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Jany 8<sup>th</sup>, 1865

Respected Husband,

Yours of the 2<sup>nd</sup> came safe to hand last night and I was glad to hear from you but was sorry to hear you was sick. I hope you will soon get well. We are all well at present. I was glad to hear that you had got your box of victuals. I was afraid you would never get it. We are having a tough winter here this winter. The thermometer this morning was ten degrees below zero, and every snow we have a severe blow. I intend to go over the river this week visiting if nothing happens but that need not hinder you from writing to me for I will be home to read it. You did not say anything about your victuals; whether they were spoiled or sound. Is there any prospect of your coming home this winter or not?

Yours as ever,  
Harriet Christman

Friend Christman,

Respecting the saw mill you had better buy it if you mean to, for Sol tells me he has had two buyers within three days. He will take eleven hundred dollars for house and mill or six hundred and fifty dollars for his mill. If you want to buy you had better make up your mind soon before someone else gets it. Abe Near has been after it, Ed Montauge has been after it for Charles, and I hear Dave Allen thinks of buying it. Make up your mind and write immediately and tell what you want done and who you want to do in the matter – and no mistake.

Your friend and well wisher,  
J.B. Walker

P.S.

Sol has set his whole lot full of fruit trees this fall.

J.B.W

Dear Friend Christman,

As I was to fathers and they was writing I thought I would say a word. My wife and I are home visiting; we are well and doing well. I was sorry to hear you was sick. I hope you will get better. Soon it is very cold here. I think of staying in Otsego another year yet as it is a better place there for a man to get work. I would like to have you write me a letter and I will answer it.

Yours truly to James L. Christman  
From J.H. Walker