

Near Fairfax Court House Virginia Dec 24th 1862
Tuesday night

Dear Brother Henry:

I think by this time a line from your
sister Mary would be acceptable. I want you to read the
last letter I wrote to Laura then you would know about
my journey here. We came here one week ago ~~last~~ tomorrow.
We are very near the Rebels - and our Army here may
be attacked any day. But rebels treat women well, and
there are three of us Northern Ladies here & I should have
company and we could skedaddle in haste. We have
engaged the Scuttler to carry us away ~~in haste~~!! Now laugh.
Our Regt. was out on duty when we came here - and the
second night nine men and sixteen of our Company
were taken prisoners. It is in a very bad place - Centerville
Look on the map and find the place. We are going out
to Chantilly battle field soon if we are all well. There is a
Mr Redington here from St-Johnsbury who went out there
to-day. There were men half buried - He brought home a Pick
taken from between a man's fingers that he found half
buried his arm laying out. The mother of the body we board