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Friend Seth

I received your welcome letter last Friday was ~~the~~ very glad to hear from you and to hear you was well we are all well and hope this will find you the same I found the money you sent me and have got the stamps I should have written before now but have been so busy that I could not get time I came home from John's yesterday he had a very pleasant time for his dance he had over 70 members that was a large Company for him to have he is going to have a dancing School this winter it was to commence to night but it snows so hard that I guess there will not be many out you wanted

me to tell you who was to the  
dance but I think that would  
be a hard job for I did not see  
much of them for I had to work  
all night Jack and George Peacock  
was their and Charley Masher Sam  
Miller and a lot of the 77 boys  
Ezra Harris and wife and a lot of  
them Oh I must tell you  
what a nice present Daniel Scovell  
had Christmas day he had a present  
of his Discharge papers don't you think  
that was a nice present I guess  
there is a good many that would  
like to have just such a one  
Freeman Hartlott is dead he  
Enlisted the same time that our  
boys did he died the 18 of November  
and they have just heard of it  
we had a letter from Marion last  
week and he was on his way to  
Petersburg again your Mother went

to Saratoga last Tuesday and I  
don't know whether she has got back  
yet or not I have not seen her  
in a good while did you know  
that Charley Harris was married  
I don't know but you have heard  
of it he married one of the Youngs  
girls don't you think he has done  
well Charley Ingerson Mother was  
buried Christmas day and one of  
the Crandell boys he died in the  
army and a Frenchman was  
buried that day he lived on that  
road by Levi Smith Loney wants  
to know if you ever got her  
letter she sent you a long time  
ago do you think you will be  
home this winter there has been  
a call for more men but we have  
not got to furnish any more for  
those we got last fall were for 3  
years and other towns were apply

for 1 year so we are lucky  
once it snows and the wind  
blows a perfect gale so I guess there  
will have to be some Shoveling  
done when it clears off I guess  
I have written all the news  
and perhaps all you will want  
to read so I will close by  
wishing you a Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year write  
and let me know if you  
get your stamps so good  
by for this time from a  
friend

Sarah Howland