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Dear Sister

I received your letter last Tuesday and was very glad to hear from you but was very sorry to hear that Thomas was sick we all know that he will not have such care as his own friends would take of him. we have trouble on every side it never comes single you must feel very lonesome all alone no friends near you. How I wish I could be with you to day it would be a great consolation to me but there is no use of wishing. I had a letter from Miss Sarah Palmer she said that David did not stay in the 52 regt he came back to Pennline and staid a while and then enlisted in the 107 which is in Louisville prehaps him and Thomas will see one another. I do not know what company he is in or what Captain he is under or whether he is in a Penn or Ohio regt she did not write before I can write to him I shall have to get a letter from her. she seems to be very kind or at least her letters are. You wished to know where Norman was he is in Virginia camped near Germantown but we direct his letters to Washington DC 154 regt Co A in care of B L Saxson all of the letters are directed to Washington then they are distributed Uncle staid at Jamestown on special duty he did not go until about two weeks, he went as far as Elmira and staid there until yesterday morning. You wanted to know if James had written to me. he has not yet, but I would like to hear from him. it will be uncertain about my coming right away. I should like to come be fore it gets to be so cold. I have paid out so much money and I owe some I shall have to pay up my debts first. I owe _____ dollars to the store that has got to be paid they will not wait a great while for it, and I went to see a doctor and paid him 10 dollars if it had not been for that I should have started the last of this month. I shall be there as soon as possible. You send me them likeness and the childrens you get them taken if you have the money I will pay you for them. you did not tell me whether you got mine or not. I mailed it the same time I did the letter. if you will write to Nor he will send you his. Uncle got six taken he said that I might send one to you but I have not got it hear with me but will send it next time you keep it as long as you can, for when I asked him for one he said that you would not think any thing of it that you would let your children destroy it. It has been very stormy this week. [Line obscured by fold and wear.] is the second snow storm we have had this fall. I must stop and get dinner.

this is a going to be a very hard winter every thing is very high and still rising We have plenty of apples for 18 & 25 cts bushel butter is 25 cts but not very plenty Calico is from 18, 22 cts yrd factory the highest is 37 cts and wages are very low it looks rather dubious to me Tea \$2.00 a pound sugar is from 11 to 13 it will be rather hard for poor folks. Aunt is getting quite reconciled about our folks agoing off I hope you will not be sick any more. write as often as you can good bye

From your Sister

Hellen

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