

Saratoga Springs July 14th
Dear Brother

I now seat myself
to write you a few lines to let you
know how we are we are all well at
present Daniel has gone to town this
morning the rest of us are kicking around
home I have not heard from mother in
a number of days Ann and John are
well Kristopher's family are well I believe
we had quite a sad accident in our town
last Saturday morning while two of our
neighbours were out hunting woodcock
one of them shot the other in the head
and it is thought that he will die so
you see there is shooting here as well as
at the south well Brother I suppose we
are going going to have great times here
we are going to have a cavalry ridgement
on the fair ground the men are their
at work getting ready as fast ~~at~~ as they

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Dear Uncle Seth

I now take my seat to answer your very kind letter which we ~~was~~ received the 9th it gave me much pleasure to hear from you I meant to have answered your letter Sunday but I was sick all day but I will do it now it rained all day here yesterday and it is cloudy and has rained some to day. ~~Oh~~ Oh Uncle I wish you could be here in fair ~~time~~ time they say are going to have a ~~fair~~ fair any way and put the soldiers up some where ^{and} I hope they will ~~leave~~ ~~fair~~ but I dont suppose you can be here Uncle I wish you had some of our lettuce and radishes they are so very nice we have lots of pease and beans and we have got squashes all most large enough to pick but I suppose ~~you~~ you have peaches and all such things Saturday morning Daniel ~~S. Gilbert~~ Gilbert and ~~Samuel~~

can we heard they were coming today
but I should think they were not quite
ready for them yet John Mitchell is
cutting the grass on the ~~far~~ fair ground
Christopher had bin in nose of the late
~~battle~~ battels the last letter we had
Seth I was very glad to hear that you
had bin in no battle I was afraid you
would be drawn in some of these I hope
you may see no more fighting than you
have Seth it is hard to think where you
are but you must keep up good courage
I hope it will not be long before you can
see your home and all your friends that
are so anxious for your return Harmer
was down here a week ago last Sunday she
thinks your sickness is very natural
indeed well Seth I dont know as I can
write any more at this time so good-bye
may god bless and protect you and
send you home safe to your friends Seth
write soon for it is a great pleasure to
hear from you from your sister Marretta
Batham

Samuel Vaughn were hunting Ben
shot ~~him~~ right in the face he could
not move when they ~~got~~ got him ~~from~~
home and he has not spoken yet this
morning he is so he can walk with
help. Well I will not write any
more because you can not read
what I have written so good bye.

From your ever ~~Aff~~
Affectionate Niece
Sittie