Lincoln Hospital Nov 23 10th 1864
Washington, D.C.

Dear Father,

I take my pen in hand to let you know how I am getting. I shall hear and I hope that these few lines will find you all well. Father the next morning after I got back the Dr. had me detailed as nurse in the hospital for they are sending them to the front. Every day and they allowed four men here in the ward. And so they are going to keep me here. I have not got a good chance for I am hurt. Mother and Sue next to work so hard so as to sick for if they should want would become off. Heck is poor. Girl. I hope that she will get
Well soon and not have to
lay all winter. Further I sent
Colun 82 and am going to send
him three more when I get it paid.
Further can't we have a little
Home by Nest fall I will send
ten dollars a Month besides what
I send to Colun to by sheep with
I Shal have 75 dollars nest fall
I guess that we can git a little home
by that time if we all live and
have our health and we shall Further
you can buy a lot of land and
build a house and damn live
on our own and not home to
live on others land folks land.
Further let Colun to lern
som good trade Further let little
What I have frist cut the
Corn that she parched for
me let it be good girl
and dow every thing that Helen
Wants for she can't help her
Self poor girl let her to be latent for she will git before long. Farther I must close.

So good by for this time from

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