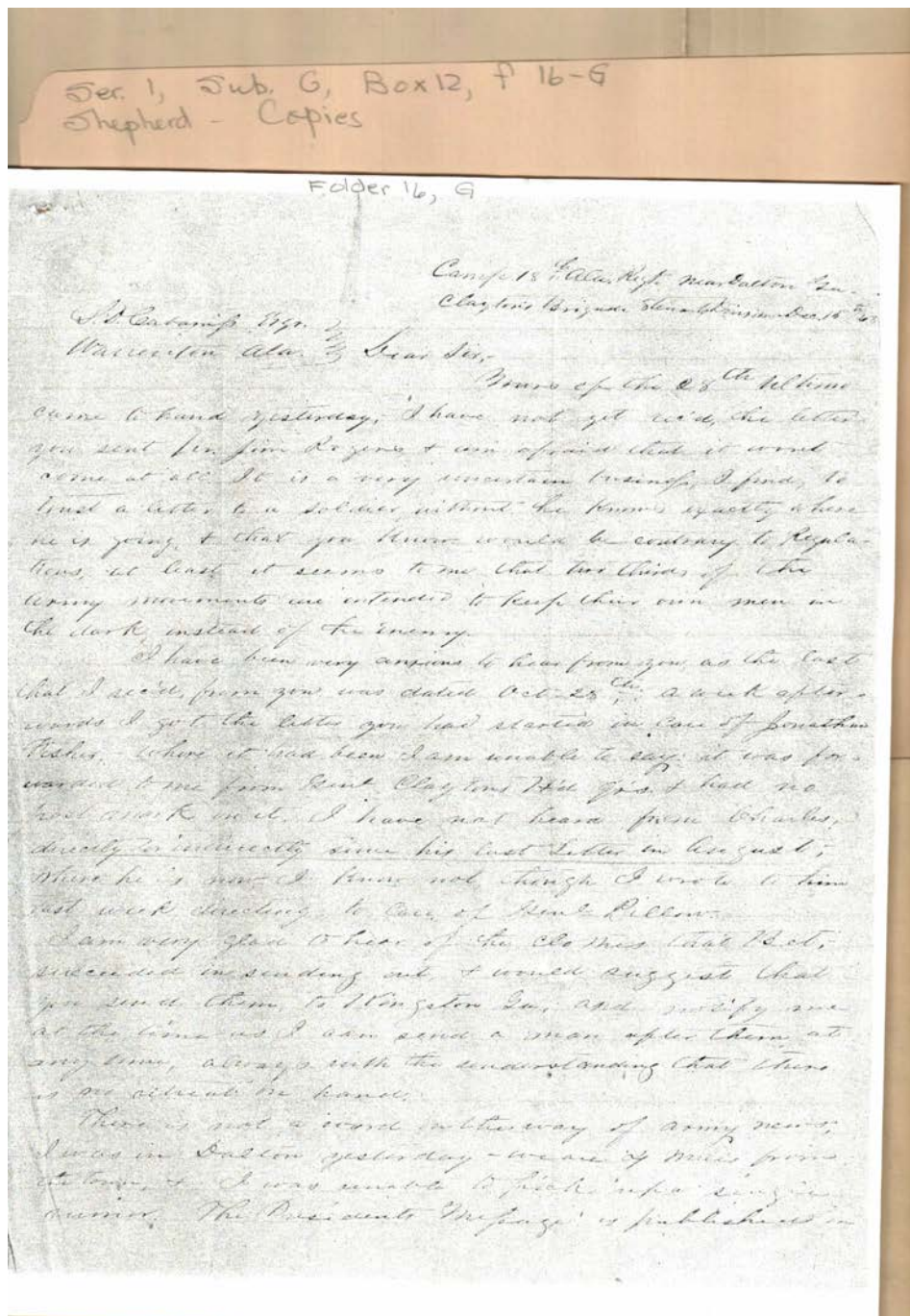
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Dates:

Dec 4, 1865

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S. D. Cabaniss from L. W. Shepherd

Names:

Cabaniss, S. D.
Clayton, Gen'l

Fisher, Jonathan
Pillow, Gen'l

Shepherd, Charles

Places:

Dalton, GA

Warrenton, AL

Types:

