

N. Richards

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Dear son,

We received yours of the 18<sup>th</sup> last evening, and was glad to hear from you, hoping that you find you and yours in good health,

We have had about three weeks of winter just it all together since last October. The ground has been down a great part of the time, since winter first began, drifts excepted.

The office, Davis failed to get, or he failing to get, a substitute for some one, necessitates the his regiment from Ketches, and some of the officers of the Regiment being friends of Mr. Substitutes, wrote to the Governor to appoint the fellow and it was so, although he had done no duty, as he had just joined the regiment, all of Davis' company were quite mad about it, Davis has been the orderly of his company, since the great battle of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>d</sup> of July last the Government belongs to him of right,

Uncle Sam wrote, not long since, that her school would be out in eight days, she should then go up to your place, thought she should not come to Lynchville this summer, thought it would cost her 20 dollars, - Joanna and Leary want to keep together. Bible

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It is so, Lincolnville is pretty well drained of men  
and but a few left, 200. 250 more called for  
after all the quotas are filled up that have  
been called for, <sup>before</sup> carry man under 65 will  
have to go, that is every one that is able  
to bear arms, then we must expect a  
famine, none left to till the soil,

I think Rebellion will be put down, but  
the end is not yet, I may not live to see the end  
of it, but I should be glad to hear, that Mr. Lellan  
and Mead were dangling between Heaven & Earth,  
we know Jeff Davis, to be the devil's Chaplain,  
but his blood is not so black, as either of those  
two generals, — two cursed traitors are they,

Phebe's family are getting along  
the best they ever were, — at present.

Tell Huldah, that, Old Aunt Hannah Norton is  
dead, Captain John Gilkes wife is dead, Aunt  
Olive Manning is dead, died 17<sup>th</sup> of March,  
aged 79 years 4 months 17 days.

Daniel Drake, of Lincolnville Centre  
is to be buried this afternoon, died quite sudden.

Small pox about done raging in this vicinity,  
there are many ailing, and many deaths, all around,  
and it would be wisdom in us, to make preparation for  
our departure — May the Lord help us, To My prayer, H. Richard,

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