

Syracuse Dec^r ^{The} 30 1868
Dear Brother

I will take
my pen in hand to
write a few lines to
you and i hope you
will excus me for not
writing to you before
now it wasint becaus
wee had fergot you
wee are all as well
as usual and hope those
few lines will find
you. all well here
is Mothers Lage Lane
she walk ~~on~~ without
brucher and had is
her health this winter
i was up to there last
last month they was

all well there dard want
me to ask you why
any of you didnt
ask her his letter
he had wrote to you
all and any of you
didnt write to him
they all send their
love to all tell ~~to~~
whether they take name
their little girl after
her and she is a
very smart child
will seth we wish
you much joy with
your wife and i
wanta now if you
have got heat i hope
not why didnt you
come and see and when
you was an you warden
town we would have
ben very glad to have

Can you have is Brits
folks this winter and
Salley John and Fred
and wife nakit go
where do they live
now tell Fred Charley
wants to hear from
him Sam give my
love to all engraving
friends if i have got
my Hill is on the
Railroad he doubles
it every day he works
very hard he onley eats
one meal per a day
and that is his breakfast
He sends his love to
all pleas excus of all
mistakes and i will
bring they lettr to a blise
by wishing you all a
happy New year pleas
wright soon dont wait ad

land as i have and
i will due betw me
time have you heard
frane my af the folks
in Jefferson Co latley
wright Sian and
all of the news this
is frane your sister
good Night Matt Hill