

Allegany November 3rd 1861

Dear Father,

We received your and Sarah's letter last week and were very much pained to hear of Naomi's afflictions. Oh how she will need the sustaining arm of our Heavenly Father in her trials, for without his aid and support how can she bear up under such heavy trials. I shall write to her in a short time. I cannot realize that James Samuel and Emily are dead, but so it is. I presume you will be surprised to see my later dated Allegany, but this is my home for the present. Newton has enlisted and has been to Warren with his company but is now here on a furlough of fifteen days. One week from Wednesday he leaves for Warren again, He will remain there a day or two and then the company leaves for Huntington, PA where they camp, and Newton goes to Harrisburg to be examined where he expects to get a surgeon's commission. If he does not get his commission, he will apply for a discharge. I shall stay here at his Brothers a while perhaps all November, but now expect to be in Cleveland by Christmas. If I go west I shall go and see Naomi. I may possibly come to Ellington in the course of the Winter. Give my love to Mrs. Hiram Bugg when you see her. Newton thinks he will not write any now but will write when he gets in camp. Give my love to all enquiring friends and accept a share yourself. Hoping this will find you well I remain your affectionate Daughter – Aurelia M. Marsh