

Olmsted January 29th 1862

Dear Father

It has been a long time since I have written you but I thought I would wait until I had been the rounds [?] before I wrote you. I arrived in Olmsted last Saturday, found our friends well and glad to see me. I received a letter from Newton last night. He is in Philadelphia now. The regiment he was in has consolidated with another one in Philadelphia and he was promised the position of Hospital surgeon and his name appeared in the papers announcing him as such but he said in his letter that Colonel Jones was for backing out and not living up to all his agreements but Governor Curtin telegraphed to him that if he did not live up to his agreements he would recall the regiment. If he does as he agrees Newton will get his position if not he says he shall come home. I have written him today to come home and I think he will. I found Hermes and family well he is out of business now and is looking for another place. Russell's folks are well or were when I left there but there is quite an empty place in their family. Russell and Naomi both look heartbroken. Russell had changed so much that Sarah or myself did not know him. While I was in Cleveland Roxanna received your letter. She answered it while I was there so I suppose she wrote all the news Samuel is in California.

I will be obliged to close for I have been writing so long that my hand aches. Give my love to all enquiring friends and accept a share yourself. I would be very glad to receive a letter from you. Direct your letters as you used to when we lived here but in the Care of Edmund Stearns.

From your affectionate Daughter

Aurelia M Marsh

I will have to make an apology for not coming to Ellington on New Years. I concluded it would be a great deal of trouble for me to come round that way as I was alone and gave it up. I thought it would be ten chances to one if you met me as I requested for I thought perhaps you would not get the letter.