

Galen Oct the 8th 1865

My Dear Mother

after so long
a delay I thought that I would
write you a few lines to let you
know that I have not forgotten
you by any means & to let you
know that we are all well but
Arthena she has not been well
since we come home but she
has been so as to be around
the house most of the time &
she thinks that she will be
better next week when we got
to saturday we staped to Martha
& got dinner her little boy
was sick so she could not go
with us to syracuse we got to
Daniel about sundown that
night & we found Kate no
better than she was when we

left there & I seen Dan last
Thursday Night he said that she
was no better. We found every thing
in good order when we got home
& the children was glad to see
us get home they was both
to Mr Gordons where we left
Loyal Mr Gordon was over here
in less than an hour after
he see us come home for me
to go to work & I have worked
every day but one that has
been fare weather that day
we went up to Wolcott we found
the folks all well but Sally
Erastus widow she was quite
complaining but so as to be
around the house Mother Grandy
was well & she told me when
I wrote to send her love to
you well it has rained every
day but one this month that
was Friday it rains yet to day

so I have improved the time
in Writing this is my third
letter to day I have written
to John & to Dan I wrote
to D. G. Latham the first
Sunday after we got home
but have not heard anything
from them yet now I dont
want you to wait so long as
they have done before you
write for we want to hear
from you to know how you
all get along & if Seth has
got home yet

Well Dear mother
as it is getting most bed time
I must close my letter for this
time Brethren & the children send
their love to you write soon

So good bye for this time from
your ever loving & affectionate son
Erastus. J. Hill