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Wilmington Del Dec 11th 1862
Dear Brother

We received your letter on last Thursday with Mr. J.C. Aikens in it, and I took it to him. I wrote to you on last Friday and sent a dollar in it. Mother wants to know if you have had your splints off yet and how your other wounds are getting. We will send some stamps to you in this letter, and we will send some paper and envelopes the beginning of the next week. We would send you more at a time but Mother thinks if they are lost it would not be so much, so we will send often. We are very sorry to think you have to lay there on your back with nothing to pass the time away. We had a letter from Uncle Allison last week they were right well. Cousin Johnny was here on last Sunday to hear from you. Your balls are safe, mother put them away in one of the
china teapots instead of the Bible. I suppose you have heard of the old woman who lost her silver teaspoons and could not find them for several years, not until one day the minister was there and happened to take down the Bible. Mr. Aikin had the balls for a time showing them to all his friends and relations. We are going to rent our house in the country to Andy Hughes for next year. I have written so lately that I have not much news to tell you. You must excuse bad writing for I had a sore finger and the skin all peeled off it.

[strike-through]Mother[strike-through]John Steptoe was infront of Fredericksburg when last heard from. Fulton [James Fulton Steptoe] was on the Potomac and Washington I guess is in Washinton [Washington]. William Henry [William Henry Steptoe] has gone South with the intention of joining the Secesh Army. And
Thompson says if the war continues some years longer he will be old enough to go - And so between them all I think they will over balance William Henry [William Henry Steptoe]. Anna [Anna R. Steptoe] has written to you [underline]2[underline] times since you were wounded, but being very unlucky I suppose neither one has reached you. One I know for certain did not as it came home again. Mother and Anna join me in love to you.

Yours affectionately
Sarah C. Fulton.
P.S. Dec 12th 1862
The quartermaster's steward of your regiment is in Wilmington. He says your regiment saw you fall but they could not save as they were falling back. He says you were wounded first in the hip but would not go to the rear. then you were wounded in the calf of your leg but did not fall, and then in the thighs with which you fell and that was the last they could see of you. He says the regiment is very proud of you and that they always are enquiring after you.

They say they were fighting at Fredericksburg [Fredericksburg] yesterday. If so I expect Cousin Johnny [John C. Steptoe] was in the battle. I hope he will come out safe, they are to brave a family to have any of them killed. Yours affectionately Sarah. C. Fulton.
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