

Wolf Run Shoals Virginia. March 19th 1863

Thursday

Brother Henry:

You do not usually have to wait long for an answer to your letters. But this time I had just or more to consider, so did not answer you just. I have written Exekiel and Hettie this week. And this evening have received a letter from Hettie. She is well just also is Jennie + babies. Wants me to be sure and visit them this spring, but I cannot as I am stopping on the Occoquan longer than I intended to. There is no more here at present, and any time they should be I should come immediately. I cannot impede or hasten their movements. Col F. thinks I have been here so long, he shall be lonely to have me leave. So I keep staying a day longer. I think every day I will go into Washington. This place is a very important point to be held in the defense of Washington. And is on the extreme part. For the Rebel patrol come very near us. Our picket two nights ago were fired into a short distance from here. Also some fire was taken a week ago nearly. We within the week past have taken a Rebel Major + three privates, who were within our lines. Last Saturday our Scouts were fired into and one Cabely man shot who has since died. So both Regts,