Raymond, New Hampshire Dec 29th 1864

Dear Sir, I had a son enticed away by a man and carried to Portland where he enlisted in the 20th Regt Maine Volunteers Company I, and the one who enticed him away ran away with 190 dollars of his money. My Son was all the Child I had and was dependent on him in part for my support. I am poor and have a hard time of it. Will not the City of Portland give me something toward my support? If you think they will I will you be so kind to make out the necessary papers and send them to me, or some papers I can show to the City of Portland to establish my claim.

Respectfully Yours,

[Signature]

Adjutant General of the State of Maine
Almira Davis
Raymond N. H.
Dec 29, 1864

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