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Burkettsville, Hospital E, Sunday

My Dear Mother

It is with great pleasure that I take this opportunity of informing you how I am getting along of late I have turned from Hospital attendant to Patient for three weeks I have been running down slowly with the Dairie when last wednesday I was relieved from Hospital duty and thursday I came down in the afternoon I was bourn from H to E on a stretcher on account of my not being able to walk the Doctor sayd I was going ot have the fever but I have not had much fever my bowels are a great deal better now but I am so week that I can hardly hold the pen. but I am getting better now and soon expect to be well the only time I have felt real bad sinse I left home was when I heard that Jonathan had enlisted I think he might better stayd at home. Almira sayd in her letter to Allen that you was sorry that you signed the papers but now sinse he has gone above all things don't worry about any of us I hope you can get along good this coming winter Almira says you have not sold my harness and that you say you will not sell it I hope the time is not far distant when I may have the pleasure of using it above all thing don't hir it to any one you must be getting pretty well out of debt if you have sold all the stock. I would really like to know how things are turning with you write or get some one to write and let me know who is on the plase and how the crops turned out I hope Jonathan will have good health when a soldier get sick in camp or on a march he is in a rather tough plase Allen has wrote a good long letter to ALmira it contains all the news. I am getting tired and will close write soon direct to Burkettsville Frederick Co Maryland yours truly from your every faithful Son

John M. Lovejoy

Write as soon as you can write all the news good by yours truly: John

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Dear Mother, As John has not filled out the sheet I would write few words to you in particular when I write to Almira I intend it for you too if you are there, I, am sorry Jonithan Enlisted but its too late now I hope he will see no worse time than we have I wrote to him 2 weeks ago + gave him some good advice about his health + money but Im afraid the Regt moved before he got the letter, I hope he got it. I suppose when you get this you will be down to my house, now Mother it is my greatest wish that you + Almira shall be a help + comfot to each other you need have no trouble only to think of us but you must not worry about us for you will hear from us often try to live in peace + do the best you can Let Elmer fill your sons place in your heart till we return god bless you all is my Prayer From your son, Allen