

write soon

Elizab and Laura is well I went down
last Thursday and took her some flour
of your wheat I all so took the balance
to milk yesterday I received Peoria Co Ills
and had it found July the 3th 1865
and will have Dear Son
it took down as early as I can

your very exceptible letter yesterday
we was glad to hear that you was in
good health, it found us enjoying
the same blessing. mothers health is
still improving, the 86 reg reach
Peoria the 2nd of June

Thomas and Dan is both well
and hearty the soldiers all look
well, you wished to know who
was to be mustered out of survivors
in the first place the general
orders from the war department
says that all that there time expires
against the first of october shall be
mustered out, also all that is in
the hospital sick shall be mustered

those that is to be retained in the
army is the vet soldiers and all the
cavalry that there time will not
expired against the first of october
I have not seen anything said
particular said about the spring
recruits but it is generally supposed
that they will be kept in the ^{army}
~~for~~ a while yet till law and
order is established in the southern
states they say there will be a great
many soldiers that will be mustered
out in september, it is all to
gather likely the most of them
will be the spring recruits
but it is very certain they will
be mustered out as fast as they can
be spared; general Sheridan has
gone to Texas with a strong cavalry
force; you complain you have no
way of getting any news not seeing any
papers if I thought the papers would
reach you I would be very glad

To send you a paper every week or
two but I think it very doubtful
about them getting through there
has been several letters which we
sent to you returned again;
well you wished to know how we
were getting along a farming; in the
first place we have got our corn
laid by we have got our clover
cut and in the barn and stack
we had a powerfull heavy crop of ^{clover}
we had twenty ^{four} loads of that -
fact we are again to commence
cutting rye to morrow morning
Thomas McCoy will run the reaper
for me this harvest we calculate
to cut our rye first - which will
take us two days and then we will
cut your rye and oats looks well
but the wheat crop we are afraid is going
to prove all must - a failure; I seldom
ever seen a better prospect for wheat
till wither in the last ten days.

since that time we have had
a great many storms and ~~and~~ hot
sun shine it is badly rusted and
also sealed

~~we~~ will William and
have had a fine time since the
JG. Reg returned home we give
them a grand reception on the
wednesday forenoon I will not
undertake to describe it ^{but} will send
the full particulars to you, that
will show the respects we have for
the Soldiers which has been in the
summer I would request you to
let your agentence see it. I was
down to Farmington yesterday and
very happy that I conversed with
said that it was the best ^{got up} dinner they ever saw as there is
to be a free dinner in Farmington
Friday the fourth they say they are
going to beat Grivole Town ship
I told them if they beat ours they
would have to get up and honor
Thomas, and Sarah Don and Phi has
went ~~down to the water to~~ to oak hill
I will now bring my letter to (to day)
and remain as ever your friend
John and Leigill The paper will