Franksville Jan 13th 1863

Dear Sisters and Friends,

It has been a long time since we received your letter, but I cannot answer it for the want of something to pay postage I had money but I could not pay postage with it and yesterday I got 7 cents and this morning I wrote to you I am so anxious to hear from you and from New York I want you to write to us and all about New York where he is. I have wrote to him but received no answer to the letter.

Dear Sisters Maryann, I guess you have written since these pictures for I don't think we shall come back there very soon it is too hard times and we can't sell for much more than would take us back there and that would not do, I have done quite a good fall work this fall and winter so far since the first of Oct. I have done something over two hundred dollars worth of work, but the material cost me very high it was mostly affairs I have made it in the fine łat but some of it I will have to loose and I think the times try and get along as we can if we should come back there we would have nothing when there is much sickness here it is the Deafness it takes them off by families we have through the mercy of God escape this far and I feel to thank him for it.