

October the 2nd 1861

Dear mother I sit Down to right you a few
lines to let you know that I am well and
halve got back to grefton safe we got here amonday
we had fine times while we were in Booths
Hill we had plenty to eat and Drink while
we was there the union men there kep us in milk
and corn bread the hole time we stayed there
ther was onely 5 union men in the town
but they facted very kindly with us and also
the union men in the Country we took seventy
Prisners and swore them all but two and them
was sent to calumet shio and shot one man
the ring leader in that that country there
was five rebels ther to one union man
and they was carrying on lie while I was at
Booths Hill I saw William Hungin
and he was just from Kenhaway the
rebels had run him of from there and he come to
marion County and joined a home gard company
he told me that unckle Bill and Ben and Morley
was all secessionist and Sammy was a unionn man
and so is petit but they halve taken up arms
and ar fighting among one another and old shairon
ferrel was in the rebel army and old matthy tucker
is a secessionist and francis riter is union the is
nothing going on at the oil works there is a company
here in grefton that about half of them come from
the oil works I cant tel when I will be home
there is some talk of us going to new break
I would like to be at home before I go any further
away I want you to right to me as soon as you
get this lites I halve not heard from home for
some time I dont know as I will right any
more lites until I get anans wed

