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RACINE, WISCONSIN TO HIS FAMILY IN REEDSBURG SENT
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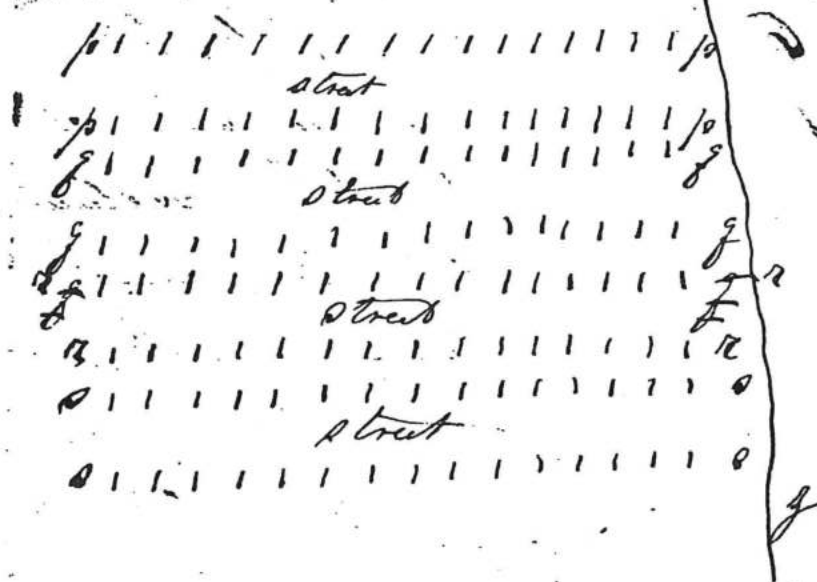
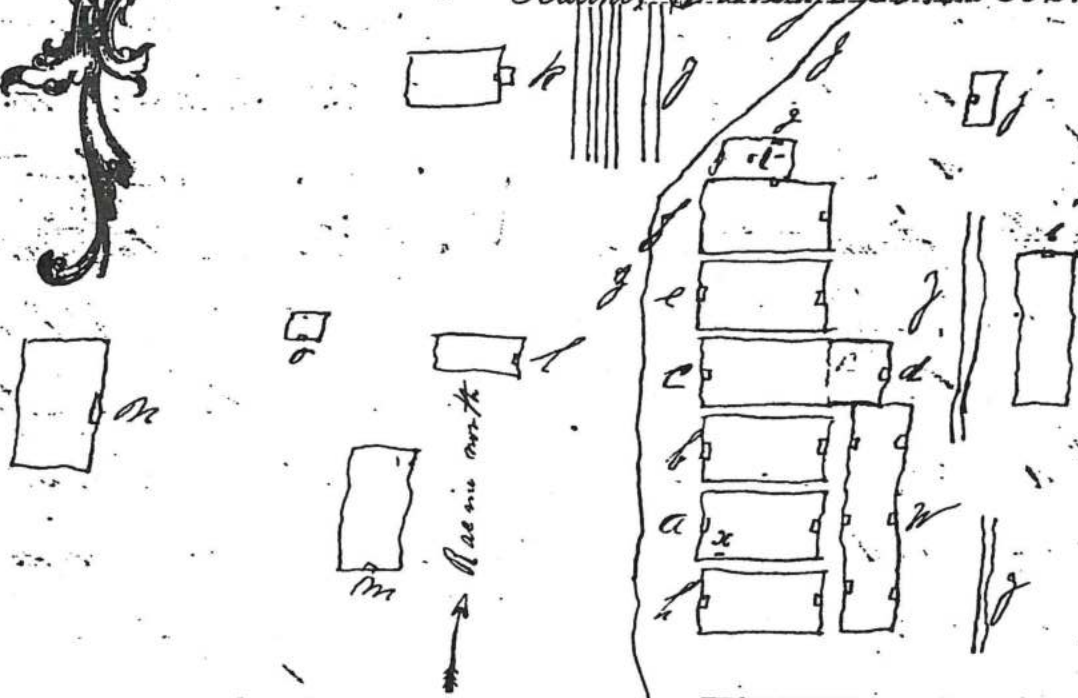


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Racine, Wis. Sunday Feb. 16th 1862.



