

Dec 27, 1861

family providing I could get
there with my family I should
like to come up to your place
and see you all but times are
so hard here that I cannot come
this winter business here is very
dull this winter I hope it will be
better times in the spring but dont
think it will be unless the war
is settled but I dont ^{think} that will
be my health is poor?
write us all the news of the day
and what you are doing
this winter
there is nothing doing here except
tent making that's rather
poor business for us as we are
not sail makers but they give
about all we find to do at
present I am in hope to find
some other employment soon
but dont expect to I think I
shall let Charles go a fishing

next summer for we want to
go very bad. uncle David's health
is very poor Aunt Mary is well
as common Joseph's health is poor
James is in New Hampshire
Jerry and Mary have
gone to California Georgia
lives at home. Uncle S. Hassen
I think is well Uncle Stephen
and wife are well Leabor Rich-
ards folks are well your old friend
and James Adams is well He
has a second wife he lives in
Kland Edward and Betty have
moved up to father two of un-
cle James's sons have gone in
the army Adolphus and Al-
bert William Coleman has
gone in the Army
Joel S. Has had his lungs sound-
ed and gone a preaching the
I Advent to a dying world
we hope he'll prosper Amen

Dec 24, 1861

but I must soon close as it is
most 4 o'clock and it is a cold night
we have about 6 inches of snow
it fell yesterday. to day has been
blustering. we are poor in this
worlds goods and expect to be so.
write as soon as you get this
yours with respect

Farnham Richard to
A. S. Richard at Boston
MS

we should be very happy
to have you come and bring
your family and make us a
visit

we would like to know when you
you can come and see us.

write as soon as you get this
direct your to Rockland

Farnham Richard

Farnham Richard
Rockland Dec. 24/61

Dear Brother?

I take this opportunity to inform
you that we are all well except
My wife's health is very poor.
our family consists of six children
four girls and two Boys we have
lost four children three Boys
and one girl.

we all want to hear from you
and your family.

we want to hear how you are getti
ng along in life and let us kn
ow what you are doing. this win
ter write us of your health and
family. let us know how busi
ness is in the area to do and what
land is worth there and how your
crops

come in last fall in regard
to frost and death.

I want you to tell me whether
you think I could live in that
cold country with my large