

Sunday Sept 26th, 1864

Dear Husband,

Yours of the 19th and 22nd I received last night and in answer will say we are all getting along tolerable smart except Millard and he is better but is bloated some yet. I will do with your money as you want me to as near as I can. I have not had any money yet and have not seen Mail Bowdish since last Monday. I hear the money is ready but for some cause it does not come and I will tell Mail to let you know how much is left after the debts are paid. I am glad you have plenty to eat. You must not get discouraged and do as the man did you found in the blockhouse. The cow does well. She ran away last night and went to your fathers and I guess she found something for she carries a good tail today. Our garden is good; potatoes a good crop and nice at that. Your father will fix the backhouse &c. As soon as I get the money I will get the children good warm comfortable clothing, and if you are willing, would like to get me a cloak. If the Sundays are as long to you as they are to me they are very long and lonesome. Oh, I forgot to tell you that I weigh 105 lbs; not quite fat enough to kill yet. Tell Jake to write a line or two in your letters. We want to hear how he likes his situation too. Bush and Aaron are in Millroche west Canada by the way of Ogdensburgh.

Yours as ever,
Harriet

Well friend Christman,

You need not have any fears about me for I am sound on Old Abe every time round, but I am a little fearful it will go tough with the old fellow but hope he will keep his seat another term. Sheridan has done a nice thing in the Shenendoah Valley – keep doing old hop.

Jake

P.S.

Millard got his paper last night. Do you get any butter to eat? If you do not I will send you a can by and by. I would like to fetch you some potatoes and cook and mash them ready to eat. Millard says I wish Pa would come home for I want to see him. John got your likeness the other day and called Pa to it twice and said Pa you can't talk and then kissed it twice. Catty says when Pa comes home he shant go back – I will stick to him.