

Glens Falls December the  
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My dear brother & mother

I now sit down to write  
you a few lines we are all well here at present  
& I hope these few lines will find you all the  
same well mother I guess you have thought  
a good many times since we come home that  
we had forgot all about you but it was not  
so for I have said every day, most since  
then well I must write to mother but I have  
just got at it this morning well mother we  
got home all safe about eight oclock at  
night Mrs Smith found her children all safe  
at home they are all well up there & so is  
halls foalkes they say they want to see you

well scth we come & feathed mother home  
& we was agoin to surprize you but when  
we got there we found the house empty I  
wish you had ben at home we would have

had a good visit well seth there is no  
news to write as I know of it is hard  
times around here this winter there isent any  
body a lumbering this winter in the woods  
where I was last winter we had 40 men &  
this winter there onely 15 so you see there is  
some difrence & it so all over there is not  
much to do I guess I shal go in the woods  
next week & drive team may's mother is  
rick & she is a going up there after newyears  
if the rain dosent take the snow all of it is  
a raining hear hard today but I guess it  
will be coolder before night

well seth come  
over before I go away if can if not write as  
soon as you get this & let me know what  
you are doing this winter you will have to  
excuse a short letter this time for I have  
another to write tell mother that cold kiff bonte  
found out me took the horses to come of over  
ther & allso the foalks sends there love to  
her my say she would like to come over  
ther newyears but we cant give our love

To all of our folks write where Fred is  
& what he is a doing this all this  
time I shall look for a letter from you  
Saturday night good by from your brother  
John Hill