

Chapins Farm
Dec the 3, 1864

Respected Wife,

Yours of the 28 came safe to hand yesterday and the gloves, and I will say first that I and Jake are well and hope this may find you the same. I was glad to hear that you was and the children are well. I have not had much time to write this week. The gloves was not directed write. You should have put on "New York State Volunteers". I don't know when you sent them. They did not come here till yesterday.

We have got our tent done and live in it. We sleep warm and nice. I wish you could see our situation. We have the streets graded up. It is nice; we have good times, plenty amusement to keep a man in good spirits, time pass fast.

The weather has been nice and warm this week. I am glad that you sent me a pair of stockings for these are about worn out. You spoke that your money was most gone; you must be savin of it. I don't think I will draw any till the last of this month, then I will send it to you as soon as I git it.

I want you to write as often as you can. When you send me a box, send a pound of tobacco, fine cut is coarse (scarce?) here. I want to know how much the pig weighs and (letter incomplete)