

Portland Nov 7th 1863 Saturday

My Dear Mother

It was two years last July since I have had a letter from you, and one year last June since I have received any intelligence from my northern friends. In the meantime I have written many letters and sent them by every possible route and yet the last letter I know of your having received from me was written nearly two years ago. I know many persons who have lately had letters and some who have been receiving them all summer. Do see if it is not possible for you to send me a letter. Write one page letting me know if you are alive and well, put it in an envelope without being sealed and directed to this place, enclose in another envelope directed to the Commanding Officer at Fortress Monroe, for him to forward by Flag of Truce, enclose a dime to him to pay Confed. postage. Little Herbert stands by me giving lots of messages for Grandpa & Grandma and yet I will not have room for one. He has been boarding with me at Mrs Wades and we have just come home in excellent health. He looks fat and rosy as a mountain boy. Charlie is at boarding school in Coosa county Ala. and I think he is learning. Alex K. took a horseback trip up in the Northern part of the State this summer and has not yet returned. He writes me every week. I wish I could show you the letters to see how he has improved. Alex Sen. is doing a good business and despite his great care, looks younger I do believe than he did two years ago. All the responsibility and most of the work devolves on him. Two years ago to day since your dear Edward died and yet I do not know that you have ever received any of the interesting papers

Love to all friends. Your affectionate Daughter Mary A Hall

Dear Mother

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Please read and send
at once to Wallingford

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