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Farmington Hay 16 1800 Farmington Mr. apr. 16, 880 Speniston Journal of apr. 8th we read Respected friend I saw in Journal that you was in the same Robel Prison that my son I want to know if you know him he was stender he was my youngest son he not 17 his Father died your very interesting account of life the year before William was a Drummer when he in a rebel prison at Salis bury was taken my had been gone four years it hard Oh to, and I for one wish that it to think of one of our Children Starving to death I had been 2 or 3 columna longer. am thankful that I have one left that I now live we also read the other account with he has a wife and one Child we live onlower a few weeks before of andersoville hill fif you should ever Come to Farmington we would I shall send and get the book of like to see your stearns said the laid one side of my son Moe gloy that he wrote white about and Parker the other side of him the night he died what he saw in rebela prisons. they did not know what time they had no fire or light Sand my Brother William werein he was dead when they anothe from boy he could not eat the 12th me at the Battle of cedar. such Course Stuff he was a good boy I miss him creek he was taken prisoner Oct 19th Parker never got home after he was exchanged I don't thank Rebels can ever Prosper for being so cruel to our menfield they have any Doctors in Prison from your friend Ilannah Davis 1864 and carried to daliabury where he died gan, 20th 1865 after being

there through the 3 worst months only one that got out of it as you said did you know my Brother I think I could have stood William J. Davis or Timothy Steams them a pull if I had been or moses leross they were all three there for I was always well there if my brother had lived one and hearty as a bear but my more month he would have been brother was not very tough I heard exchanged as I see by your a maninour Regit say that was account do you think there was there and lived to be exchanged and one Soldier in that prison that join the Begt again that William died that was buried separately was one of the leading ones at the and had their grave marked in time that you undertook to breno the way that we buried and marked to out me want to hear some our Soldiers graves or was every more about Rebel prisons from you one that died dumped into a or Nee' Edroy through the Terriston ditch like so many dogs and Jounnal. If at any time you come covered up. I should like to take this way give us a call we would a trip off there sometime and be glad to see you and have a long looke around mother wanted me talk with you. Hence write to me to ask you to write to us and tell and when you come to durnington come us if you know William he was and see us we live 4 miles from the will army 3 died and I was the age Respectfully yours Theirand. Dies Lieut. J. L. Ham

In our last Lewiston Journal of Apr. 8th we read your very interesting account of life in A rebel prison at Salsbury N. C. and I for one wish that it had been 2 or 3 columns longer we also read the other account a few weeks before of Andersonville I shall send and get the book of McElroy that he wrote while about what he saw in rebel prisons.

I amd my Brother William were in the 12th Me. at the Battle of cedar creek he was taken prisoner Oct 19th 1864 and carried to Salisbury where he died Jan. 20th 1865

after being

there through the 3 worst months as you said did you know my Brother William. Davis or Thmothy Stearns or Moses Cross they were all there there if my brother had live edone more month he would have been exchanged as I see by your account do you think there was one Soldier in that prison that died that was buried seperately and had their grave marked in the way that we buried and marked our Soldiers graves or was every one that died dumped into a ditch like so many dogs and covered up. I should like to take a trip off there sometime and look around Mother wanted me to ask you to write to us and tell us if you knew william he was 20. There was 4 of us in the Army 3 died and I was the

only one that got out of it I think I could have stood them a pull if I had been there for I was always well and hearty as a bear but my brother was not very tough I heard a man in our Reg't say that was there and lived to be exchanged and join the Reg't again that William was one of the leading ones at the time that you undertook to break out We want to hear some more about Rebel prisons from you or McElroy through the Lewiston Journal. If at any time you come this way give us a call we would be glad to see you and have a long talk with you. Please write to me and when you come to Farmington come and see us we live 4 miles from the village.

Respectfully Yours

Hiram S. Davis

Farmington /////16 1880

Respected friend I saw in Journal that you was in the same Rebel Prison that my Son I want to know if you know him/ he was slender he was my youngest Son he had 17/ his Father died the year before/ William was a drummer when he was taken my 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 Cowan 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 Rebels can prosper for being so cruel to our men did they have any Doctors in Prison from your friend

Hannah Davis