

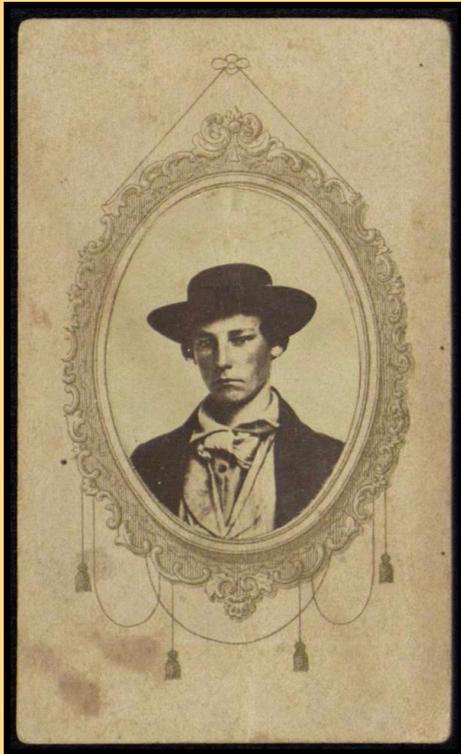


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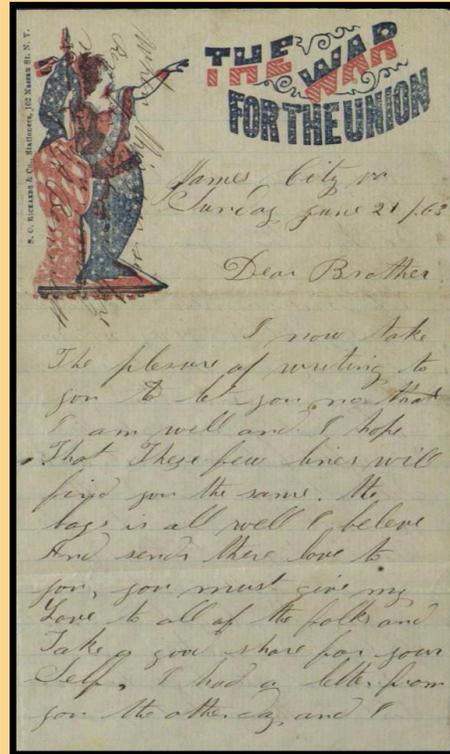
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**Portrait of Jonathan Allen Bennett,
1835-1863**



**Letter from Jonathan A. Bennett
to James Bennett, 1863**

Do you have something you would like to share with the [Long Island Collection](#) that you consider historically significant or interesting, but aren't willing to part with? This portrait photograph of Jonathan Allen Bennett of East Hampton, along with a [series of letters](#) he wrote home during the Civil War, are just a few examples of some items that have been lent to the Long Island Collection for digitization and then returned, which help to further illuminate the people and history of our Town by making it more widely accessible to the public.

"Bennett" is one of East Hampton's oldest names and one of its largest families. They are said to have first come to Long Island in the spring of 1639 with Lion Gardiner and lived, at first, on Gardiner's Island. They later settled at Three Mile Harbor at Squaw Cove and Northwest. Jonathan Bennett was an 8th generation member of the family; a son of whaleman William Jackson Bennett and Phebe Miller. He served in the 127th New York Infantry (also known as The Monitors) during the Civil War and later died on September 11th, 1863, in a camp hospital in Folly Island, South Carolina, which was a major staging area for Union troops in the Charleston region. Jonathan was only 18 years old.

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