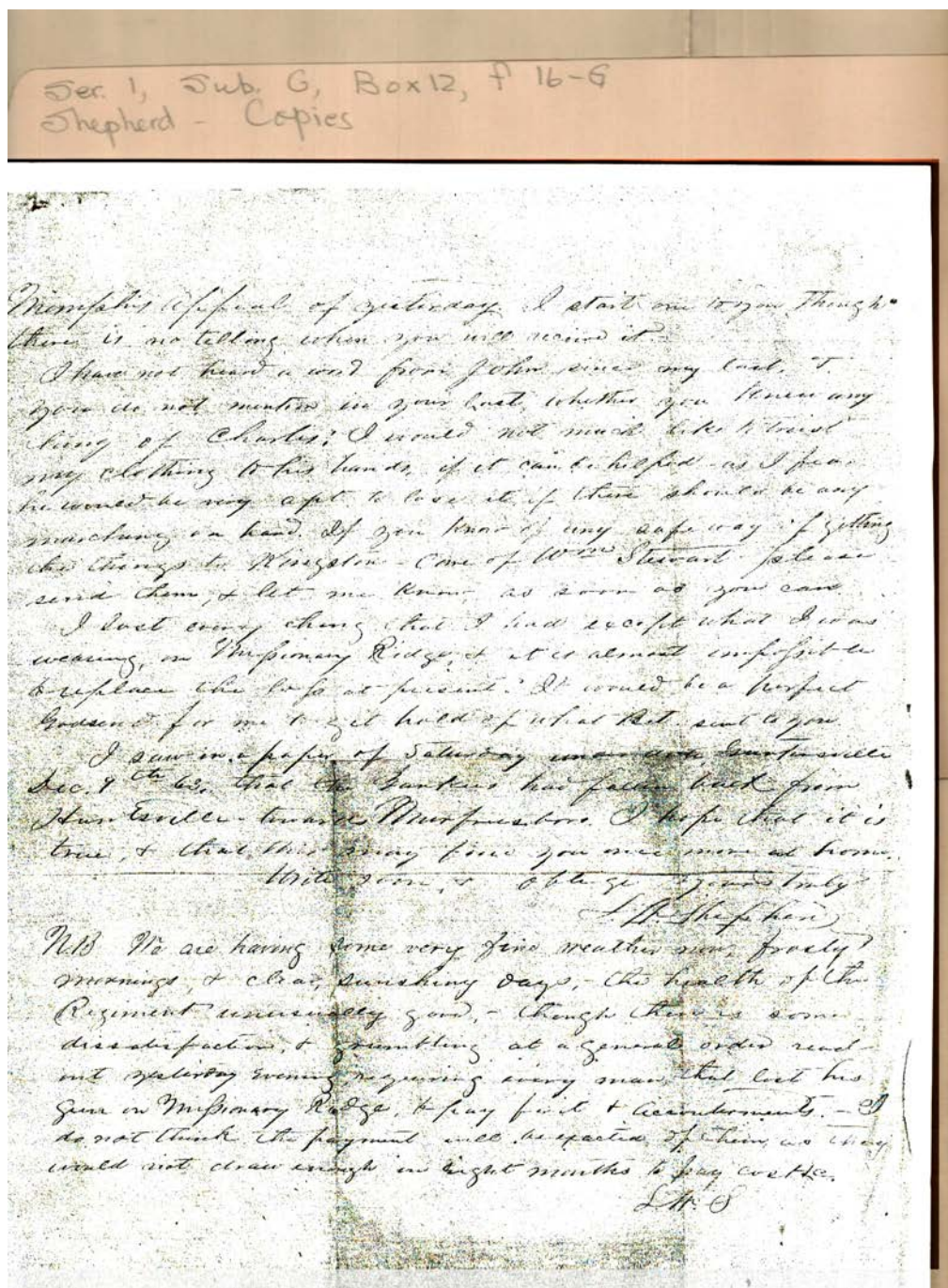
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Dates:

Dec 15, 1863

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S. D. Cabaniss from L. W. Shepherd

Names:

Shepherd, Charles

Shepherd, John

Shepherd, L. W.

Stewart, William

Places:

Dalton, GA

Types:

letter

Dates:

Dec 15, 1863

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Montgomery, May 12, 1865.

