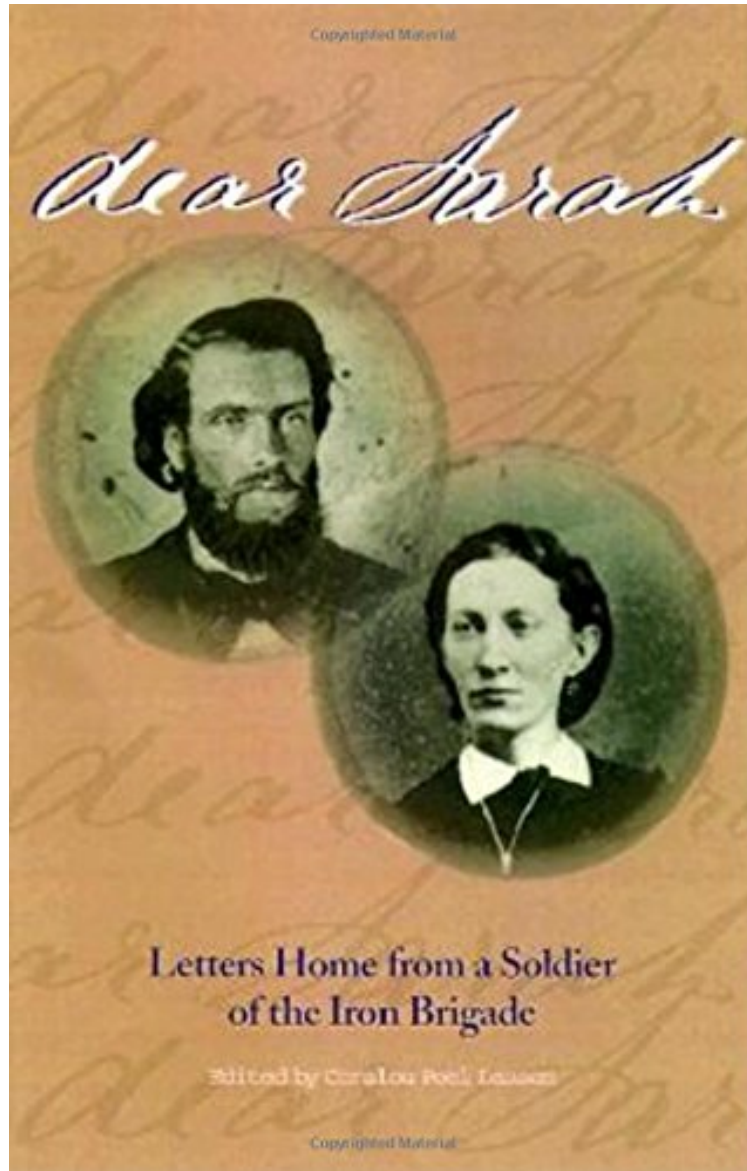


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This is a collection of the Civil War letters written by John Pardington to his wife Sarah. Pardington, from Michigan, was a member of the Iron Brigade, having enlisted in the summer of 1862. From camp life in and around Washington to the Battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, Pardington faithfully writes his wife with particulars about army routines, concerns for staying healthy, and the misery of being so far away from her and their baby. He is rarely concerned with giving details about military maneuvers, his opinions about his officers, or with battle incidentals. He's a sensitive man and never fails to express his love for his family and the amount he misses them. He misses them so much that on a few occasions he thinks out loud to Sarah about deserting, but couldn't bare the disgrace. He worries about money and gives Sarah advice over the miles; he also warns her about friends and family members about whom he has questionable opinions. After Chancellorsville, his unit marches to Gettysburg, where the letters will suddenly end; Pardington was killed there on the first day of the battle. In one of his last letters he derides the activities of the Copperheads: "they seem bound for peace if it sacrifices the Union. It seems poor encouragement for us." (This has a haunting 2006 ring to it.) I found Pardington's patriotism admirable, though probably it was typical. The letters, which are unpolished and simple, are nevertheless heartfelt and compelling. Although not filled with the kind of information the historian might be interested in, they add a very human touch to a cause and conflict Pardington fought bravely for, and for which he finally gave his life.

Over 80 letters from Corporal John Pardington to his wife paint a vivid portrait of the life and everyday concerns of a Union soldier and his transformation from simple Michigan country boy to seasoned fighter. His touching love letters are made even more poignant because the reader is aware of the young soldier's impending death at the Battle of Gettysburg.

"In these letters written by a young Union soldier to his wife, readers will discover a sensitive, loving man whose military career brought tragedy to the family to whom he was devoted." -- Alan D. Gaff, author of *On Many a Bloody Field: Four Years in the Iron Brigade*
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About the Author
The author was born in Michigan in 1930. After moving to Massachusetts with her family, graduating from Boston University with a degree in psychology, and marrying, she taught sixth grade for a few years until motherhood became her full time career. It was during her teaching years, while teaching history, that she gained an appreciation for the Civil War letters that had been in her family for generations. She is the mother of two, the grandmother of two, and lives with her husband on Cape Cod.