

Saratoga Springs Jan. the 4<sup>th</sup> 1865

My Dear Brother

I now set down  
to write you a few lines for Mother  
She was down here Tuesday and <sup>got</sup> the money  
all right I 'spose 75 dollars express paid  
she put 45 in the Bank and kept the  
rest she went back home the same day  
she wanted me to write and tell you  
about it as there was no body up there  
now to write for her she said you  
must write just the same for you  
know she would write if she could  
we have not heard a word from Fred  
in most four months what has become  
of him is more than we <sup>know</sup> Mother is all  
most carey about him if she dont  
hear from him soon I dont know  
what we shall do with her she thinks  
he is dead we tell her if he was dead  
we should heard of it some way I  
think sometimes he is dead but dont

not let her know I think so  
you know he is always so easy time  
enough yet It says Scamer as if he went  
a purpose to make trouble for us we  
did not have enough before

Daniel Southam is a little better I  
believe he has been sick six weeks  
with typhoid fever is very low but  
the doctor thinks he will get along  
now if nothing more sets in I have  
not seen him in some time as  
I have been sick myself threatened  
with a fever and my face is all  
swollen up now so I cant but  
just see to write most every body  
is sick in Saratoga

I hope you will get home this winter  
but it will be hard to have you  
go back again we shall have the  
privilege of seeing you once more  
you say you think I have forgot  
I had a brother seth but I have not  
forgot any of you but I have so much

So and to think of I dont get  
much chance to write to you  
must excuse me

I wish you a happy new year  
and if you come home you must bring  
me a photograph Album for a present  
Johnny goes to school I cant think of  
any thing more to write this time

So good by write to Mds office  
and me when you want to

I expect to see the door open some  
night and ine Jeff Seth with his  
Knapsack strapped upon his back

once more good by write soon  
and believe me your affectionate Sister  
Sally Ann Knickerbocker