

Burgettsville Sept 29 1862

My Dear Cousin

It is with pleasure that I take this opportunity of informing you how I am getting along one week ago last tuesday Allen & I was sent to this village to attend to the wounded soldiers in the hospital since then I have not seen any of the boys in our company it was very lonesome at first but I have got compleatly used to it I like it a great deal better than I did in the regament our pay is increased from 12 to 20 1/2 dollars per month we get enough to eat our rations are bread and crackers rice beans coffee beef and we can get sope and candels when we want them we do not eat one half of what we draw. Allen and I have 18 wounded rebels under our care they get well used I can tell you they have the best of care they all think a great deal of the citizens of Burgettsville they furnish them with clothing and beds and delicasees such as peaches pears plums jellies butter milk pies cakes and in fact they are well used for rebels they say they are a great deal better used than we are when they take us prisoners and I believe that myself I wrote you about the battle of granton gap of Stone Mountain 2 weeks ago today but the number of killed and wounded I did not have right the loss of the rebels was about 2 thousand in all killed wounded & prisoners our loss in killed & wounded did not exceed 2 hindred their is about four sesesh to one union in this place Soldiers I mean the cittizens are almost all union since the rebel army went through heer I have the load to carry to the wounded and seeing they are all sesesh when the ladies sends pies & cakes sometimes they reach a piase freeze fast to my fingers in such a case I cant get it off till I bite it of but then it dont do the Rebs any good I can tell you I wish you could only see the peaches that Allen and I have on hand in the barn where we sleep I am on duty one forth of the time to sesesh prisoners releave us at 7 oclock at night Allen & I release them in the morning and these Allen and I releace each other every to or three hours through the day so you see we do not have it very hard we get big pay for such labor as we do I do not know as I shall se my Regiment again or not I like this place well their are three stores 2 churches and so much I can say for this plase their is not one tavern in the whole plase so everything goes off pleasant the citizens of Burkettsville are truly a cristian people you no doubt have read much of the war in Maryland the battle of Antietim before this reaches you the county fair I suppose will be past this much I can say if it is not past and you go I hope you will have as good a time as you did last fall for me I must be content with the fair of attendant in the hospital but if you do go of one thing I am very sure you can not help to think of the happy time we had their last fall: but enough of this the mail goes our in ten minutes and I must close write soon Direct as you did before their is a mail running from the regt to this place twice a wek except this unconnected lelter from your affectionate Cousin,

John M. Lovejoy

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