

I'd have all the boys from around
here bearing Brantley and Henry Wood speak
of them when you write again I shall be
pleas'd to hear from you often till George
Brantley his wife is well & then send him
to you and say he looks to see you soon & says

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Mr Hill

Dear Sir

With pleasure I hasten
to embrace the first opportunity of
answering your kind letter I was
truly glad to hear from you and to
hear that you was enjoying good
health that is worth everthing else
We are all well at Boone and I am at
home this Summer working on splint
the People are all well around the Centre
Mr Kested has improved very fast
in health since he got his discharge he
has taken ten ~~acres~~ acres of grass to
cut on shares he does as much work as
anybody and looks as well Seth I thought

You had quite forgotten your old
Friends in Greenfield but am glad
I was mistaken we very often think
of you and speak and say I wonder
how Seth gets along so you see you
hant forgotten by us. at the Centre
you say you are having very warm
weather down there we have had a
few days very warm and dry here
but it is raining now and the air
seems et cool and nice dont you have
frequent showers down there if not
I should not think you could live
Seth where did you spend the fourth
and how We had an Temperance address
at the Methodist Church delivered
by the honorable Judge W^o Pease from
Saratoga it was grand in the afternoon
I went to Saratoga and ~~say~~ saw a man
walk across hisudway on a slack
rope in the evening John Nichell
had a dance I did not go of course
but heard he had quite a company

sold over 50 members Schelia Rowland
has gone home from John Michells I
believe Shariah was there when you
was home was she not well her health
was so poor she went home and Ad
Real came but she is home now visiting
with her Brother Joseph he is home
on a furlow he has enlisted for five
years in the regulars the Girls are feeling
very bad about it I do not think Shariah
will live long if she dont get better she
looks miserable I think she is going into
Consumption Rhoda Ingerson is well
and at home Charles has gone into
the blacksmith shop down home his
Father is no better everthing remains
about the same here at the Centre
you dont talk much as tho you was
coming home before your time was
out we had thought your Regiment
would be discharged but it dont look
much like it but never mind they cant
keep you much longer Lets keep up

good cheer. I hope you will be favored
with good health and live to come
back you have done well and your
Friends will be proud of you you
have not played off as some have
if you had perhaps you could of been
Home now but you will be more
honored and should you live to get
back you will be glad you staid till
your time was out My prayer is that
God will bless you and keep you from
all evil. Seth shun all bad company as
much as possible I hope you will not
form any bad habits while you are in
the Army I regret to say some have
feared come back worse than when they
went away I hope it will not be the case
with you Seth please take kindly what I
have written and Remember I am the
Soldiers Friend I feel for ever one of the
and wish them all well With every kind
wishes for your welfare I will close by
bidding you good by this from your Friend
Eliza Gifford