

Trivoli Peoria County Ill.  
May the 30<sup>th</sup> 1865

Dear Son

it is with  
much pleasure that I embrace this  
~~present opportunity~~ to write you a few  
lines in answer to your letter which  
came to hand it found us all well  
and we were glad to learn that you  
enjoyed the same blessing. Mother's health  
is better than it has been for the  
last fifteen months though she had  
a serious time of it in April as I wrote  
to you before at one time we despaired  
of her recovery; we were up to par  
last week I we left them all well  
Elizie and Laura is well Elizie  
was up here a week or ten days ago  
she staid four or five days she appeared  
to enjoy her self very well I took her  
back home and put her up a load

of coal at the same time, you wish  
me to see that she was taken care  
of I assure you as ~~far~~ as it is in my  
power she will be taken care of and  
look for nother, Thomas and Daniel  
and John Scovill is at The city of  
Washington they arrived there about the  
19<sup>th</sup> of this month after a long weary  
march from Raleigh North Carolina  
they come by the way of Richmond  
they expect to be mustered out in a  
short time. Solon Fensholt wrote  
home we might look for ~~them~~ <sup>them</sup> home  
about the first of June that is close at  
home we will not look for them  
quite so soon as there is a powerfull  
army there to be mustered out - I think  
likely they will be home by the first  
of July; well Williams your wished  
to know how your eye looked your eye  
looks well it stands thick on the  
ground and very even though  
some what late on the account

of it being pasterd year, all so  
wished to know how I got along  
farming well so far we are getting  
along well though we have been  
much disapointed this spring we made  
all calculations for a wet summer  
but up to the present time it has  
all apperence of a drie season we have  
very cool nights and hot though the  
midel of the day and not any grate  
quantity of rain though we are not  
supern for rain, people as a general  
thing got in there oats and wheat  
in good time very little saw after  
the first of april then they went  
immediatly to plowing for corn  
there was considerable of corn planted  
as early as the <sup>twentieth</sup> of april though  
pretty much all the early planten  
had to be planted over the ground  
was entirely to cold for corn as a general  
thing that that was planted the first  
and second week in may came up <sup>well</sup>

get it has been a diffeult thing  
this spring to get a good stand  
I think the grate difeulty is the  
cool nights and the ground wheat  
and oats never look better my wheat  
that I sowed abot the twentieth  
of march more than a knee high  
and thick on the ground  
well William we hope you will  
be at home against harvest time  
any time we get a grate cal of reports  
in the papers concerning who will  
be mustered out - where we can  
rely upon it or not - we can not  
tell the paper says all the spring  
soldiers is to be mustered out - all  
so all soldiers <sup>time</sup> ~~expian~~ against  
the first of November the vol<sup>volunteer</sup>  
is to be retand in the field

I will now bring my letter to close  
we remain as ever your father and  
write as soon as this comes <sup>mother</sup> ~~untill~~ death  
to hand  
from John and Edgill McLean  
to William McLean