S. D. Cabaniss Esq.
Huntsville, Ala.

Dear Sir,

I sent you a short note by Bob Brickell, but had not time to write at length. I could not find any Northern Bank notes in town, and therefore thought it best to sell your notes for greenbacks, - the Central Bank at 30, and the Farmers Banks at 25 cents. I sent the proceeds by Brickell, except one dollar, which is herewith enclosed.

Brickell has, I suppose, given you a pretty full account of public matters down here. The death of Col. Seibels has somewhat changed the aspect of political affairs, and left the field open for Parsons and Houston to go to the Senate. I think Houston would have beaten Seibels at any rate, but not without a sharp contest. Parsons desires the position, and can easily secure it if he plays his cards well. He is pursuing, in the main, a very liberal policy, which will, I think, tend to establish and strengthen the popularity which accident has given him. Very few of the prominent Union men about here favor protective measures. If your representative men from North Alabama are as liberal as ours, the Convention will have but little trouble in setting the wheels of government again in motion.

The Governor has given me my old office again, as I expected he would; but I am to have appointment for the clerkship, when the Court is organized, as Judge Phelan desires to fall back on that office, in the event of his defeat for the

S. D. Cabaniss from J. W. Shepherd

Names:

Brickell, Bob
Cabaniss, S. D.

Houston,
Parsons,

Phelan, Judge
Seibels, Col.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Montgomery, AL

Types:

letter

Dates:

May 12, 1865

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bench. Knowing his electioneering tactics as well as I do, I am somewhat uneasy as to the result, and feel some personal interest in the election of the Judges. Judge Stone and Chancellor Byrd, will certainly run, and, I am inclined to think, will be elected. Peter Hamilton, of Mobile, Judge Peck, of Tuscaloosa, and Jim Robinson, are also spoken of as probable candidates. Do try and persuade Jim Robinson to run. He could easily be elected, and would make a good Judge. Phelan's plan, I suppose, is to throw me back on the office of reporter, and insist that I ought not to hold two offices at once. Now, I think I ought to have choice of the two offices; and I prefer the clerkship, for several reasons. The pay is better, the labor less, and at least one half of the duties can be performed by deputy. When I was appointed clerk, the Judges would not let me give up the office of reporter; and I was perfectly willing to retain it during the term, because I needed the salary. For the same reason, ~~and~~ and also because I desire to publish the cases which I have prepared, I would like to retain it for the next year; but I would rather give it up at once, than to lose the clerkship. If, however, I should be beaten for the clerkship, I will still have the other office, the compensation of which is about \$2,000 per annum; and adding to this \$1,020, the amount for which I have rented my house for the next year, I shall have a certain income of \$3,000.

S. D. Cabaniss from J. W. Shepherd

Names:

Byrd, Chancellor
Hamilton, Peter

Peck, Judge
Phelan, Judge

Robinson, Jim
Stone, Judge

Places:

Montgomery, AL

Types:

letter

Dates:

May 12, 1865

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My prospects for the future, however, are better than my present circumstances. As you must have discovered when you were lent at our home, I had made no provision whatever against Yankee subjugation, having determined, not, to believe, it possible, that our cause was ruined. Indeed, I had no money to invest in greenbacks or gold, and therefore am not to be blamed for failing to procure any. It is a mystery to all of us at our house, how we have managed to live since the Yankee occupation; and yet we have lived better than usual. Since my return home, (now ~~more~~ than about three months,) I have had about \$200 in greenbacks; but, as we are completely out of everything in the housekeeping line, five times that sum could have been easily expended. We take things cheerfully, however, and hope for the "better time coming." Our portion of the State has escaped the ravage of war much better than North Alabama, and we are now suffering for a short time some of the ills which you have suffered for three years. —

The lawyers here are doing a thriving business in applications for special pardon. The average fee is from \$50 to \$200, for preparing the papers and procuring the Governor's approval and recommendation. If you have any such cases, send them to me, and I will "put them through" the Governor's office.

Our children have just got safely through the measles, — the second attack they have had. Mary is well, and sends love.

Yours truly
J. W. Shepherd

S. D. Cabaniss from J. W. Shepherd

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