

[undated fragment]

As I have just finished my Dinner I will try to finish my letter. Yes if I was there I could tell you my thoughts better than I can rite them. in the first place you wish to get some lumber and brick I gues you had better get some that is so the House needs fixing off verry much. but I think you had better exchange cattle for lumber if you can so as to make it pay. for there is that Horse and farm to pay for and we must look a head you no so as to make things meet at the end Wish I was there to assist you a little in settling up affairs, and I think I shall before long on a furlough if I can

I se you have but a little money left none for _____ so much and every thing costes so much. I am very much pleased with Willys list of affairs but it is much more than I thought it was. but Father you have bought you a pare of boots so I will have to keep mine I was a going to buy me titer pair and fetch these Home for you but never mind I can wear these if they be heavy so its all right ennyhow

Oh how my back pains me now in fact i ake all over I have sit up to much. but I must finish this letter to send to night Oh father those verses are good and true. why this cup it may be bitter but I will drink it. Crist drank his cup and a cup that was bitter He did not refuse to dye for us poor creachers that we might live, and the Lord was well pleased with his son yet that was this lot and this is mine. and my Fathers love for his son is great also, and so is mine for Him and also for my Mother and brother. I recieved a letter from aunt Martha the other day they are all well I believe and I answered it yesterday. recieved a letter from Wm. E. Taylor the 9th from R they are well as comon I believe. but I am so tired I must close Oh Mother the names of those good boys. ones name is Farde and the other Woodard they are both Corporals and I have very good talk with them. but how long they will stay I no not

as I was reading over the list I come to the word Drum what does that mean Willy I gues you are bound to be a Drummer is it the same one you was going to buy. well take all the comfort you can Mother says you have to ___ the place top out ___ and all such things. but I think it is most to late to for haying now so if I was you I would ___ dont no as I have answered half of your Questions but I must close

rite soon please
this from your Ever true
Son and Brother

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a Sick Soldier to his Parents And Brother
yours truly fairwell

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