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Letter from Hiram S. Davis and Hannah Davis to Lieutenant J. L. Ham, April 16, 1880

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Farmington ~~May~~ 16 1860

Respected friend I saw ^{the} Journal
that you was in the same Rebel Prison that my
son ^{was} I want to know if you know him he was slender
he was my youngest son he ^{was} not 17 his Father died
the year before William was a Drummer when he
was taken my ^{sons} had been gone four years it hard
to think of one of our Children starving to death I
am thankful that I have one left that I now live
with he has a wife and one child we live on bowan
hill if you should ever come to Farmington we would
like to see you Stearns said he laid one side of my son
and Parker the other side of him the night he died
they did not know what time they had no fire or light
he was dead when they awoke poor boy he could not eat
such course stuff he was a good boy I miss him
Parker never got home after he was exchanged I dont think
^{the} Rebels can ever prosper for being so Crad to our men did they
have any Doctors in Prison from your friend Shannak Davis

Farmington Me. Apr. 16, 1880

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prisoner

there through the 3 worst months
as you said did you know any Brother
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or Moses Cross they were all there
there if my brother had lived one
more month he would have been
exchanged as I see by your
account do you think there was
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and had their grave marked in
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