

Post Office Saco May 9th 1864

Genl John L. Rodsdon,

Sir Yours of April 28
to my son Lieut Geo. A. Deering, 16th Me
Vol, U. S. A., Washington D. C. has arrived
back to Saco - I regret to say that my
son was captured at the battle of Gettys-
-burg in July last, carried to Richmond
- confined in the Hotel De Libby, and
was there 25th April - quite well, (and
I hope he will not storne - but I fear it.
Now - Your proposition is a good one
I have not a suitable photograph to send
you, I may not ever be able to do so, or George
either - but I wish you to reserve the
proper place for one, (and if he is spared to
come North once more he will send
you one to fill the Niche reserved

Very Respectfully Your Servant
May God give us the
Victory in this struggle for
national existence

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