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have deligraphed you if I could but the Telegraph wines were down Arch - maj Hilliamon Cerm of from Decatur yes terelay our Boya there all well. I am very anopious to hear from exune and also to see perfor I has been a long friege for me here not to hear one word from any when for so long - But I must dose mor I have mother a long letter and must of it deline great Excitement and you will forobably find it a mixed Info muss - gin ony line to all stelen owns one form so catch up as look as possible. Days affilom James 13. Safford

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[[embossing print of dog- TURNURES]]

Office Pro Mar Pulaski Ten Sept 3rd 1864

Dear Father

I Expect you think it strange you do not hear from us but the fast of it is we are surrounded with Rebels Wheeler between Ky and Nashville and Roddy south of us RlRd and telegraph communication has been cut off several days the Brigade has been out since the 31st and we have news that they fought all yesterday afternoon at Elkton on Elk River below here. Every one here at the Post is under arms and we have Barricaded the Court House and sleep on our arms at night we have orders to hold the Court

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Horse at all Hazzards and we propose to hold it no matter what force comes against us we have about 100 men under arms here the Rest being out under the General. All the doors and windows are filled up and we have Rations and Water for some time We have been looking for them to come in for three days. One night we worked all night fixing our Court House last night I lay down at 2a.m. these are exciting times here and we don't know what will Georgie is out come next with the command they are only twelve miles below us and last reports say that Starkweather said he could hold them in Chick until

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reinforcements could reach him.

We have not had any letters for five or six days – I don't know what time this letter will reach you as it may be some time before I will have a chance to send it.

I will write more before

I mail it -

September 6th P.M.

I will write you more to day so as to keep you [[one word]] since the 3rd there has been a good deal of work done here and the Rebs are still around us. Our forces that went south done there work and they returned and are now North of this place where Wheeler is – Gen Granger came up from below with the 6th Ind and 102 Ohio and 36th Ills and a Brigade

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Brigade of Cavalry and Artillery which added to our Force here makes us safe and also gives us Enough men to capture Wheeler. Rose an is on the other side of Wheeler he has driven him from Franklin to this place he is now between two fires We can hear the cannons and musketry very plain from here. Rosecan has had several fights with him and whipped him every time – We recieved the news that Atlanta was ours with [[20000?]] prisoners on Sunday We have communication open to the south but nothing from the North – We have not seen a paper or letter since the 31st – I will have a chance to write more before I can mail it

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[[different handwriting in pencil:]] Sept 9/1864

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As there is some prospect of a mail going off tomorrow I will write you more this P.M. – We are still safe here all the troops are out after heeler – Georgie left here on Monday night with Gnrl Grangers command to go down towards Lawrenceburg and Florence the $9^{th} + 10^{th}$ are both with Granger we heard this morning that they had been in several Battles since Thursday morning -There is only 9 of our company along – Jo Baker Georgie and Ed Branham are all of our Boys that are with them.

I have not heard from Georgie since he left but suppose he is safe

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Gen Branham. Alex Smitha Will Robinson and myself are all on Duty here at the Court House and can not leave or we would have gone along – I am afraid Wheeler will get out if he does it is too bad for we had plenty [[ink stain]] of troops to capture him. We had three Maj Genls and three Brigadiers after him in all about 20 000 I think they ought to have got him it is true a great deal of our Force was infantry not of much use except to hold stockades and Forts + Farms.

We have come to the conclusion that we will not have a fight here, but I suppose you have heard that Pulaski was captured and probably that we were Prisoners I would

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have telegraphed you if I could but the telegraph wires were down North – Maj Williamson came up from Decatur yesterday our Boys there are all well.

I am very anxious to hear from Home and also to see a paper it has been a long siege for us here not to hear one word from any where for a so long -- But I must close now I have written a long letter and most of it during great Excitement and you will probably find it a mixed up mess – give my love to all Helen owes me a letter and you owe me four so catch up as soon as possible -

Your Off son James B. Safford