

Springfield Ohio July 26th 1863

P.M.

Dear Mother

Although I find myself at this time & as I have many Sabbaths before ~~since~~ I far away from Home yet now here I felt myself so near Home where it seemed as though you were with me or near by

It is a very warm day although we had a hard show yesterday P.M. which has made it somewhat cooler than it has been for several days Wm. S. and myself have been to Church this A.M. Aunt L did not feel well enough to go They have a very pretty Church which is ~~is~~ nearly finished so that they ~~at~~ met in the Vestry It will be a very nice Church when it is finished The members a branch of the old Church which Wm. joins when he first came here, that Church being too small to hold all its members I presume Wm. has you all about it and more than I can tell you The members of the ~~&~~ new Church are of

first families of the Place of whom
Wenel has taken pains to introduce
to several so that I have passed the time
thus far very pleasantly and anticipate
that I shall pass the remainder of my
leave of absence with much satisfaction
It is a very pleasant place and also a
surgeon or than I thought it was.

Wenel has a beautiful place. It is a
new house and which he had built
to suit his own taste which he has
showed to be very good by both its ~~interior~~
interior and outer arrangement. Aunt
has a girl who is helping her do her
work to pay for her education but
bring her teacher. Wenel has the best
store and in the best locality in the
Place and is doing a good business and
better than any other of the kind here as
there are 4 other drug stores beside.

Wenel has done more for me than I
could ever expect from anyone although
I should not have accepted his generous
offers if I had not been sure that I could
in a short time repay him.

When he found that I could get leave
to come here and learned my circum-
stances in regard to getting ^{my} mustered

in as a Gift and paid off he
offered to help me in any way that
he could and accordingly has loaned
me ~~some~~ money enough to purchase my
outfit which will cost me now one hundred
and fifty dollars This is a greater favor
than I expected as I cannot get paid off
untill I get with the Regt and then
I might not be where I could get the
articles which I was in need off and I
could not find a better place than
Cincinnati nor a better opportunity
and Uncle being acquainted I was able
to get the articles cheap and of a better
quality The fifty dollars which I
ordered S. to send by express I shall not
get untill I get back to Cin as I
ordered the Clerk of the Gall House to
keep it together with some other articles
which I did not take here with me untill
my return I wrote to you wednesday
the next morning after my arrival here and
hope to receive an answer before I leave which
will be the latter part of the week Direct your
next or untill you hear from me again to
this Place in the care of W. Steptun as
he can send to me at any place I expect
to go South to Viburg when I return to

Cincinnati as I learn that the
9th Army Corps has not left there yet
and I fear it is not going to at present
however I don't borrow much trouble about
it so long as I am so pleasantly situated
as I am at present time

You were all spoken and thought of to
day when eating dinner and Niel
wished that you might be here
Niel & Aunt send love together with
your affectionate son

Leuit. C. W. Wilcox.