

SPEED RUTLER  
& CO.  
BUFFALO, N.Y.

Wolcott Nov. the <sup>24</sup>/<sub>th</sub> 1861

Dear

Mother I take this opportunity to let you know that we are all well at present and hope that you are all enjoying the same blessing I have heard from John once since he got back to Glen Falls but he did not say anything about you or the rest of the folks he said that Daniel was on the railroad and that he went through Colgate and I have been there once but I did not see him nor could I find that any one on the road that knew him but I am going to try once more and then if I cant find him I shall direct a few lines to him and try to see him since I wrote to you out to Black River Erastus has gone to his rest he died about the first of September of the typhoid fever he was sick four weeks Uncle brewers folks is well

and so is all the rest of the folks  
as far as I know and they want to ~~if~~  
know if you <sup>know</sup> any thing about uncle  
Jonathan and where he is and how  
he is

tell Seth and Fred that I would  
like to see them and all of the folks  
and then I could tell you more in a  
few minits then I can write in a long  
time but I dont know when that time  
will be but I trust it will be  
before long if the times is not too  
hard so that I can spare time and money  
to come but I would like to have  
you come out here and see me if  
you could I think you would like  
it out here we have had a very  
plesent fall here and have not had  
but two squalls of snow yet I ~~of~~  
suppose you would like to know what  
I am doing my work is sawing wood  
in the vilage this winter and I make  
pretty well at it to

tell Seth and Fred that I would like to have been with them this fall when chestnuts was ripe if there was many there for it has been along time since I have had any chestnuts and I have almost forgot how they taste and if you will send me a half of a bushel if there is a good many I will pay you when I see you and if you do put them in a small box and direct them to Wolcott and send them by rail road to Colgate tell Brit that I would to have him write to me and call on to and Margaret to and I will answer their letters

Now more this time only have Seth or Fred write as soon as you get this

This is from your  
Affectionate Son  
Erastus J. Hill

Washington "D. C."  
Mr Erastus "E. Hill"  
9<sup>th</sup> Regiment Heavy Artillery  
Company "E"

M. S. V.  
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