

Pine Hill October ^{the} 1. 1862

Dear Sisters

it is with pleasure that I have the opportunity of writing to you once more to inform you that I am well at present and hoping these few lines will find you enjoying the same blessing I left our regiment six weeks ago last Sunday on the recruiting Service I have had very good luck a recruiting I have sent some twenty to Washington to be forwarded to the regiment our regiment had some seven hundred and fifty men when I left and now I find out to day by the papers that we have some eighty seven left so you can judge for yourself what they have had to stand before they have been in seven battles since I left among them that was killed was Jerry miak Townes Richard Hammond was wound^{ed} and John Haines is wounded and I regret to say

that we lost our best man in the regiment
and that was our Colonel George W Pratt
and we lament his loss he died to albany to
his fatherinlaw, Minard was in some four
battles he was wounded in the battle to bulls run
he was wounded in the thigh with a musket ball
and a piece of a shell glasing him along the
head I got a letter from him two or three days
ygo he stated that he was in New York City in
the hospittle he stated that he was getting long smart
from his wound Cathrine and the children are
all well I should think that you would write her
letter for she says that you have not wrote to her
this summer she thinks that you have forget that
you have a sisterinlaw in elster So I want you to
write to her for it will be some consolation to her
and the children to hear from you once and un

Minard Stated that he should be home on a furlow
for twenty days as soon as he got his pay I think
that I shall be out to see you in about two weeks
If nothing happens I had a letter from Samuel I
and mother they were all well John & Sarah was well
I want you to write to Mary Ett and Foster and
tell them how Minard is Tell Wesley to write
to me I should wrote to him but I did not know
where to direct the letters to him Please write as soon
as you get these few lines Direct to Pine Hill Ulster
Co NY

Give my love to all inquiring friends

Sergent I H Decker

To Angeline C Decker