Dear Father

Yours of the 9<sup>th</sup> inst. came to hand yesterday. I am very sorry to hear of Herman & the baby's sickness & hope it may prove nothing serious. I am still in the enjoyment of good health. The weather is delightful & I hope it may continue so. Business is improving somewhat. I think by next fall there will be a good trade done here & it would do no harm to write to the leading houses of this place. Plumb & Leitner, Barrett & Carter, Stevenson & Shelton, & B.F. Tutt are the principal Druggists here & do the most business.

Our regiment is ordered to Madison Geo. I do not know how this will affect me. I have not been relieved yet & the regiment is in daily expectation of leaving. It is very evident that we will not get home before our time expires if then. They are holding on to all the troops in this Department as they have barely enough to garrison the different posts.

There is no news of any kind. We are very hard up for any thing of interest being shut in & only hearing by the telegraph what is going on outside. We hear more about what is going on in the state from the New York papers than in any other way.

Hoping this finds all well & with love to all I remain

Your Affectionate Son Frank.

Has Harry sent my "badge" yet