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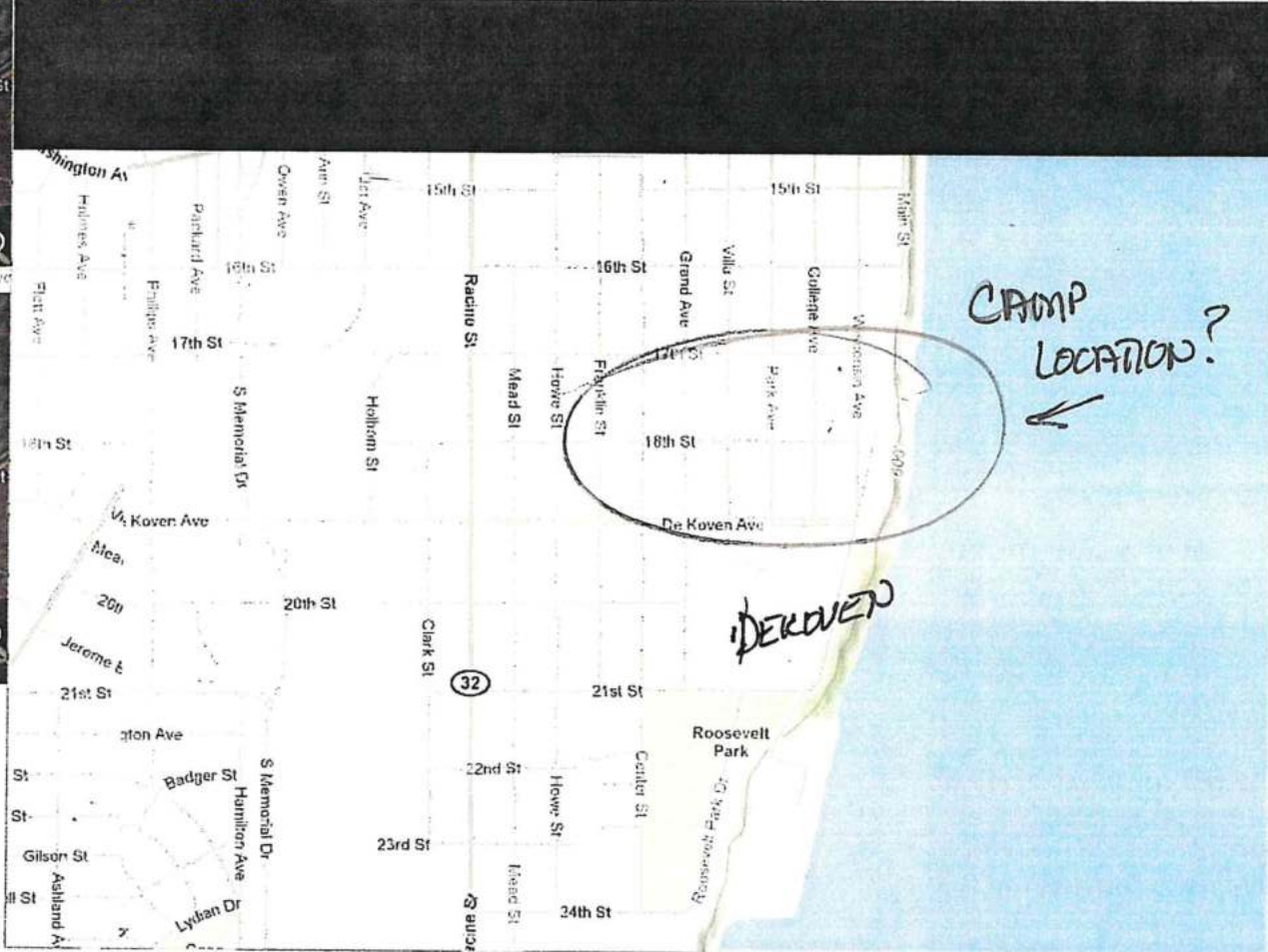
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To all the
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as I could see about four inches thick. All this great body of ice was slowly moving northward, the edges rubbing off against the banks. ~~At~~ At four rods to the south, along the lake shore, we saw a green red oak tree, about fifteen inches thick, through the center of which a cannon ball had passed, tearing the tree nearly in two. The ball was projected from one of the cannon belonging to the battery boys. The distance was about forty rods. By this you can see with what force these balls are sent. —

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